



*The Sower*, Vincent Van Gogh, 1888

Trinity United Methodist Church  
Alexandria, Virginia

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 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

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

arr. Wilbur Held

### INTROIT

*Eternal God, Before Your Throne We Bend*

### ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Tyler

In a world of change, Almighty God has placed eternity in our hearts.

**The Most High gives us power to discern good from evil.**

God the Eternal gives us grace to seek the things that endure.

**God also gives us power to refuse the things that perish.**

In Christ Jesus, God leads us to see the truth steadily.

**By the Holy Spirit, God blesses to follow the light faithfully.**

Come, let us praise the God who is the author and giver of love.

**God gives us growth in that love which is the life of all people.**

### ✠ OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, eternal God, Maker of all,  
for your word accomplishes the purpose  
for which you send it forth.

Let your Spirit move in power among us  
to transform us into the receptive soil you seek.

And grant that your word may bear fruit abundantly  
in our deeds of justice and peace, mercy and compassion,  
disclosing to a world that eagerly awaits its liberation  
the blessed hope and glorious freedom of your reign;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### ✠ HYMN

*O Spirit of the Living God*

Hymnal no. 539

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Bill Davis

**Holy God, before you our hearts are open,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**We bring to you our shame and sorrow for our sins.**

**We have forgotten that our life is from you and unto you.**

**We have neither sought nor done your will.**

**We have not been truthful in our hearts,  
in our speech, and in our lives.**

**We have not loved as we ought to love.**

**Help us and heal us, we pray,  
and raise us from our sins into a new life,**

that we may live our days in peace,  
always trusting in your kindness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Silence for reflection and confession)*

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus  
has set you free from the law of sin and of death.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**  
**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.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 25:19-34

Pew Bible, NT, Page 21

Tom Tyler

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

ANTHEM

*Down in the River to Pray*

arr. Sheldon Curry

*As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:1-11

Pew Bible, NT, Page 157

Tom Tyler

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

✠GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please sing before and after the Gospel Lesson.)*

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

✠GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Pew Bible, NT, Page 13

Pastor Bill Davis

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

SERMON

“Mysteries of Soil and Seed”

Pastor Bill Davis

SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*The Baptismal Covenant II*

Hymnal no. 39

✠HYMN

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

Hymnal no. 605

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend this person to your love and care.  
Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him 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.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Bill Davis

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

*Antiphon III*

Marcel Dupré

✠THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal no. 95

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

✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, God of life and peace,  
for you create fertile soil from our lives,  
plant your word in our hearts,  
and instill your wisdom in our souls.  
Bless these gifts to be signs of the abundant fruit  
of faith, hope, and love that you produce among us  
for our mission and ministry in a weary and needy world;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

✠HYMN

*Give Me the Faith Which Can Remove*

Hymnal no. 650

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Bill Davis

✠CHORAL RESPONSE

✠POSTLUDE

*Festive Finale*

Malcolm Archer

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**Today's anthem** is a traditional Appalachian-flavored gospel song arranged by Sheldon Curry, a native of West Texas and a graduate of Baylor University, where he studied choral composition. His choral arrangement was written in response to interest generated by the song's inclusion in the motion picture "O Brother, Where Art Thou?"

# TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS

Today we present for the Sacrament of Baptism Lawson Everett Blais, son of Marissa Puckett and Brian Blais and younger brother of Sawyer Russell Blais, born on July 18, 2016 in Arlington, Virginia.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Please join us in the Narthex for refreshments and fellowship with our church family.

