



God Appearing to Moses in a Burning Bush, 1607, Giovanni Lanfranco, after the frescoes by Raphael in the Vatican Loggia

Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2017

Eleven o'clock in the morning

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

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

J.G. Walther

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)

Susan Davis

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;

Make known the deeds of the Most High among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises,

and speak of all God's marvelous works.

Glory in God's holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the strength of the eternal One;

continually seek God's face.

Remember the marvels God has done,

the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth.

✠ OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,

for in Jesus you continue

to fulfill your covenant promise

to deliver the world from slavery

and to lead your children into the promised land;

and in his self-sacrifice and suffering

did Jesus fulfill his call as Messiah

and show us the cost of discipleship.

Do not let us set our minds on human wisdom

which seeks an easier way;

but move us to deny ourselves,

take up our cross,

and follow with courage where Jesus leads;

for he lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God forever and ever. **Amen.**

✠ HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Hymnal no. 64

TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Jill Robinson

We encourage children to stay and participate in worship. If necessary, however, preschool-age children (those not yet in kindergarten) and younger may go upstairs to the Nursery in room 210. Worship bags for elementary age children can be obtained from an usher.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

Pew Bible, OT, Page 50

Susan Davis

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

ANTHEM

Lord of the Dance

arr. Mark Hayes

Gordon Johnson, tenor

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

✠GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28

Pew Bible, NT, Page 18

Pastor Bill Davis

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

SERMON

“When God Calls”

Pastor Bill Davis

✠HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Hymnal no. 121

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Hymnal no. 880

WORDS OF INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
 who earnestly repent of their sin
 and seek to live in peace with one another.
 Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Bill Davis

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, and word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silence for reflection and confession)

If we confess our sins,
 God is faithful and just
 and will forgive our sins,
 and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

✠THE PEACE

Our Lord Jesus Christ said,
 “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
 I do not give to you as the world gives.”

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Please offer one another signs of peace and reconciliation.

OFFERTORY

You're Standing on Holy Ground
Gordon Johnson, tenor

✠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.**

✠PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical Setting C

Hymnal no. 20

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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

We invite all persons to the Lord's Table. This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love Him and for those who want to love Him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the Communion station nearest you. The center station is for those who require gluten-free bread. We serve Holy Communion by intinction. Please extend your hands to receive the bread and then dip the bread into the cup as it is offered to you. After you partake, you also may kneel at the rail for prayer and meditation.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Gordon Johnson, piano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor Bill Davis

**Almighty God, we give you thanks
for the gift of our Savior's presence
in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal.
Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood
that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love,
and serve as a beacon of hope in an uncertain world;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

✠HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hymnal no. 298

✠DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Bill Davis

✠POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G

J.S. Bach

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The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Resa O'Flaherty's 94th birthday from your loving daughters, Sue and Lucelle.

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

Pastor's Helping Fund: Just a friendly reminder that your communion offering goes to the Pastor's Helping Fund, which helps provide emergency assistance to local families in need. To provide this special offering, simply write "communion" on the memo line of your check or indicate so on your offering envelope.

To listen to this morning's sermon on line, visit our website www.trinityalexandria.org, click on the Worship and Sermons link at the top of the page. On the Worship and Sermon's page, click on the link "Click here to listen to Sermons" near the middle of the page.

TRINITY UMC'S WEEKLY NEWS

Our Discipleship from Last Sunday, September 27th:

Worship: 115 Offering: \$4,746.00

Weekly Electronic Offering: \$1,646.76

Those Serving at Worship Today:

Acolyte: Taylor Hoganson

Communion Stewards: Ellan Moore, Kay Stewart

Communion Servers: Margaret Barton, Susan Davis, Linda Popovich, and Greg Saunders

Counters: Jodi Capps, Jenni Palazio, Rich McKinney

Greeters: Connie and Stephen Blood

Liturgists: Susan Davis

Pew Duty: John Ploch

Sound: Harley Hopkins

Ushers: Mike Cooley, Liz Connelly, Lisa Nathan, Lucelle O'Flaherty (*Head Usher*), George Pinn

Thank you, thank you to the Johnson family, Erik, Diane, Kristen and Bryan for volunteering to prepare and serve dinner at Christ House this month. If you are curious about this service opportunity, please ask them to share their experience! Trinity covers the second Sunday of every month, so please let Susan Willis know if you are available to volunteer this month on September 10th from 3:30 PM to 6 PM. Contact her at shwillis76@gmail.com and she can give you all the details.

