

This week's liturgical color is green which symbolizes our time for growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ. This season which is known as "ordinary time" starts after Pentecost and ends at the Christmas season.

Prelude: The Church in the Wildwood arranged by Sharon Wilson

Lighting of the Candles

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

Call to Worship

When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:
Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled;
Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.

And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad;
Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.

Thank you all; thank you, God.

Announcements, Highlights from our last Board Meeting, and a letter from Dr. Rev. Don Scott (*noted within the bulletin)

A Time for Prayer:

Scripture on Trust: Proverbs 3:5-6 (CEB)

⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart;
don't rely on your own intelligence.

⁶Know him in all your paths,
and he will keep your ways straight.

Congregational Prayer

Father,

Bless us, most loving provident God,
may this coming home be a re-creation and experience of hospitality and hope.

May all who enter this home, may all who walk through these doors, know and feel your love and presence.

Keeping watch on our going out and our coming in,
no one is a stranger, all are guests; no one is an alien, and all are your children.

May the life celebrated in each room in this house of prayer
give delight and honor and reverence to you.

In Jesus Name we pray,
AMEN

Opening Hymn: Every Time I Feel the Spirit **No. 404**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 71:1-6 (CEB)

¹I've taken refuge in you, LORD.
Don't let me ever be put to shame!
²Deliver me and rescue me by your righteousness!
Bend your ear toward me and save me!
³Be my rock of refuge
where I can always escape.
You commanded that my life be saved
because you are my rock and fortress.
⁴My God, rescue me from the power of the wicked;
rescue me from the grip of the wrongdoer and the oppressor
⁵because you are my hope, Lord.
You, LORD, are the one I've trusted since childhood.
⁶I've depended on you from birth—
you cut the cord when I came from my mother's womb.
My praise is always about you.

This is the word of God for the people of God,
Thanks be to GOD!

Gloria Patri **No. 70**

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
A-men. A-men.

Children's Moment: Let by Beth Hagan

At this time, children can come forward or you can bring your child to the front pew to hear and participate in the children's reflection.

Testimony about the Lord's grace in the life of our church: Dr. Marshal Sherles

The Presentation of Tithes and Offering
(Thank you for your generosity!)

Ushers: Men's Team (Spencer Q., Phil R., John H., Dennis A.)

In everything I have shown you that, by working hard, we must help the weak. In this way we remember the Lord Jesus' words: "It is more blessed to give than receive." (Acts 20:35)

Offertory Prayer:

God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life
may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Offertory Music: In the Garden arranged by Greg Howlett

Doxology: **No. 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above the Heavenly Host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

A dedication to our loved ones by the Trinity UMC Memorial Committee

Special Song: Lord's Prayer performed by Paula Barton and Janet Tate

Anthem: Old Time Religion Medley

Sermon: "Are You Still Being Faithful?" Matthew 17:14-20
Guest Speaker: Rev. Terry Goodman

Response to the Word: A Modern Affirmation **No. 885**

Closing Hymn: When We All Get To Heaven **No. 701**

Benediction

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another. AMEN!

Postlude: Victory in Jesus arranged by Glenda Austin

Sending Forth/Extinguishing of the Candles: At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. The acolyte leaves the worship service at the pastor's direction, carrying our the lighted candlelighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

Announcements

Adult Sunday School is on Sunday at 10 am.

Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7 pm.

Flooding Response—We thank you and our friends from the Valley Fire Department for donating supplies to help our neighbors in Kentucky who are suffering from the recent flood. Dennis Ashley drove a trailer full of supplies to the Jenkins Kentucky Fire Department.

Trinity UMC Security Team—The Trinity UMC Security Team is being established. We thank you for your prayers and support!

Homecoming 2022—Today, we will hear a message from Rev. Terry Goodman who currently serves as Conference Secretary/Director of Clergy Services in Alcoa, TN. As most of you know, Terry served as pastor here at Trinity UMC. Also, Dr. Marshal Sherles will be sharing his testimony with us about how God began a work in his life while attending Trinity UMC as a child. Marshal and his wife, Lynn, are founders of King's Chalice Ministries. During the service, we will have a time to remember the saints connected to our church who have joined the church triumphant. After our event-filled service, we will have a wonderful fellowship meal organized by Kathleen Gillespie.

Baptism of Luke Andrew Hagan—Please come and show your support on Sunday, August 28th to celebrate and honor the baptism of Luke Andrew Hagan. Like is the son of Morgan and Jessee of Fall Branch, Tennessee. The baptism will take place during the worship service.

Pastor's Vacation—Tim will be on vacation from Friday, September 2nd through Tuesday, September 6th. If you have an emergency, please contact either church lay leaders Kim Parsons or Rob Moore.

Praise, Worship, and Singing Service—On Sunday, September 4th, we will have a special praise service led by our Music Director Richard Galyean. This will be a high-powered service that you will not want to miss. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and family members to worship with us.

Administrative Board Meeting—Our next meeting is Sunday, September 11th, immediately following the worship service.

United Methodist Men—The next gathering is Monday, September 12th at 6 pm.

