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~ Hebrews 12:1

Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2019

Eleven o'clock in the morning



CONNECTING
GROWING
SERVING
CELEBRATING

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

**Please stand in body and/or spirit.*

*Out of reverence for God and respect for fellow worshipers, please silence all electronic devices.
Childcare for preschool aged children (birth-preK) is available in our nursery (downstairs, room 105).
Please see an usher for more information.*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Grace Han

*Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God's love be in us and among us as we greet all who enter our doors as children of God.
Please take a moment to complete the Connection Card and prepare to place it in the offering plate later in the service.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Voluntary on "Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend"

Paul Manz

INTROIT

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Alva Smircinia

God has called us like Moses in the wilderness,
the prophets in the hills, and the disciples in the cities.

They shared their blessings

so that we might know God's presence here.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

**Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

*HYMN

Rejoice in God's Saints

Hymnal no. 708

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Grace Han

Almighty God,

as we gather as your body this morning

we confess before you and one another that

You have given us a world of beauty, and we have spoilt it.

A world to feed us, and so many go hungry.

A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share.

A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God,

every time your heart is saddened by our selfishness,

every time we have no thought for others, no cares but ours.

**Heal us to be able to see this world as a gift from you that can be shared,
and those who live on it as our neighbors.**

(All offer prayers of confession in silence)

While we fail to love, God's love redeems our failures.

While we fail to act, God has already acted in Jesus Christ

So that we would know true forgiveness.

Let us, as God's forgiven people, proclaim the goodness of God's mercy

Alleluia! Amen.

*THE PEACE

All exchange signs and words of peace and reconciliation.

ANTHEM

"Day by Day" and "All Good Gifts" from Godspell

S. Schwartz; arr. P. Taylor

Carol Bowers and Carson Hopkins (lead singers)

Jen Baca, Sharon Taylor, Gordon Johnson, Paul Taylor, Greg Saunders (backup singers)

Day by day, day by day, oh, dear Lord, three things I pray: to see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, follow Thee more nearly day by day. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand. He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain. All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above. Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love. I really want to thank You, Lord. All good gifts.... Thank you, Lord. Day by day....

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Pew Bible, NT, page no. 226

Alva Smircinia

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

¹² Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of God for the People of God **Thanks be to God.***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please sing before and after the Gospel Lesson.*)

Paul Taylor

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:20-24

Pew Bible, NT, page no. 111

Pastor Grace Han

²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“A Great Cloud of Witnesses”

Pastor Grace Han

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Grace Han

A pause follows each prayer, which ends with: *Leader: Lord, in your mercy ... People: **Hear our prayer.***

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Pastor Grace Han

OFFERTORY

Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring
Trinity Ringers Ensemble

arr. Kevin McChesney

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal no. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Grace Han

O Lord our God,

**the author and giver of all good things,
we thank you for all your mercies,
and for your loving care over all your creatures.**

**We bless you for the gift of life,
for your protection around us,
for your guiding hand upon us,
and for the tokens of your love within us.**

**In all these things, O God,
make us wise for a right use of your gifts
that we may offer an acceptable thanksgiving to you all the days of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Hymnal no. 452

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Grace Han

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Paul Manz

SUNDAY MORNING AT TRINITY CHURCH

Those Assisting in Worship Today

Acolyte: Eliza Costle-Tyler

Crucifer: Taylor Hoganson

Liturgist: Alva Smircinia

Ushers: Paul Griffith, Claire Kinanne, Verna Lomax, Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher), George Pinn

Today's anthem combines two songs from the musical *Godspell* (the title derived from the Old English spelling for "gospel"). Composed by Stephen Schwartz with a book by John-Michael Tebelak, the musical is structured as a series of parables, based primarily on the Gospel of Matthew.

