

Trinity United Methodist Church

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

October 11, 2026 9:00 a.m. 20th Sunday After Pentecost

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE	“Little Prelude and Fugue#6 in G-Minor”	J.S. Bach
	“Prelude on ‘St. Peter’”	H. Willan
	“A Prayer of St. Richard Of Chichester”	L.J. White

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 1
Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or walk on the path of sinners.
People: Our delight is in the law of the Lord, and on God's word we meditate day and night.
Leader: We are like trees planted by streams of water, ready to yield fruit in due season.
People: Our leaves do not wither, and in all we do with God, we are nourished.
Leader: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.
People: Let us worship the Lord, our life and our source.
All: Amen!

***OPENING PRAYER** *(In Unison)* (Based on Psalm 1)
Heavenly Father, Thank You for showing us the path to a blessed and flourishing life. Lord, we ask for Your grace to help us walk in Your truth. Keep our steps from following the advice of the ungodly, and guard our heart from sitting in the seat of cynicism or compromise. Instead, let our greatest delight be in Your Word. Give us a deep hunger to meditate on Your truth day and night. Plant us deeply like a tree by streams of living water, so that we do not wither in seasons of heat or trial, but instead yield fruit in Your perfect timing. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have chased the shifting trends of this world instead of resting in Your unchanging wisdom. Anchor our soul, and watch over our path, for You know the way of the righteous. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” No. 731

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR APPRECIATION RECOGNITION

*PASSING THE PEACE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE EPISTLE LESSON I Corinthians 13:1-13
1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.
2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.
3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.
4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.
9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part,
10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.
11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.
12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.
13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

***THE GOSPEL LESSON** The Parable of the Two Sons Matthew 21:28-32
28 “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’
29 “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.
30 “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.
31 “‘Which of the two did what his father wanted?’ “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.
32 For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

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.

OFFERTORY “Let All Things Now Living” arr. L.R. Lamb
Sounds of Praise

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

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” No. 358



SERMON Rev. Dr. Robert Harris

***HYMN OF INVITATION** “Trust and Obey” No. 467

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Toccata in A-Minor” J.P. Sweelinck

**Invitation to Stand*



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(A United Methodist Congregation)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWER BELL RINGER: Dick Robinson
9:00 A.M. HEAD USHER: Dan Williams
9:00 A.M. USHERS: Gil and Joyce Dunn, Dick Meeks, Maureen Williams
9:00 A.M. READER: Stephanie Willey
9:00 A.M. WORSHIP LEADER: Tammy Paxton
9:00 A.M. NURSERY: Claire Radford, Alaina Vickers
9:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER: Ed Glagola, Jenny Roser, Lisa Justice
10:30 A.M. USHERS: Alice Kilgore, Rhonda Evans
THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God in loving memory of the birthdays of James W. Betts and his mother, Ella Lee Betts, by their family, Linda Nelson and the Shannahan Family.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE – IMPORTANT! – Due to the absence of both of our Sunday School teachers on October 18th, Sunday School will be canceled. We would, however, like to have four (4) of our children help with the offering that day. It is Laity Sunday so this would be a wonderful time to start a new “tradition”. We would like to meet with the children after church TODAY for a brief time to show them how they will be helping ushers collect the offering.

THE COMBINED YOUTH GROUP is part of our Bethesda/Trinity Ministry Partnership. The youth group meets every Sunday from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Bethesda.

SUPPORT FOR OUR TRINITY FAMILIES – Many of our Haitian families have not been able to attend church or felt comfortable leaving their homes 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, we are asking for the following donations: toothpaste, deodorant, tampons, shampoo, toilet paper, diapers: size 2, 4 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

UNITED METHODIST MEN – Monday, October 12th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Deli at Pecan Square.

UMW CIRCLE GROUPS:

“Ruth” – Tuesday, October 13th at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Tuesday, October 13th, at 5:15 p.m. in the Jackson Building.

T-CAP – Tuesday, October 13th, at 5:15 p.m. in the church parlor.

CHURCH CONFERENCE – Wednesday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m. at Bethesda UMC. All are welcome to attend.

ABC STUDY GROUP – Thursday, October 15th, at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

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>
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

LAITY SUNDAY – October 18th

PRAYER GROUP – Tuesday, October 20th, at 2:00 p.m. in the church chapel.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Tuesday, October 20th, at 5:15 p.m. in the Jackson Building.

CHRISTIAN LADIES BOOK CLUB – Wednesday, October 28th, at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

TRUNK OR TREAT – Trinity TCAP is once again hosting Trunk or Treat for our faith-based partner school, Choices, on Thursday, October 29th. We would appreciate any candy, snack packs or individually wrapped treats for the students. Please leave these items in the back of the sanctuary or the church office by Monday, October 26th. If you would like to join our fun or have any questions, contact Barb Dix (410) 430-1970.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – November 1st at both worship services.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS – Sunday, November 1st.

CHURCH COUNCIL – Tuesday, November 3rd at 5:15 p.m. in the Jackson Building.

TRINITY THREADS OF LOVE will be meeting the 2nd Monday of each month, beginning on November 9th, in the church parlor from 10:00-11:30 a.m. This group will be hand sewing blankets, hats, scarves, and prayer shawls to bless those who may be facing illness, grief, loneliness, etc. For more information, please call Ginny Riffle at (208) 420-8600 or Cindy Lawson at (443) 235-5844.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING – Thursday, November 12th at 9:30 a.m. in the back of the sanctuary.

SALISBURY URBAN MINISTRIES – Please continue to support the needy of the community through your donations of non-perishable food, snacks and hygiene supplies. Donations can be placed in the container at the church or donated directly to SUM.

AROUND TOWN

WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN ANNUAL WALK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS will be on Saturday, October 24th from 9:30am to 12:30pm at The Centre. Obtain information at (410) 548-7880 or website at [Annual Walk for Awareness/Women SupportingWomen](#).