## Our Discipleship from Last Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

Worship: 93 Offering: \$2,206.00

Weekly Electronic Offering: \$4,172.07

## Those Serving at Worship Today:

**Acolyte:** Sophie Moran

**Counters:** Mike Cooley, Rich McKinney, Laurel Moran

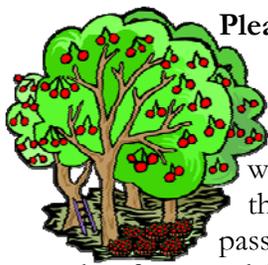
**Greeters:** Jill Robinson, Logan Williams

**Liturgist:** Tom Tyler

**Pew Duty:** John Ploch

**Sound:** Harley Hopkins

**Ushers:** John Wesley Collins, Christine Gager, Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher), Kelsey Shannon, Alva Smircina



## Please join Trinity UMC and Beverley Hills UMC for our next

**Abundance Orchard!** There will be food, fellowship, and fun for all as we learn more about how we can use the resources God has given us and pass them along to others. We will join

together for a meal from 6 PM-6:30 PM then programs for all ages from 6:30-7:30 PM. July 26<sup>th</sup>'s theme is "Lunch." Bring your favorite lunch items (chips, salad or dessert) to share and a non-perishable lunch item to donate to ALIVE's food pantry. The church has lunch meat and bread to make sandwiches. August 9<sup>th</sup>'s theme is "Dinner." We are having pizza! Bring a side or dessert and roll up your sleeves to make trail mix for Martha's Table mobile food truck program. For more information or to volunteer, contact our Director of Christian Formation, Carrie Pritts at [christianformation@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:christianformation@trinityalexandria.org). Please sign up on the Connection Card or rsvp with Jenessa in the Church Office at [office@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:office@trinityalexandria.org). Hope to see you there!

**ALIVE! Furniture Folks Needed.** Due to vacations and people's unavailability (think Mary Gillman in her boot!), we have asked ALIVE! if Trinity's date to help with the ALIVE! Furniture mission be moved to later in the year. But they still need help for this month on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. If anyone is available to help with this critical mission, please contact Mike Mackey at [furniturechair@alive-inc.org](mailto:furniturechair@alive-inc.org) or 703-862-8130.

## Come Join our Summer Music Program at Trinity!

We invite you to join us as we continue our current season of anthems. Teens are invited to rehearse with the Chancel Choir on Thursday nights at 7:45 PM and to sing with us in Sunday worship. (And if you are interested in handbells but have never rung with us, we will plan a workshop for interested ringers of all ages.)

In addition, 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! If you wish some private coaching or an accompanist, that is also available. Questions? Contact our Director of Music, Linda Cancellieri at [music@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:music@trinityalexandria.org).

**The Rev. Tom Berlin's presentation** from 2017 Annual Conference on the Commission on a Way Forward as well as his "sugar packet" presentation and his recommended reading are available on the conference website. View under heading "Commission on a Way Forward- Reports from Tom Berlin." [www.vaumc.org/AC2017](http://www.vaumc.org/AC2017)

**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](http://www.wesleyseminary.edu/admissions/try-a-class-3).

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**Financial Stewardship in Action** – World Service Fund: According to The Book of Discipline 2016 (paragraph 812), “The World Service Fund is basic in the financial program of The United Methodist Church. World Service on apportionment represents the minimum needs of the general agencies of the Church. Payment in full of these apportionments by local churches and annual conferences is the first benevolent responsibility of the Church.”

Not only does this fund provide for the administrative structure of our General Church, but the major thrust in mission giving in our Church begins here. The World Service Fund enables The United Methodist Church to be in mission and ministry in 167 countries throughout the world. Every dollar that is contributed for the support of approximately 1,070 mission personnel goes directly to them because overhead expenses are funded through our contributions to World Service. When there are not enough funds available to provide salary support for these missionaries through advance special giving, World Service funds are used to make up the shortfall.

In truth, the World Service Fund is about the people in Trinity Church and other local congregations throughout the Virginia Conference who live, work, and do ministry where they are – and have enough love and resources to reach out to the world beyond their doors.

**Conference videographer** shares favorite pictures from AC 2017 - In his “*Through the Lens*” blog, conference videographer Nick Ruxton shares his favorite photos from AC 2017. To read Nick’s blog, visit: [www.vaumc.org/Videographer](http://www.vaumc.org/Videographer) and see pictures from this year’s Annual Conference.

