



*Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia*

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

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 children age 3 and younger is available in our nursery (room 210). Please see an usher for more information.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bill Davis

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

There is a Balm in Gilead
Trinity Ringers

arr. Albert Zabel

INTROIT

God Himself Is Present

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (2 Corinthians 4:6; Isaiah 2:5, 3c)

Richard McKinney

It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
who has shone in our hearts
**to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,
**that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.**

✠ OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, O God,
the Author and Source of all light;
for in Christ you come in search of us,
judging not by outward appearance
but gazing into our hearts
at the light you have kindled.
Prevent the powers of darkness
from holding your people captive,
but clear our vision and focus our sight
to acknowledge Jesus Christ
as the Light of the world;
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ HYMN

O Thou, in Whose Presence

Hymnal no. 518

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Bill Davis

**Merciful God, Source of eternal light and truth,
you call us to be light for your world:
serving as agents of your love;
comforting those who suffer;
providing for those in need;
and bearing witness to your beauty and truth.**

**We confess that often we ignore your call:
preferring to hide in the shadows;
anxious about what we might see;
and afraid of what we might have to do.**

**Forgive us our sin and anoint us with your mercy.
Remake our hearts, guide us onto right paths,
and fill us with your healing light;
through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

(Silence for reflection and confession)

Beloved, live as children of light –
for the fruit of the light is found
in all that is good and right and true.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God! Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Tom Tyler

We encourage children to stay and participate in worship. If necessary, however, preschool-age children (those not yet in kindergarten) may go upstairs to the Nursery in room 210 and elementary-aged children (kindergarten through 2nd grade) may go to room 206 for StoryTime.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Pew Bible, OT, Page 259

Richard McKinney

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Wash Me Thoroughly

S.S. Wesley

Holly Stowell, soprano

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin. For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

Pew Bible, NT, Page 194

Richard McKinney

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

✠GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bless-ed Je-sus, at thy word we are gath-ered all to hear thee.
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee.
by thy teach-ing sweet and ho-ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole-ly.

✠GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-9, 13-17, 34-38

Pew Bible, NT, Page 102

Pastor Bill Davis

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

SERMON

“Enlightened”

Pastor Bill Davis

SERVICE OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

The Baptismal Covenant I

Hymnal no. 33

✠HYMN

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

Hymnal no. 608

CONGREGATIONAL COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY

Go To Dark Gethsemane
Trinity Ringers

Arr. Albert Zabel

✠THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal no. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, God our Shepherd,
for you provide us with all that is necessary for a full life.
As we bring these tithes and gifts to you,
hold before us the vision of your encompassing love;
and guide us, in our giving, to embody your generosity
that we might be agents of your light and truth
in places shrouded in darkness and falsehood;
through Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life. **Amen.**

✠HYMN

O Zion, Haste

Hymnal no. 573

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Bill Davis

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

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Today's anthem: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) is considered one of the icons of English church music. In his own time he was in constant conflict with the ecclesiastical authorities and his style of composition met severe criticism. *Wash Me Thoroughly* shows the influence of continental romanticism and was criticized for being dramatic and sentimental. He in turn expressed his dissatisfaction with the state of affairs in liturgical music. He was born into a musical family. His father Samuel was close to Mendelssohn who was also largely responsible for the introduction of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach to England. Out of admiration for Bach, Wesley gave his son the second name of Sebastian. His grandfather Charles, although a clergyman, was also involved in music, especially as a writer of hymns, of which he is said to have written over eight thousand. He was the brother of John, the founder of Methodism. Notes from Johan van Veen

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Russell Hoganson, Jon Hoganson's father who turns 70 this week.

Today we present for the Sacrament of Baptism, Jennifer Boone Bemisderfer, and we welcome her into Professing Membership along with her husband Robert Jacob Bemisderfer. We also present for baptism their sons, Benjamin Glen Bemisderfer, born on February 5, 2009, and William Anderson Bemisderfer, born on July 4, 2012. Jake and Jen are originally from Rocky Mount, NC. Jen attended Red Oak Baptist Church and Jake was baptized in 1995 at Benvenue Baptist Church. Jen and Jake have lived in the DC area for 11 and 17 years, respectively, and in the Beverley Hills neighborhood for 9 years. Jen is the Managing Director of DC-based technology public relations firm RH Strategic and Jake is a Mortgage Loan Adviser at Pentagon Federal Credit Union in Alexandria.

Please join us following worship in the Fellowship Hall for our Change the World through Sandwiches Event.