Godspell, which originated in 1970 as Tebelak's master's thesis project at Carnegie Mellon University, has since appeared off-Broadway and on Broadway, has been made into a movie, has been produced by multiple touring companies and in many revivals, and one of its songs ("Day by Day") has been recorded by many artists. Schwartz (also a Carnegie Mellon alumnus) was brought in to re-score the show for its 1971 off-Broadway production, replacing its original music. The arrangement performed today is based primarily on versions used for the cast album of the show's 2011 Broadway revival.

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of the life of Howard Willett, Jr.

Nursery (9:45 AM - 12:15 PM): For children birth-preK (Room 105, downstairs, around the corner to the left, first door on the right). Led by Luz Reyes and Helen Simms.

As a reminder in August, there is no Sunday School or Children's Worship. We invite children to participate in worship with their parents. Children Worship Bags can be found in the Narthex or by asking an Usher.

It is with deep sadness that we share the death of Howard Edward Willett Jr., father of Trinity member Ronnie Willett. He is preceded in death by his wife Barbara J. Willett. He is survived by his sons, Eddie Willett, Donnie Willett and Ronnie Willett; grandchildren, Wayne Willett and Priscilla Willett; great-grandchildren, Nathan Willett, Summer Willett and Jenella Eason; brother, Billy Clements; cousins, Barbara Mabary and Lynn Mason.

A visitation will be held this afternoon, Sunday, August 18th, from 2-4 PM and 6-PM at Jefferson Funeral Chapel located at 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315. A Service of Death and Resurrection will be held tomorrow, Monday, August 19th at 11 AM at Jefferson Funeral Chapel with an interment service to follow at Mt. Comfort Cemetery (6600 South Kings Highway, Alexandria, VA, 22306) at 12:30 PM.

Immediately following the interment, all are invited to attend a Celebration of Life reception at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Ronnie Willett and Family at 229 E. Taylor Run Parkway, Alexandria, VA 22314.

TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

Youth Group -- Summer Edition! Youth Group Field trip to the Washington Cathedral on Sunday, August 25th! Details to come! To RSVP, please email the Church Office at office@trinityalexandria.org.

Ice Cream Social, Sunday, August 25th: The Parents of Young Children small group invites you to an Ice Cream social on Sunday, August 25th at 5 PM in the Courtyard! Ice cream and toppings will be provided. Bring a lawn game or picnic blanket to enjoy the last few weeks of summer. Children are invited to come in bathing suits for water fun! For questions or to RSVP contact the Church Office at office@trinityalexandria.org or just show up. All are welcome!

Support the Backpack Fund! Last Sunday, the youth and children prepared back packs for Alexandria children, helping to ensure that all of the children of our community are fully equipped to learn and flourish in their education. A special thanks to Jennifer Deibert for organizing and purchasing all of the supplies and backpacks! And, thanks to Alicia St. Jean, Tracy Stone and Jill Robinson for helping the students get everything packed and ready for the ACPS Drive. The kids also prepared 24 UMCOR school kits which will go to support communities of need around the world. But, now we need your help: our goal is to raise over \$600 to offset the costs! To date, we have raised \$500! Please add to the "cookie jar" fund in the Narthex! Or donate on our website www.trinityalexandria.org. Click on the ♥ Giving button in the top right hand corner of the homepage! Donate to the Missions Fund, notating Backpack Fund in the memo line. For questions contact the Church Office at office@trinityalexandria.org.

Acolytes and Crucifers Needed: Calling all 3rd-8th graders! Trinity needs volunteers as acolytes and crucifers during worship. It's a great way to be part of the service and to give back to the church. Are you interested, but worried you won't know what to do? No problem! We provide training for you to go over everything you need to know. Interested? Contact Acolyte Coordinator, Claire Maucieri at clairemaucieri@gmail.com. Come be a part of our group!

