



*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”*

~ Hebrews 11:1

Trinity United Methodist Church  
Alexandria, Virginia

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 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

*Adagio*

Felix Mendelssohn

INTROIT

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joshua Baca

Come, listen to the One  
**who speaks and summons the earth,  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Come, see the One  
**who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.**

Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One  
**who shows the salvation of God.**

\*HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Hymnal no. 103

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

**God of truth,**

**we know we fall far short of your expectations for us –  
sometimes we fail even our own self-expectations.**

**We wander away from you in our daily routines;  
we ignore your commands and in apathy turn our backs on those who are suffering.  
Forgive our short-sighted vision, our constant focus on ourselves,  
and our discounting of future generations in our decision-making.**

**Heal us to deepen our connections with you through prayer, praise and scripture,  
and with others through affirming, supportive relationships.**

*(All offer prayers of confession in silence)*

God, give us faith to be sure of what we hope for,  
and certain of what we do not see;  
to believe that you are, and that you reward those who truly seek you:  
that may we please you and receive what you have promised;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

*All exchange signs and words of peace and reconciliation.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tom Tyler

Gordon Johnson, Tom Tyler, Paul Taylor, Greg Saunders

arr. Bob Kauflin

*O wondrous love that will not let me go, I cling to You with all my strength and soul. Yet if my hold should ever fail, this wondrous love will never let me go. O wondrous love that's come to dwell in me, Lord who am I that I should come to know Your tender voice assuring me? This wondrous love will never let me go. I'm resting in the everlasting arms, in the ever faithful heart, the Shepherd of my life. You'll carry me on Your mighty wings of grace, keeping me until the day I look into Your eyes. O wondrous love that sings of Calvary, the sweetest sound this sinner's ever known. The song of Your redeeming Son, whose wondrous love will never let me go. I'm resting in . . . .*

*O wondrous love that rushes over me, I can't escape this river's glorious flow. You overwhelm my days with good. Your wondrous love will never let me go.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Pew Bible, NT, page no. 225

Joshua Baca

<sup>11</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

Luke 12:32-48

Pew Bible, NT, page no. 75

Pastor Grace Han

<sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

<sup>41</sup> Peter said, “Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?” <sup>42</sup> And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? <sup>43</sup> Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. <sup>44</sup> Truly I

tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. <sup>45</sup> But if that slave says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, <sup>46</sup> the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. <sup>47</sup> That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. <sup>48</sup> But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

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

SERMON

"What Does it Mean to Have Faith?"

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, Jesu, Holy, Holy, Yet Most Lowly*

Edith Lang

*Jesu, Holy yet most lowly. Draw Thou near us, Great Emanuel, come and hear us. Though circled by the hosts on high, Thou deignest to cast on us a pitying eye. Saviour! Hear us. Grant us to inherit through the merit of Thy salvation. Jesu, help and comfort of the lowly. Through the darkness, lead us on to life Eternal. Amen.*

\*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 *Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom* Hymnal no. 508
- \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Pastor Grace Han
- \*CHORAL RESPONSE
- \*POSTLUDE *Sinfonia* Henry Purcell

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## SUNDAY MORNING AT TRINITY CHURCH

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### Those Assisting in Worship Today

**Acolyte:** Andrew Maucieri  
**Crucifer:** Leo Maucieri  
**Liturgist:** Joshua Baca  
**Greeters:** Ronnie Willett  
**Ushers:** Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher)

**Today's anthem:** "O Wondrous Love," written by Steve and Vikki Cook, sings of God's love, a love so strong that it will never let us go, and of the mighty wings of God's grace, that carry and keep us until the day we can look into God's eyes. The version performed today is an adaptation of an arrangement by Bob Kauflin that was recorded by the contemporary Christian a cappella group GLAD.

**Today's offertory anthem** is by Edith Lang was published in 1950. The text is a translation from a 1561 Latin Hymn.

**The flowers on the Altar** are given to the glory of God.

**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.

# TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

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**Employment Opportunity at Trinity Church:** Trinity is seeking a Program Director! This is a NEW position (20-25 hours/week) to create and manage ministries with an eye to the future. The Program Director will coordinate the programming ministries at Trinity with an emphasis on fostering and growing Trinity's programs including discipleship, neighborhood outreach, and mission related activities. The position will directly oversee Christian Education, including Sunday School and youth group. For additional information, visit our website at [www.trinityalexandria.org/programdirector](http://www.trinityalexandria.org/programdirector) or email SPRC Chair, Jodi Capps at [sprc@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:sprc@trinityalexandria.org).

**Youth Group -- Summer Edition!** Youth Group Field trip to the Washington Cathedral on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>! Details to come! To RSVP, please email the Church Office at [office@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:office@trinityalexandria.org).

**Join us this summer for Trinity Dinner & Discussion:** for binge-watchers & book worms! Dinner & Discussion will be on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9:00 PM at the home of John Cardone & Philip Reynolds. Discussion is on the book, *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life* by David Brooks and discussion will be led by Pastor Grace. To RSVP to Dinner & Discussion mark your Connection Card or send an email to Jenessa Stokes in the Church Office ([office@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:office@trinityalexandria.org)). We will also be collecting money for our Backpack Fund. Hope you can join us!

**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](http://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](mailto:office@trinityalexandria.org).

**Acolytes and Crucifers Needed:** Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:clairemaucieri@gmail.com). Come be a part of our group!

**Come join our Summer Music Program at Trinity!** We invite you to join us as we begin a summer season of anthems. Adults and teens are invited to rehearse with the Chancel Choir on Sunday morning at 10AM and sing with us in Sunday worship. If you have never rung a handbell, we will plan a workshop TBA for interested ringers of all ages. We look to you in the congregation to share your talents with us during July and August. 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](mailto: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](mailto:cbrm@mac.com).

# TRINITY CHURCH'S UPCOMING EVENTS

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Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Trinity's Table - Dinner & a Movie

Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Dinner & Discussion - Book: The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life

Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> ~ JP Sunday

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Fall Kick-Off Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks

Picnic Lunch

Fellowship, Games, Moon Bounce

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> ~

Trinity's Table at 5:30 PM

Choristers Rehearsal at 6:15 PM

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**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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