Our Discipleship from Last Sunday, March 19th

Worship: 130 Offering: \$3,297.00

Weekly Electronic Offering: \$2,591.45

Those Serving at Worship Today:

Acolyte: Eliza Costle-Tyler

Counters: Richard McKinney

Crucifer: Aidan Gibson

Greeters: Karen Christian, Dave, Christian, Andrew and Charlotte Torborg

Pew Duty: John Ploch

Sound: Harley Hopkins

StoryTime Leaders: Judith Andrews & Keri Carlson

Ushers: Kaaren Christopherson, John Wesley Collins, Pat Nordine, Lucelle O'Flaberty (Head Usher), Ellen Weston



The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to welcome DeLishia Davis to the Trinity UMC community as our new Director of Christian Formation. DeLishia has two decades of experience in church administration and Christian Education. Most recently she was the Church Administrator at Epiphany Episcopal Church in Herndon. She has previously served as Christian Education Director and Youth Program Manager at the Urban Ministry Center in Jackson, Mississippi, and as the Youth Ministry Director at the First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Manassas. DeLishia received her college degree in Christian Education from Grace University. Today is her first Sunday with us. She and her husband live in Burke with their two children. Join us as we welcome DeLishia to the Trinity family.

Change the World Through Sandwiches! Join us after service today, for our multi-generational mission project of compiling sandwiches for distribution to our neighbors by Martha's Table. They distribute sandwiches through their McKenna's Wagon Program, a volunteer-run, mobile food service that provides hot, nutritious evening meals, sandwiches, fruit, and snacks to 150-250 homeless people at three locations across the city every night. For more information on Martha's Table visit www.marthastable.org. For more information, contact Mary Gillman at marycgilman@gmail.com.

SPARKS! children and families take part in the sandwich prep and then gather for lunch to celebrate human diversity through food and culture but unity in our work for peace. We invite parents to join us for lunch, drawing from different ethnic foods...another way to say our foods and customs may be different but globally we and our neighbors come together around common practices of hospitality and sharing food and fellowship. RSVP for lunch and lesson to marybeth@freespiritfloral.com.

Thanks to your generous contributions to Trinity, we have begun the year with a net positive north of \$22,000. Compared to last year, giving is slightly up and expenses are down.

	YTD 2017	YTD 2016
Revenue	\$95,549	\$91,317
Expenses	<u>\$73,444</u>	<u>\$85,853</u>
	\$22,105	\$5,464

Trinity recently received a check from Amazon. We have reaped the benefits of our members and friends utilizing AmazonSmile and selecting us as the beneficiary. It's an effortless way to raise money for Trinity: simply visit www.smile.amazon.com, search for and select "Trinity United Methodist Church-Alexandria" and shop as usual. Trinity will receive a portion of all sales made via the program. Happy shopping!

With gratitude,
Shauna Root
Chair, Finance Committee

The Children's Ministry Team needs Story Time volunteers! You do not need to be a parent to volunteer! No need to feel overwhelmed about what to do with the children. The Christian Formation Team plans and provides the story time lesson for you! Please see Michelle Hogganson (michelle.hogganson@gmail.com), our StoryTime Coordinator or Mary Beth Buchholz (marybeth@freespiritfloral.com), our Christian Formation Chair if you have questions or to sign up for a story time date.

TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS

You may have noticed a new candle near the baptismal font. Representative of the light of the risen Christ, and the pillar of fire in the Hebrew exodus, the Paschal Candle traditionally is lighted throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter and stands near the Lord's Table. Thereafter it stands at the font and is lighted at baptism, which the ancient church called "enlightenment." At funerals, the candle is lighted and stands near the head of the coffin in token of Christ's leading the baptized through the exodus of death.

Easter Egg Hunt: Calling all Easter Bunnies! On Saturday, April 15th, Trinity UMC has our annual Easter Egg Hunt from 9 AM - 11 AM. We are asking for donations of stickers, individually wrapped candy, or small objects that will fit in eggs (bouncy balls, plastic rings, etc). Christian and faith-based items are welcome and appreciated! There is a basket in the Narthex for donations. Items are needed by Tuesday, April 11th. We will be stuffing the eggs during Trinity's Table over the next few weeks. We also need volunteers to help staff the craft tables. Everything will be provided for you, so you can sit back and watch the kids create or help them make their projects. Please note next week's Connection Card if you are able to come help set up, staff a craft table, flip pancakes, serve food or help clean up. If you have any questions or to volunteer, please contact our Christian Formation Director, DeLishia Davis at education@trinityalexandria.org.



Our Music Program at Trinity is open to all! We invite you to join us as we begin a new season of anthems for singing and compositions for ringing. In addition, if there are those who wish to contribute instrumental music to our services, please know that your talents are welcome. We have a three octave set of handbells and need more ringers to complete the choir. If you have experience but cannot commit, you could offer to be a substitute ringer. The Chancel Choir welcomes new singers in all sections. There are no auditions for any of the choirs. Come try us out! And if you wish some private coaching, that is also available. Questions? Contact Linda Cancellieri. Come see Linda at the organ after a service or email her at music@trinityalexandria.org.



