



*Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia*

Ascension Sunday

May 28, 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.



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

Voluntary on "Hyfrydol"

Paul Manz

INTROIT

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

✠ OPENING LITANY OF PRAISE

Susan Davis

Arise, O Lord, in your strength.

We will praise you for your glory!

With joy, let us worship Christ
at the right hand of God, saying:

You are the king of glory!

You have raised the weakness of our flesh.

Heal us from our sins,
and restore to us the full dignity of life.

You are the king of glory!

By our faith lead us to the Father
as we follow the road you trod.

You are the king of glory!

You have promised
to draw all people to yourself;
let no one of us be separate from your body.

You are the king of glory!

Grant that by our longing
we may join you in your kingdom
where your humanity and ours is glorified.

You are the king of glory!

You are true God,
and you will be our judge,
so lead us to contemplate your tender mercy. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

✠ HYMN

The Head That Once Was Crowned

Hymnal no. 326

✠ OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, God of all creation:
for you have glorified your Christ,
exalting to your right hand Jesus your Son
who emptied himself to the point of death;
and thus also have exalted all of us
who have been baptized
into Christ's death and resurrection.

Clothe us now with power from on high,
that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened,
we may come to understand
the immeasurable greatness of your power
at work in us who believe,
and, in that strength,
go to make disciples of all nations;
through our risen and exalted Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. **Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Jeff Miller

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

Acts 1:1-11

Pew Bible, NT, Page 118

Susan Davis

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

ANTHEM

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless

Everett Titcomb

I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you yet again; Alleluia. And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

Pew Bible, NT, Page 192

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✠GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody.

✠GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

Pew Bible, NT, Page 90

Pastor Bill Davis

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

SERMON

“High and Lifted Up”

Pastor Bill Davis

✠HYMN

At the Name of Jesus

Hymnal no. 168

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Hymnal no. 880

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

✠THE DOXOLOGY

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

Blessed are you, God of power and might,
 for you reign in love and mercy,
 grace us with the gifts of your Spirit,
 and bestow upon us your every blessing.
 In gratitude for all we have received from your hand,
 we return to you the fruit of our life and labor;
 in the name of the One who ascended into heaven
 that we might have fullness of life on earth,
 even Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

✠HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Hymnal no. 715

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

✠CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "America"

David Johnson

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Today's anthem was composed by Everett Titcomb 1884-1968, a native of Massachusetts. He was an esteemed composer, organist and teacher. His compositions have become a staple of church choir repertoires across the country. Although Titcomb is a 20th Century composer, today's anthem pays homage to the masters of Renaissance music, with imitative, overlapping voices and a minor key that resolves on the last chord. (Notes from Brenda Loreman)

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Beverly Lovasz, Michelle Hoganson's mother, who's sixty-seventh birthday would have been this week.

Our Discipleship from Last Sunday, May 21th

Worship: 165 Offering: \$2,649.00

Weekly Electronic Offering: \$3,415.04

Those Serving at Worship Today:**Acolyte:** Logan Williams**Counters:** Ginny Carl, Jenny Palazio, Renée Ruppel**Crucifer:** Aidan Gibson**Greeters:** Kay and Herb Stewart**Liturgist:** Susan Davis**Pew Duty:** John Ploch**Sound:** Harley Hopkins**StoryTime Leaders:** Kirsten Johnson, Jill Robinson**Ushers:** John Wesley Collins, Pat Nordine, Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher), George Pinn, Alva Smircina

TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS

Wheel on down Old Dominion Boulevard in style at the annual North Ridge Wheel Day Parade this afternoon. Kids of all ages are invited to decorate their bike, trike, scooter, skates, stroller, doll carriage, or anything with wheels and join the fun. Arrive at 2:45 PM to line up for the parade of rolling children, which starts at Beverley Circle on Old Dominion Boulevard and rolls downhill to the Beverley Hills Church. Prizes and refreshments are included. This event is FREE, open to all ages, and requires no reservations. Just show up with your the decorated wheels of choice and have fun.

What is the history of Wheel Day?

A North Ridge tradition dating back to the early 1940s, Wheel Day was conceived by local Cub Scouts at the Beverley Hills Church and quickly evolved into an annual event. Neighbors came to watch the parade of kids make their way through Beverley Hills with wagons, doll carriages, and bicycles all brilliantly decorated and made into floats. According to North Ridge Lore, the event also included a soap box derby for a number of years. Although Wheel Day celebrations became more intermittent and less elaborate in the 1960s, members of the North Ridge Citizens' Association resumed the annual tradition in the 1970s and continue it to this day. Wheel Day is now celebrated during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Rain Date is Memorial Day. For questions or more information contact, Tom Tyler: ttandcc@aol.com.