## Teen Leads Revival for Racial Reconciliation

The town of Greenwood, Mississippi, has a visible racial divide. There is white side of town, a black side of town and plenty of distrust across the line. This fact of life, while true of many U.S. communities, never sat well with Ethan Oltremari, a white United Methodist teen who grew up in the town.

As a high school senior, Oltremari decided to act. “The Lord just kept putting something on my heart — to help with racial reconciliation, to break down denominational barriers,” he said.

That spiritual nudge ultimately led Oltremari to organize *Revival on the River*, an outdoor celebration featuring an interracial lineup of praise bands and gospel groups. He hoped the gathering along the Yazoo River would bring people to Christ and help them worship in the way of Christ — as one. “The racial barriers in Greenwood and the Delta are horrible,” he said. “I really believe that the only way to fix it is by getting together and worshipping.”

Along the way, fellow members of the largely white St. John’s United Methodist Church, fellow high school students and various community leaders in the town of about 15,200 joined his cause. Among them is Bryce Lowe, a member of the largely African-American New Green Grove Church of Faith. He volunteered to help in whatever way needed including as an “intercessory praying warrior.”

The first Revival on the River in 2016 drew some 600 people. This year’s event on April 23<sup>rd</sup> added preachers and doubled in size, bringing together an intergenerational, interracial crowd of about 1,200. Worshipping together were Baptists and Catholics, Pentecostals and Presbyterians. The revival even featured an impromptu interracial performance when a white musician from one church invited an African-American gospel group from another to join him on stage to share God’s praise. Altogether, the event featured 12 different musical groups from surrounding churches and in some cases, from across the state.

This month, the Mississippi Conference recognized Oltremari’s leadership with its Harry Denman Evangelism Award for a youth member. Oltremari, now 19, is a rising sophomore at Delta State University. Oltremari grew up in a Catholic family, but at 14, he felt led by God to become a United Methodist. He also feels God calling him to ministry but is still praying to find out what form that ministry should take. In the meantime, he envisions Revival on the River continuing as an annual event. To read more of this article, visit [www.umc.org/news-and-media/teen-leads-revival-for-racial-reconciliation](http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/teen-leads-revival-for-racial-reconciliation).

HELP MAKE  
**FRIDAY THE 13<sup>TH</sup>**   
A LUCKY DAY FOR SOMEONE WHO NEEDS YOU  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017**  
Support & Celebrate the  
Mission of Rising Hope  
Hope  
Grows  
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# TRINITY'S WEEKLY NEWS

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## Save the Dates

**July 26<sup>th</sup>:** Abundance Orchard Summer Suppers - Potluck Dinner at 6 PM and activities begin at 6:30 PM.

**August 9<sup>th</sup>:** Abundance Orchard Summer Suppers - Potluck Dinner at 6 PM and activities begin at 6:30 PM.

**September 4<sup>th</sup>:** Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Labor Day.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>:** Fall Kick-Off ~ Worship with us in Ft. Ward Park and stay and enjoy lunch with us.

**October 9<sup>th</sup>:** Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Columbus Day.

**November 5<sup>th</sup>:** Daylight Saving Time ends

**November 17<sup>th</sup>:** Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Veterans Day.

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>:** Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

**December 25<sup>th</sup>:** Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Christmas Day.



### **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

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>07/16/17</b>	<b><i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>
	9:30 AM	Light Breakfast and Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	9:45 AM	Rise and Shine Intergenerational Forum (Fellowship Hall) “The Epic Life of Joseph: the Abridged Musical Version of a Genesis Genius’ Rise”
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	5:30 PM	Youth Group (Meet in Narthex)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>07/17/17</b>	
	7:30 PM	Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>07/19/17</b>	
	2:30 PM	Trinity UMC Staff Meeting (Parlor)
	6:00 PM	Centering Prayer (Sanctuary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>07/23/17</b>	<b><i>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>
	9:30 AM	Light Breakfast and Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	9:45 AM	Rise and Shine Intergenerational Forum (Fellowship Hall) “Painting for God / Painting as Prayer”
	11:00 AM	Worship (Sanctuary)



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