April 2nd ~ Intergenerational Sunday School in Fellowship Hall - "Lent Jeopardy" and Light Breakfast (no separate children's Sunday School at 10 AM)

Praying Our Way Forward - From April 2 - 8, 2017, the Virginia Conference participates in a week of intentional prayer for the mission of The United Methodist Church and for the work of the Commission on a Way Forward which began meeting in January. Praying Our Way Forward is an initiative of the Council of Bishops as they lead the Church in worship, study, discernment, confession, and prayer for God's guidance. Each annual conference of The United Methodist Church is participating in this prayer ministry which began on January 1st in the North Carolina Conference and concludes in the West Angola Episcopal area in June 2018. Members of Trinity Church are responsible for two two-hour times of prayer: Thursday, April 6th (8:00 – 10:00 P.M.) and Saturday, April 8th (8:00 – 10:00 P.M.). Sign-up sheets and resources are available in the church office and in the Narthex.

Caretakers of God's Creation Climate Justice Conference takes place in Northern Virginia. The 10th Annual United Methodist Caretakers of God's Creation Conference is at Mt. Olivet UMC in Arlington this year to complement the National People's Climate Justice March on April 29th. The conference is a day of inspiration, education and preparation. It begins with worship, with a message of hope by UM Bishop C. Joseph Sprague. The service also includes major addresses by the Rev. Fletcher Harper, the Rev. Jeny Phillips, and concludes with communion and sermons by Bill McKibben and Michelle Roberts. Please contact Jaydee Hanson at jaydeehanson@gmail.com with questions.

Trinity's Table
Wednesday, March 22nd, 5³⁰-7³⁰ PM

*Menu: Meatball Stroganoff, Buttered Noodles
Broccoli, Salad, Bread, Brownies and Ice Cream*

RSVP on your the Connection Card.

TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

Save the Dates

April 9th: Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion - Join us for the annual processional with donkey at **10:30 AM**. Worship to follow at 11 AM.

April 13th: Holy Thursday - Join us for dinner (in lieu of Trinity's Table for the week) in the Fellowship Hall anytime between 5:30-7:30 PM for Soup and Salad. We invite you to make your favorite soup to share. If you are unable to bring soup to share, then bring a loaf of good crusty bread to go with the soup! Holy Thursday Worship follows at 7:30 PM, ending with the Stripping of the Altar.

April 14th: Good Friday - Self-Guided Prayer Vigil in the sanctuary between Noon and 3:00 PM. Printed resource guides will be available for your use and you may be here throughout the time or a portion thereof.

April 15th: Holy Saturday - The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th from 9 AM to 11 AM.

April 16th: Easter Sunday - There are no Sunday School Classes. Worship begins at **10:45 AM** with a choral prelude. The Festive Easter Service continues with all choirs participating, accompanied by strings, organ and trumpet. The service concludes with the congregation and choir singing the Hallelujah Chorus.

April 17th: Church Office closed in observance of Easter Monday.

May 6th: Join us for a Morning of Giving! Trinity's Semi-Annual Community Blood Drive and Trinity's Bikes for the World event will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM. It must be at least 56 days (8 weeks) since you last donated, so you can't have donated since March 11, 2017. Most healthy people can be blood donors and must be at least 17 years old, well for 3 days (no symptoms of illness, including colds) and 110 pounds minimum. The blood drive will be held again in Inova's Bloodmobile and Inova Blood Donor Services has an immediate need for all blood types. Please consider participating in this worthy mission. For more information on the Blood Drive contact Carol Bowers at carol_bowers@cox.net or 703-534-5230. For more information on the Bikes for the World event contact Gordon Johnson at gfbj_va@yahoo.com. For more information on Trinity's Mission Projects contact Mary Gillman at marycgillman@gmail.com.

July 10th-14th: Vacation Bible School. 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.

THIS WEEK AT TUMC

Sunday	03/26/17	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent/Change the World Sunday</i>
	9:30 AM	Adult Forum (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 AM	Children's Sunday School (StoryTime Room 206)
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	Noon	Change the World Event & SPARKS! Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	1:30 PM	Brownie Troop #1193 (Fellowship Hall)
	3:00 PM	Cadet Troop #6098 (Fellowship Hall)
	3:00 PM	Junior Troop #5041 (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 PM	Confirmation - What Is God Trying to Say? (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 PM	Trinity Book Group (Parlor)
Tuesday	03/28/17	
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Troop #113 (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	03/29/17	
	2:30 PM	TUMC Staff Meeting (Parlor)
	5:30 PM	Trinity's Table (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 PM	Centering Prayer (Chapel)
	6:15 PM	Trebles Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
	6:30 PM	Committee on Christian Formation (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday	03/30/17	
	6:15 PM	Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
Sunday	04/02/17	<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>
	9:30 AM	Intergenerational Sunday School and "Light" Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	Noon	Choristers Rehearsal (Music Suite)
	3:30 PM	Cadet Troop #2402 (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 PM	Confirmation - Glorify and Enjoy God Forever (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 PM	Trinity Book Group (Parlor)



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