



*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks,
by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.”*

~ Hebrews 12:28

Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 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.*



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

Preludium

Harold Darke

INTROIT

Praise the Lord, His Mercies Trace

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Margaret Barton

God alone is our refuge and hope, our shelter and protection.

From our very first breath to our last, God's love and compassion never fails.

So come, lift your voices in praise to God.

Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.

Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.

Let us worship God together.

*HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Hymnal no. 731

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Grace Han

Holy God, you see into our hearts.

You see the true selves we try to hide from others,

the sins we fear would destroy our images,

the evils that lurk so deep within us we can scarcely name them,

the unholy habits that have been with us so long that they no longer prick our consciences.

But you also see in us Jesus Christ,

the Holy One who took on our sin and covers us in his righteousness.

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Heal us to be restored into your created purpose.

(All offer prayers of confession in silence)

Through his unending mercy and grace,

our heavenly Father offers his Son Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the light that brings joy in the morning

and leads us to eternity by grace through faith.

He has destroyed the grip of darkness that crushes the spirit

and allows me to announce to you the good news:

your sins are forgiven

in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*THE PEACE

All exchange signs and words of peace and reconciliation.

WELCOME OF NEW STAFF MEMBER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jill Robinson

ANTHEM

Let the Praise Go 'Round

Boyce/Hopson

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

Mark 11:20-25

Pew Bible, NT, page no. 48

Pastor Grace Han

²⁰ In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. ²¹ Then Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." ²² Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. ²³ Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. ²⁴ So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ "Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

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

SERMON

"An Unshakable Kingdom"

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

Let Us Break Bread Together
Holly Stowell, soprano

arr. Jay Althouse

Text at Hymnal no. 618.

*THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
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!

Hymnal no. 94

*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

Jesus Calls Us

Hymnal no. 398

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Grace Han

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Healey Willan

SUNDAY MORNING AT TRINITY CHURCH

Those Assisting in Worship Today

Acolyte: Eliza Costle-Tyler

Crucifer: Taylor Hoganson

Greeters: Ellan and Pat Moore

Liturgist: Margaret Barton

Ushers: Claire Kinnane, Verna Lomax, Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher), Eric Schilling, Marcia Summers

Today's anthem: William Boyce (1711 – 1779) was an outstanding musical figure in his day-- organist, conductor, composer of sacred and secular music, scholar and publisher. Because of increasing deafness, Boyce eventually retired from his position as an organist at the Chapel Royal and devoted himself to his three-volume Cathedral Music, which was the principal published source of anthems and services of his time and earlier. His Alleluia round has remained a staple in the choral repertoire and has been arranged by many different composers.

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God in honor of our new Program Director, Hannah Donoghue.

The rosebud on the Altar is given to the glory God in celebration of the birth of Kieran Shay Babej at 3:16 AM MT on August 22nd to parents Alaric and Esther Babej and grandson to Carol and Don Bobby.

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.

Today we welcome Hannah D. Donoghue as our new Program Director. Hannah has just completed a two-year Presbyterian volunteer program placement at the Br. David Darst Center, a Chicago-based Catholic retreat center. Her responsibilities included planning and leading social justice immersion retreats for students in middle school through college age. Hannah also revitalized a Speaker Series for which she also coordinated the outreach and social media advertising. Hannah attended Muhlenberg College, graduating in 2017. She was active in the school's Chapel Core Leadership where she participated in planning and leading worship. She was also an active participant and leader in her High School Youth Group in the Presbyterian Church in her home town. Hannah is very excited about the opportunity to be part of our education, outreach, and mission programs, and feels deeply about the benefits that can be reaped from the linkage of all of these. She is passionate about working with youth as a result of her time in Chicago but is also excited to work with all ages of a church family. Please join us in welcoming her after church in the Narthex.

TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

Ice Cream Social today August 25th: The Parents of Young Children small group invites you to an Ice Cream social this evening 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! All are welcome!

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/10C0944AAAA2DA3FC1-fall to sign up.

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 at 6:15 PM 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!

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.

Trinity's Table: Starting September 11th, join us each week at 5:30 PM on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall for Wednesday Night Fellowship.

Menu - 9/11: Back to School Spaghetti Night: Marinara Sauce, Meatballs, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
Vegan Menu: Veggie Noodles

Cost: \$8 per adult/\$5 per child (5th grade and younger)/\$25 for family of 4 or more (2 adults and children, 5th grade and younger). Stay tuned for more information.

TRINITY CHURCH'S UPCOMING EVENTS

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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