Join our Music Program at Trinity! If this is something you have been thinking about, now is the time to try it out! Teens and adults are invited to join the Chancel Choir and the Trinity Ringers as we prepare music for singing and ringing. We rehearse on Thursday night. If you have never rung a handbell, we will plan a workshop TBA for interested ringers of all ages. Children are invited to join the Choristers, who rehearse on Wednesday night and sing the second Sunday of each month. We also look to you in the congregation to share your talents with us. Solos, duets,

ensembles, instrumentalists—all are welcome! And if you wish some private coaching or an accompanist, that is also available. Questions? Contact Linda at the organ after a service or email her at music@trinityalexandria.org.

The Trinity Counters Need You! Are you looking for a place where you can be a tremendous support to the overall operations of Trinity UMC, with little time commitment and not much physical demand? Then look no further! The Trinity Counters need you!! The commitment is coming to the church office after the offering and working with two other congregational members to add up all the contributions that have come in since the previous Sunday's count. It generally takes less than 30 minutes. Using your fingers and toes to count is acceptable, but may not be preferred. We do provide an adding machine, circa 1975, to aid you (at least it's not a slide rule). You have your choice of which Sundays you can serve Trinity in this capacity. We are using the on-line website, Sign Up Genius, and when you receive the e-mail request to sign up, you simply go to the link and pick which Sundays you can count over that next few months. A few days prior to the days you selected, you will get a reminder e-mail. It really is that simple. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Rich McKinney at cbrm@mac.com.

Christ House Update: Katie Cook (kcook@dlpolitics.com) is Trinity's Volunteer Coordinator for Christ House. Trinity sends 2-4 volunteers the second Sunday of every month, to help the Christ House staff, set up, prepare and serve dinner and clean up after. Arrival time is 3:15 PM, and departure usually around 6 PM. To volunteer for this worthy mission see Katie, who can answer any questions you might have. The next opportunity to volunteer is September 8th. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you for your ongoing support of Christ House!

Fall Kick-off Sunday and Picnic: Sunday, September 8th is our Fall Kick-off Sunday! We gather for Worship at 11 AM in the Sanctuary. Don't forget your backpacks and school bags for a special blessing. After worship, there is a Picnic Lunch in the Courtyard with Popeye's chicken. We invite you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, and classmates to come too! All are welcome, hope to see you there. For more information or questions, contact the Church Office at office@trinityalexandria.org. To sign up to volunteer, mark your Connection Card or visit, www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944AAAAA2DA3FC1-fall to sign up.

TRINITY CHURCH'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 25th ~ Ice Cream Social in the Courtyard

Thursday, August 29th ~ Trinity Ringer's workshop with clinician Jerry Hill in the Sanctuary at 7 PM

Sunday, September 1st ~ JP Sunday

Saturday, September 7th ~ Chancel Choir workshop with clinician Elizabeth Kluegel in the Sanctuary at 9:30 AM.

Sunday, September 8th ~ Fall Kick-Off Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks

Picnic Lunch

Fellowship, Games, Moon Bounce

Wednesday, September 11th ~ Wednesday Fellowship

Trinity's Table at 5:30 PM

Choristers Rehearsal at 6:15 PM

Sunday, September 22nd ~ Acolyte Training in the Sanctuary at 12:30 PM

Saturday, September 28th ~ Blessing of the Animals in the Courtyard at 9:00 AM

Sunday, September 29th ~ Charge Conference at 3:00 PM

Sunday, October 6th ~ Lunch with the Pastor. Stay tuned for details.

Saturday, October 26th ~ Trunk or Treat - Stay tuned for details.



The Welcome Statement of Trinity United Methodist Church is:



"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40

Trinity United Methodist Church is committed to be a congregation of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors. We believe all people are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. As God's love extends to all, we welcome everyone without exception, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, family structure, socio-economic or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, faith history or life experience. We recognize that we are all different, and those differences make us a stronger community of faith as we worship together to grow in our relationship with God and one another.

The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is:

Building a strong Christian community to find, share, and celebrate the love of Christ in our hearts, neighbors and our world.



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