Health Kits for Conference: Sunday, June 11th, our Missions Team sponsors a mission opportunity for Trinity members to assemble Health Kits. The kits will be distributed by UMCOR for those in need both domestically and abroad. Please stay immediately after worship to help with this very important endeavor. For questions about this mission opportunity, please contact Mary Gillman, our Missions Team Chair, at marycgillman@gmail.com.

2017 Lenten-Easter Offering – Trinity Church thanks you for your generous support. Due to your generosity this season, the Lenten-Easter Offering now stands at \$7,044. We are still accepting donations until May 31st. Please make checks payable to Trinity UMC and note "2017 Lenten-Easter Offering." Or give online through Trinity's Online Giving (www.trinitalexandria.org/775060.) Locate the Missions Fund line and specify an amount and indicate "2017 Lenten Easter Offering" in the text box.

Come join our Summer Music Program at Trinity! We invite you to join us as we begin a new season of anthems. Teens are invited to rehearse with the Chancel Choir on Thursday nights at 7:45 and sing with us in Sunday worship. If you have never rung a handbell, we will plan a workshop for interested ringers of all ages. Rising K's: come to the Trebles rehearsal Wednesday nights at 6:15 and

sing on Father's Day. Rising 5th graders, join us at our Choristers rehearsal after church on Sundays. Come try us out! And while the Chancel Choir enjoys a sabbatical during August, we 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 Cancellieri at the organ after a service or email her at music@trinityalexandria.org.

Calling all ages! Here is something you always wanted to do! Ring handbells! It is truly fun and a great opportunity to make music with a small group. Best of all, you will be offering your talents in our worship services. Over the summer, I will be leading a workshops for new and former ringers who want to experience the joy of handbells. Some fun facts: Throughout history bells have been used in different cultures and religions as an aid to worship and a form of communication. During medieval times Christians travelled throughout Europe ringing bells, while spreading the news of the risen Christ and summoning people to congregate. In 1660, the Wiltshire Foundry cast the first tuned bronze handbells. These "small" handbells were first used to practice change ringing (ringing those BIG bells in the church towers) without having the entire town listen to a rehearsal! The Bishop of Nola in Italy was the first to place a bell tower within the church. Today's handbells are designed to ring an octave higher than their written notes. And finally, you are only responsible for two notes/handbells in the ensemble. How easy is that!! If you can count, you can ring. Let me know of your interest, and we will choose dates for workshops that accommodate. Contact Linda Cancellieri, Director of Music after the service or at music@trinityalexandria.org.

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 Hoganson (michelle.hoganson@gmail.com), our Story Time Coordinator if you have questions or to sign up to lead.

United Methodist Men's Spiritual Advance: Register now to attend the UM Men's Spiritual Advance. It is being held in Ashland at Randolph-Macon College on June 9th-11th. Attend with your longstanding friends and new acquaintances to experience great preaching, spiritual renewal, fun and relaxation! For more information, contact Andrew Kissell, president, at Andrew.Kissell@aecom.com or 757-839-0790. It will be held at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland. To register visit www.vaumc.org and click on Events under Quick Links.

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For 70 years, the **Samaritan Offering** has generated vital funds to assist residents of the communities of Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc. (VUMH) when they are at their most vulnerable. Your gift supports the Samaritan Program, a benevolent fund that provides financial assistance to residents who have outlived their monetary resources and, through no fault of their own, can no longer afford the full cost of their care. We are collecting Samaritan Offering gifts, from now through Father's Day, June 18th. Please consider making a gift today to help those who are in need of your generosity. You truly can make a difference in someone's life. Contributions can be made by visiting the VUMH website at www.vumb.org to give online directly. Or you may drop your check made payable to Trinity in the offering plate with VUMH noted on the memo line of your check.

Mission Encounter to be held July 28-29: Mission Encounter is a cooperative event sponsored by the Virginia Conference Missional Ministries Board (formerly the Board of Global Ministries) and the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women. This event offers a wonderful opportunity to come alive to mission by participating in an exciting weekend mission education experience. There are classes for adults in which men, women, clergy, and laity alike come to learn and be involved in mission groups by choosing one class out of three choices — "Living as a Covenant Community," a spiritual growth study; "The Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the US (Red Bird, Oklahoma, and Alaska), a geographical study; or "Climate Justice," a social issue. This year's Mission Encounter occurs from 8⁰⁰ AM on Friday, July 28th through 5⁰⁰ PM on Saturday, July 29th and is offered at Bon Air United Methodist Church, 1645 Buford Road, North Chesterfield, VA 23235. Contact Gail Sutcliffe with questions at 703-490-3381.