Highlights from our last Board Meeting

- Due to membership growth and the lack of funding for the Union Middle School Band, the program needed funding to purchase school issued instruments. Trinity UMC's board voted and approved to donate \$1,000 to the Union Middle School Band program. With this money, a flute, clarinet, trumpet, and a trombone will be purchased and issued to students.
- The Board continues to consider and reason if purchasing the former district parsonage (adjacent to our current parsonage) is in the church's interest or not.
- Pastor Tim discussed the need for the security team to have a budget line item for security practices and needs such as equipment beginning January 2023.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Help us thank Donnie Ratliff for photographing our homecoming event today. His gifts and talents are greatly appreciated since he will capture special moments that our church family, friends, and family members will be able to enjoy for many years to come.

Mailing Addresses of our long distant friends and members:

- Bill and Judy Cole
100A Varne Circle
Farmville, VA 23901
- Sandra Marshall
547 Callaway Court
Chattanooga, TN 37421

***Children's Moment for the month of August**
28th—Patty Robbins

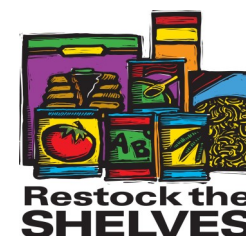
***Offering Stewards for August 2022**
28th—Amy G., Lana P., Susie W., and Joyce P.

***Communion Stewards for Sunday September 11, 2022**
Diane B., Amy G., Patty R., and Angie T.

UPS Back Pack Program

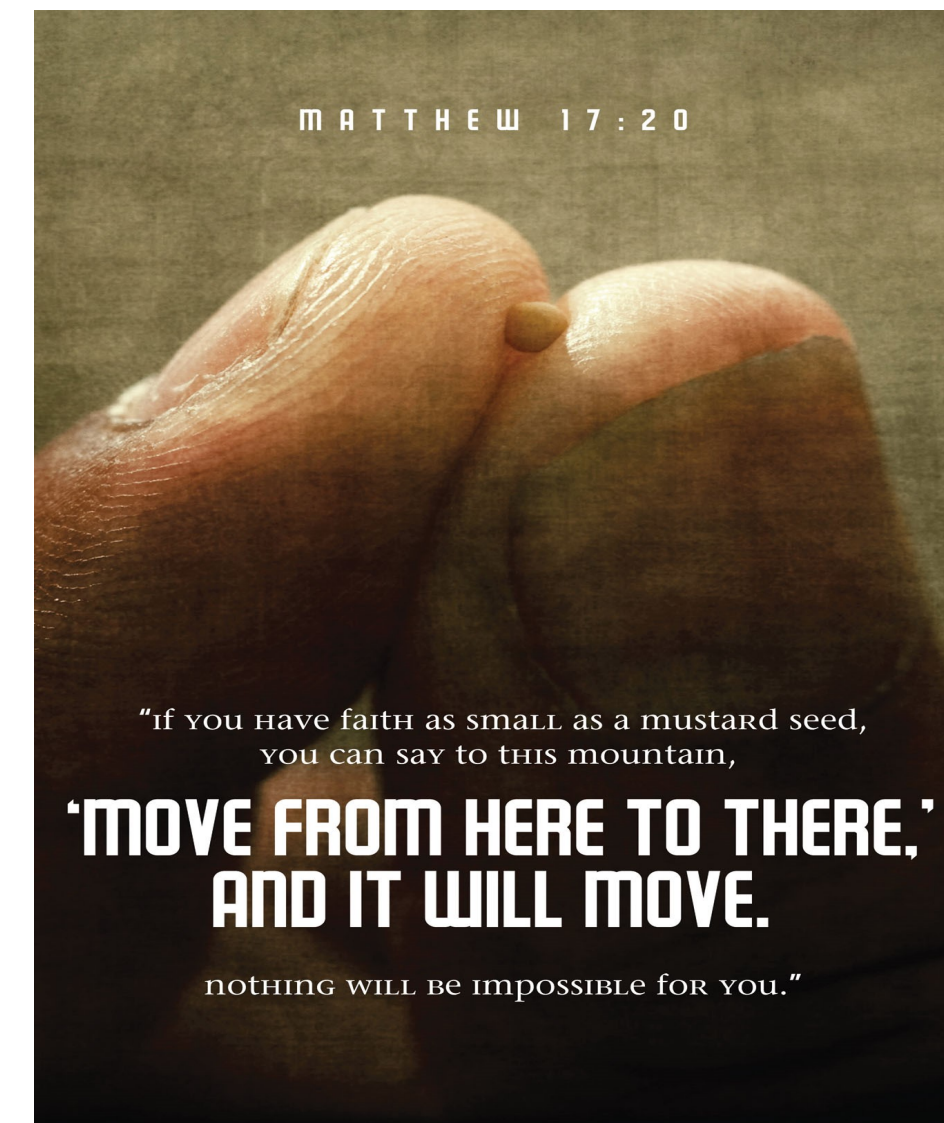
Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of August the requested item is Soup.

The requested flavors are Chicken Noodle or Tomato. Please make sure that the cans have the pop top lids.



August 21, 2022

CHURCH HOMEcoming



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