The **Della Somerville Circle** meets on Tuesday, September 12th, at 6:00 PM at Tempo Restaurant, 4231 Duke St. in Alexandria. Mark your calendar and join the United Methodist Women for an evening of Christian fellowship. RSVP to Linda Pitts: ibcpitts@aol.com.

Join us Sunday September 17th for our Fall Kickoff and Church Wide Picnic at Fort Ward Park (4301 W Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22304)! We will gather at 11AM in the amphitheater for casual worship then have a picnic. The church is providing fried chicken, biscuits, water, plates, cups, and utensils. We ask that you bring a side or dessert and a friend or neighbor. If you bring something that needs to stay cold, don't forget a cooler and ice. There are picnic tables but for added comfort you may want to bring camping chairs or seat cushions. There will be ample parking near the amphitheater and picnic area. There will be valet service for those needing assistance and folks helping to point you in the right direction. In the event of inclement weather, we will move everything to Trinity and will make the decision by 9 AM that morning. Please contact Pastor Bill, Carrie Pritts, Jill Robinson, or Mary Beth Buchholz with any questions. Hope to see you there!

On Sunday, September 24th at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, parents of all youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to meet to go over information for the upcoming school year. Stay tuned for details.

Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, September 30th at 9 AM in the Courtyard on Cameron Mills Road side of the church: ALL Creatures Great and Small are to be individually blessed by Pastor Bill. Each pet receives a certificate with its name on it, signed by Pastor Bill. Bring a picture of pets unable to attend. Dog treats and water are provided. No retractable leashes, please. If you have questions, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Lucelle O'Flaherty at 703.408.4008.

Volunteers needed! 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 sermon 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 online website, Sign Up Genius, and when you receive the email request to sign up, you simply go to the link and pick which Sundays you can count over that next few months. A couple days prior to the days you selected, you'll 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.

A belated thanks goes out to the following folks who helped provide the Sunday meal for Rising Hope on August 6th: Linda Popovich, Jenny Palazio, Jodi Capps, Sue Steward, Nancy Hunt, Jill Robinson, Alva Smircina, and Mary Gillman.

TRINITY UMC'S WEEKLY NEWS

Financial Report for Trinity UMC August 2017

Here is the financial status through the month of July.

	Month of July	Year to date	Last Year
Total Receipts:	\$31,050	\$288,232	\$295,943
Total Expenses:	\$34,513	\$262,967	\$306,253
Net:	\$(3,463)	\$25,265	\$(10,310)

As usual our receipts in July were below average and we had a negative balance for the month of \$3,363. Our total balance for the year is positive at just over \$25,000. Even so, our giving for the year to date is lower than it was last year at this time. August and September are typically our lowest giving months of the year so please keep that in mind as you consider your giving going forward. Thank you for your support and giving. Your financial support is greatly appreciated! For questions contact, Rich McKinney, Financial Secretary at cbrm@mac.com.

Our Bi-District (Arlington and Alexandria) Clergy have several meetings each year featuring well-known speakers and topics. In 2017/2018, these speakers will each hold an evening session designed specifically for church leaders. On September 20th, Graham Standish will give a seminar entitled "Becoming a Spiritually Vital Leader" at Dulin UMC, 513 E Broad St, Falls Church, VA. The session costs \$10 per person. Register at www.eiseverywhere.com/spiritual-formation. For more information visit, www.novaumc.org/Spiritual-Formation/.

