

Trinity United Methodist Church

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

July 26, 2026 9:00 a.m. 9th Sunday After Pentecost

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE Little Prelude and Fugue#5 in G-Major J.S. Bach
 Prelude on “Hyfrydol” R. Pritchard

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L:We gather this morning to hear the teachings of Jesus.
C: We come with grateful hearts that He meets us where we are.
L: Jesus teaches us that small ordinary things have a place in the Kingdom of Heaven.
C: We come with grateful hearts that we might have understanding and application of His words for our lives.
ALL: Let us worship our Lord!

***OPENING PRAYER** *(In Unison)*

Gracious and loving God, we come together as a community of faith; seeking Your kingdom, seeking Your will for our lives. We come together acknowledging that sometimes we have settled for less. Help us to look at Your world to see the significance and to have respect for the things we sometimes see as small and insignificant. Give us the confidence to trust Your kingdom all around us and in the kingdom to come. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” No. 158

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”
⁶ Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.
⁷ “Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties.
⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number.
⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”
¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this.
¹¹ So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice,
¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 13:31-35

³¹ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.
³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”
³³ He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds^[a] of flour until it worked all through the dough.”
³⁴ Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable.
³⁵ So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.”

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 70

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 881

OFFERING

Head Usher: Let us join together and ask the Lord to bless the giving and receiving of our tithes and offerings. Let us pray:

Gracious God, we thank You for all the ways You bless us each day and for giving us the opportunity to worship You with our tithes and offerings. Help us to give cheerfully so that all may come to experience the grace of Your forgiveness and the promise of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

DUET	“Morning Has Broken”	E. Farjeon
	Herb McCoun, Tenor	
	David Lawson, Piano	

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 95

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** “Majesty, Worship His Majesty” No. 176

SERMON **“Ever Sought”** Rev. Marsha Carpenter

***HYMN OF INVITATION** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” No. 715

***BENEDICTION**

*POSTLUDE	Postlude on “Darwall”	H. Willan
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**Invitation to Stand*



Trinity Church

(A United Methodist Congregation)

Rev. Dr. Vaughan Hayden – Senior Pastor
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***Music Ministers: David Lawson & Phyllis Oldham
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWER BELL RINGER: Dr. Fran Tracy-Mumford

9:00 A.M. HEAD USHER: Dan Williams

9:00 A.M. USHERS: Dick and Margy Meeks, Maureen Williams, Bill Lankford

9:00 A.M. READER: Tammy Paxton

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9:00 A.M. NURSERY: Jane Kitzrow, Heather Porter

10:30 A.M. USHERS: Ruth Ann Savage and Jay Savage

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of Alfred Ball on what would have been his 91st birthday by his wife, Doris, and family.

THE PEDESTAL FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of Jack Nichols on his birthday, July 29th, by his wife, Bettie, and family.

TODAY AT TRINITY

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

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND ASSISTIVE LISTENING UNITS are available. Please see one of the ushers.

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

CAPTIONING AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES are available upon request. Please see one of the ushers for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will reconvene in September.

SALISBURY URBAN MINISTRIES (SUM) DONATIONS – Because of Pastor Hayden’s recent surgery, many folks have been asking about providing meals for Joseph and him. At this time, Pastor Hayden is requesting no food, but instead is requesting that food be given to Salisbury Urban Ministries. SUM’s July donation suggestion list is: Women’s soap and shampoo, individual snacks (Kid’s Café), new/used laptops for tutoring, Lance Crackers, and Spam/Vienna sausages. 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.

SUM FOOD DONATION UPDATE - Thank You, Trinity! You outdid yourself last Sunday in donations to the SUM Food Pantry in honor of Pastor Hayden. A total of 284 items, including non-perishable food, water, snacks, and hygiene items were donated. This was up from 21 items the previous week. “You Are The Best!”....



THE WEEK AHEAD

VITALITY TEAM MEETING – Monday, July 27th at 5:15 p.m. in the Jackson Memorial Building.

PRAYER GROUP – Tuesday, July 28th, at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel.

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/82797298490?pwd=rcGrABG4TfBwXPVa75ngxhEKNQAHFu.1>

THE WEEKS AHEAD

T-CAP – Monday, August 3rd at 5:15 p.m. in the Jackson Building.

ABC STUDY GROUP – Thursday, August 6th at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

UMW BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, August 11th, at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

DELMARVA SHOREBIRDS FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT! – Friday, August 14th at 7:05 p.m. at the Perdue Stadium. Tickets are \$15.00. Please call the church office to reserve a seat.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Tuesday, August 25th at 5:15 p.m. in the Jackson Building.

CHURCH COUNCIL – Tuesday, September 1st at 5:15 p.m. in the Jackson Building.

TRINITY UMC NURSERY ASSISTANT – Trinity is seeking a caring and dependable Nursery Assistant. The nursery serves infants through preschool-aged children, offering families peace of mind while they participate in worship. This position is paid at an hourly rate. Religious affiliation is not required; however, candidates should be comfortable working in a church environment and supporting a welcoming experience for children and families. A background check is required and will be paid for by the church. To learn more about this opportunity or to apply, please contact and submit a resumé to Trinity United Methodist Church at sue@trinityumcsalisbury.org

TRINITY’S FLOWER MINISTRY – Lori McCoun is looking for someone to assist her and eventually take over the Trinity flower ministry. It's a rewarding job where you can help with beautification of the church and speak with Trinity members monthly to confirm orders. Please contact the church office (410-749-5562) or Lori McCoun (410-251-2401) for more details.

PUZZLE LOVERS – Check out Trinity's new "puzzle swap" shelves! Located in the parlor on the left as you walk in the door. If you like a puzzle, take one, if you have one to share leave one. Enjoy! Contact Tracy Shannahan (410.422.8895) if you have any questions.

AROUND TOWN

MAC, INC. RESOURCES – Check the new partnership program with Salisbury Police Department to check on older adults’ well-being via a phone call. See numerous events and programs at [Home - MAC Inc](#)

SKIN CARE RESOURCES – Check out the visual and video resources about skin protection, “how to spot skin cancer”, and general skin care for adults and children from the American Academy of Dermatology website at [Skin, hair, and nail educational resources](#)