Virginia Annual Conference 2017 presentation about Commission on the Way Forward: The Rev. Tom Berlin, a Virginia Conference elder who serves on the Commission on a Way Forward, provides a report on the work of the Commission on June 16th, in Ballroom B of the Hampton Roads Convention Center from 10 to 11 AM. His report includes what to anticipate as we move toward the called General Conference in 2019. He will provide ways for pastors and laity to begin to prepare for the General Conference in their churches. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and consider the work of the Commission. For more information the Commission on a Way Forward visit, www.umc.org/who-we-are/commission-on-a-way-forward.

Registration for Lake Junaluska's Festival of Wisdom and Grace now open: The Festival of Wisdom and Grace at Lake Junaluska, from August 7 – 10, is a time of renewal and inspiration for older adults. Speakers include Dr. John Ed Mathison, Dr. Everett Worthington and Dr. Patricia Suggs. This year's theme is "Forgiveness – Living in Grace." Workshop topics include Body Movement, Helping Three Generations Forgive Love and Pray, and Engaging the Generations as Encore Ambassadors for Reconciliation. Continuing Education Unit credits are included in the professional track registration. CEU credits are also available for regular program participants for an additional \$10/person fee (1-1.5 CEUs available). This event is sponsored by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Association of Older Adults, a group that creates and strengthens inter-generational ministries in the Southeast. Packages include the program fee, lodging, and meals. For more information about the Festival of Wisdom and Grace, call 800-222-4930, email or visit www.lakejunaluska.com/wisdom-and-grace. Lake Junaluska is a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body. For more information about Lake Junaluska programs and events, visit www.lakejunaluska.com.

Trinity's Table
Wednesday, May 31st
5³⁰-7³⁰ PM

Menu

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers
Potato Salad, Baked Beans
Deviled Eggs, Pickles
Assorted Chips
Ice Cream Sandwiches

RSVP on the Connection Card.



Gluten-Free & Vegetarian Options Available

Register for one of Wesley Theological Seminary's variety of courses. Check out the exciting learning opportunities this summer at Wesley Theological Seminary including courses: "Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness: The Role of Scripture and Tradition in Presidential Politics," "Spirituality in Nature," "T.S. Eliot and the Search for God," and "Liturgical Dance as Spiritual Practice." Learn more and register for a class today by visiting www.wesleyseminary.edu/admissions/try-a-class-3.

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Save the Dates

May 29th: Trinity UM Church Office and Trinity Preschool is closed in observance of Memorial Day.

June 4th: We celebrate the day of Pentecost, Graduation Recognition and SPARKS! Sunday. Pentecost is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. The color associated with Pentecost is red, which is symbolic of “tongues of the fire” described in the second chapter of Acts. In honor of Pentecost Sunday, we invite you to wear red.

June 11th: Health Kits for Conference

June 15th and 16th: Trinity Preschool's Daddy and Me Breakfasts.

June 16th-18th: VA United Methodist Church Annual Conference at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. For more information on this year's Annual Conference visit: www.vaumc.org/AC2017.

June 18th: Father's Day

June 20th: Trinity Preschool Graduation

June 21st: Trinity Preschool Field Day, School Picnic, and Last Day of School

July 4th: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Independence Day.

July 10th-14th: Vacation Bible School. Pick up a registration form in the Narthex or visit: www.trinityalexandria.org/VacationBibleSchool.

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 TRINITY

Sunday	05/28/17	<i>Ascension Sunday</i> 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary) 3:00 PM Cadet Troop #6098 (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	05/29/17	<i>Memorial Day</i> Church Office Closed Trinity Preschool Closed
Tuesday	05/30/17	7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #113 (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	05/31/17	2:30 PM TUMC Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study) 5:30 PM Trinity's Table - <i>Hot Dogs & Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Baked Beans</i> (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Chapel) 6:15 PM Trebles Rehearsal (Music Suite)
Thursday	06/01/17	7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
Friday	06/02/17	12:15 PM Trinity Preschool Faculty Brunch (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	06/03/17	10:00 AM Colonial Dames XVIIC Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	06/04/17	Day of Pentecost/Graduation Sunday/SPARKS! Sunday 9:30 AM Rise & Shine Adult Forum 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School (StoryTime Room) 11:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary)

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