Ready, Set, Run for Shelter! Carpenter's Shelter is proud to host our 7th annual Run for Shelter, featuring a 5K, 10K and Fun Run on Saturday, November 18th at 8 AM. Run starts at USPTO Building, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Proceeds from this signature community event fund Carpenter's Shelter's mission to assist the homeless to achieve sustainable independence through shelter, guidance, education and advocacy. For more information and to register visit www.carpentersshelter.org/run-for-shelter/.



Saturday, October 21st @ 9 AM

A Special Invitation to Join Trinity's Music Program

If you sing or ring, there is a place for you in our program. If you wish to contribute to our worship by playing an instrument, we welcome you. We offer many opportunities to share your talents here at Trinity UMC. As we begin the fall season, this is the perfect time to add music to your calendar! Join us as we prepare the Mozart Requiem.

Children's Choirs:

Trebles Grades K-5 Wednesdays 6:15-7:30 PM
Choristers Grades 6-12 Rehearsal After Worship

Chancel Choir: (adult) Thursday 7:45-9:45 PM

Trinity Ringers: (all ages) Thursday 6:15-7:30 PM

Please join us for music-making, fellowship and spiritual enrichment. We look forward to welcoming you to our music program! Contact Linda Cancellieri, Director of Music with interest/questions at music@trinityalexandria.org.

UMCOR Responds to Harvey – The United Methodist Committee on Relief is currently working with disaster coordinators and early response teams in Louisiana and Texas to provide relief to the scores of thousands of people whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. Please continue to pray for those whose lives have been so adversely impacted. Also pray for the Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and many volunteers in The Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church, Río Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church, and Central Texas Conference who are working tirelessly to provide relief after Harvey. You may also partner financially with UMCOR in responding to the needs of communities and individuals impacted by Harvey; please make checks payable to Trinity UMC, noting "Harvey" on the memo line. Or go to www.umcor.org for updates on the situation and information about how to give electronically to UMCOR.

September is National Hunger Action Month. Challenge and deepen your spiritual life as you read, reflect, and take action to end hunger in our community and across the country. Pick up a copy of the Society of St. Andrew's 2017 Calendar for Prayer and Action in the Narthex after worship today. The calendar includes Scripture readings and related reflections or activities suitable for the entire family for each day of September. To make a donation to the Hunger Action Month offering, make your check payable to Trinity UMC and note "hunger" on the memo line.

TRINITY UMC'S SAVE THE DATES

September 4th: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Labor Day.

September 7th: Chancel Choir rehearsals begin

September 14th: Trinity's Ringers rehearsals begin

September 17th: Fall Kick-Off ~ Worship and Picnic lunch in Ft. Ward Park. Bring a friend!

September 20th: Trebles rehearsals and Trinity's Table begins

September 24th: Youth Parent Meeting

September 30th: Blessing of the Animals @ 9 AM in the Courtyard.

September 30th: District Day-Alexandria and Arlington District Conferences & Board of Missions Meeting 9 AM to Noon @ St. Matthews UMC, 8617 Little River Turnpike in Annandale, VA.

October 9th: Trinity UM Church Office closed in observance of Columbus Day.

October 21st: Charge Conference @ 9 AM

November 5th: All Saint's Sunday with Selections from the Mozart Requiem accompanied by strings and organ.
Daylight Saving Time ends.



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	09/03/17 11:00 AM	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday	09/04/17	Labor Day Church Office Closed
Tuesday	09/05/17 7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop #113 (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	09/06/17 2:30 PM 6:00 PM	Trinity UMC Staff Meeting (Parlor) Centering Prayer (Sanctuary)
Thursday	09/07/17 7:45 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)
Friday	09/08/17 10:00 AM	Cardinal Quilters (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	09/10/17 9:30 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM 3:00 PM	Fourteenth Sunday Pentecost Light Breakfast and Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) Rise and Shine Intergenerational Forum (Fellowship Hall) Worship (Sanctuary) Cadet Troop #6098 (Fellowship Hall)



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