

Trinity United Methodist Church

“Living Jesus Christ’s Vision – Building Communities of Compassion”

September 13, 2026

9:00 a.m.

16th Sunday After Pentecost

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE “Little Prelude & Fugue #1 in C-Major” J.S. Bach
“O Rest in the Lord” F. Mendelssohn
“He” R. Mullan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Blessed art thou, O Lord, the God of Israel

People: our father, for ever and ever.

Leader: Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty;

People: for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is thine;

Leader: thine is the kingdom, O Lord,

People: and thou art exalted as head above all.

***OPENING PRAYER** *(In Unison)* Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” No. 127

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 12:1-8

¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,

⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;

⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;

⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 16:13-20

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

²⁰Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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***POSTLUDE** “Toccata” G. Young

**Invitation to Stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWER BELL RINGER: Margy Meeks
9:00 A.M. HEAD USHER: John Hill
9:00 A.M. USHERS: Gil & Joyce Dunn, Dick & Margy Meeks
9:00 A.M. READER: Marlene Waller
9:00 A.M. WORSHIP LEADER: Tammy Paxton
9:00 A.M. NURSERY Alaina Vickers, Maureen Williams
9:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER: Barb Dix, Jenny Roser
10:30 A.M. USHERS: Alice Kilgour, Rhonda Evans

TODAY AT TRINITY

OFFERING MADE EASY – Just scan this code to go directly to Pushpay where you can give your offering.

CHURCH NURSERY is available every Sunday for the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL has resumed. We welcome back Danielle Farrell as our teacher this year! Volunteers are needed to make this a wonderful and blessed experience for the children of Trinity. See the Newsletter and the flyers posted for information.

MEAL TRAIN - A meal train has been organized to provide Thursday dinners for Pastor Hayden during his treatment. To participate, visit <https://mealtrain.com/mw82q3> or contact Maureen Williams at (410) 251-0491. Pastor Hayden deeply appreciates this support and encourages everyone to continue their generous donations to the Salisbury Urban Ministries Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, dropped off at the church office through the week (office is closed on Fridays), or taken to Salisbury Urban Ministries.

MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT TRINITY - Please look for the Finance Committee's article on Tax-Wise ways to support Trinity to learn more about Giving to Trinity Through Appreciated Stock and Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) in the September newsletter and in the online announcements. Your donations can help Trinity, provide you with tax savings, and enable you to meet your Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from an IRA. Contact Finance Chairman, Dan Williams, at (410) 430-8803 for more information.

SUPPORT FOR OUR TRINITY FAMILIES - Many of our Haitian families have not been able to attend church or felt comfortable leaving their homes during the past month due to recent events in our community. This has made it difficult for them to get to work, buy groceries and take care of other essential needs. To support our Trinity families during this difficult time, we are asking for the following donations: toothpaste, deodorant, tampons, shampoo, toilet paper, diapers: size 2, 3 and 5, wipes, powdered baby formula, rice, beans, bottled water, sugar, cooking oil, potatoes, fruit, wheat flour, and peanut butter. Items can be dropped off in the back of the church or the church office Monday through Thursday. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to: Trinity UM Church with a designation to SUPPORT FOR TRINITY FAMILIES.

THE WEEK AHEAD

UMW CIRCLE GROUPS:

“Deborah” – Monday, September 14th at 1:30 p.m. in the Jackson Building

TRINITY UM MEN will meet on Monday, September 14th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Deli at Pecan Square.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING – Tuesday, September 15th at 5:15 p.m. in the Jackson Building. **Anyone involved in our Nursery or Sunday School programs who has not previously completed this training should attend.** Others are welcome to join! Please call the church office to RSVP.

INVITATION TO PRAYER FOR PASTOR HAYDEN – Every Thursday at 8:45 a.m. by Zoom. This will be approximately 15 minutes devoted to prayer, asking God to strengthen Rev. Hayden’s body, grant him peace for each new day, give wisdom to those caring for him, and remind him that he is deeply loved by God and by the people he has faithfully served. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85731076162?pwd=Sr4yGWL3eslEPg2olhqloFvuGwSC4x.1>

ABC STUDY GROUP – Thursday, September 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR will rehearse every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We invite you to visit us and see if you might enjoy singing in our choir. Feel free to call Phyllis if you have any questions or comments at (410) 845-0212.

THE WEEKS AHEAD

UMW LUNCHEON – Tuesday, September 22nd at Noon in the Jackson Building.

PRAYER GROUP – Tuesday, September 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. in the church chapel.

CHRISTIAN LADIES BOOK CLUB – Wednesday, September 23rd, at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

TRUSTEES – Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Jackson Building.

AROUND TOWN

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY’S RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT & DONATIONS - Friday, September 18th at 5:00 p.m. at Winterplace Farm in Salisbury. Website at [Relay For Life of Wicomico County](#)

GOLD STAR FAMILIES - WWI families displayed a flag with a gold star to commemorate their soldiers who lost their lives to serve for freedom. Soldiers’ mothers founded American Gold Star Mothers to support grieving families and hospitalized veterans; illustrate the dignity, honor, and sacrifice of service persons; and continually recognize families’ losses with special remembrance on the last Sunday of September. Website at <https://www.army.mil/goldstar/>

BETHESDA UMC ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AND BAZAAR will be held on Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The festival will include a silent auction, raffles, cake walk, bake table, ice cream, oyster sandwiches, sweet potato biscuits, pies, canned goods and more.