

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God loves you and so do we! Due to the increased number of cases of the COVID-19 Delta variant, we ask that both vaccinated and unvaccinated attendees wear a mask during worship services. If you do not have a mask, we have masks available for you in the narthex. The Church Council is monitoring this situation closely and will inform you of any changes in the future. We appreciate your willingness to provide a safe worship environment for all during this challenging season that we are living in.

Prelude: Cornerstone by Hillsong Worship

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome

Announcements

Prayer: Psalm of the Woodlands

As a tree in the forest becomes tall reaching for the light
may we grow above the shadows of sin, fear, and doubt.

**As it gives shelter and shade to its friend of fur and feather,
so may we help those brothers and sisters
who are smaller and weaker than ourselves.**

The tree sends down roots deep into the soil
that it may be nourished by mother earth.

**May we be firmly grounded by the love of Christ
and sustained by his grace.**

If a tree falls and decays, it provides nourishment for new plants
and gives its place in the sun for others.

Our Lord and Savior died to make a new life and new place for us.

When a tree in the forest is cut down,
its wood is used for shelter and fuel.

**Jesus taught that only when life is surrendered,
when love is poured out,
can we build his kingdom and reflect the warmth of His Spirit. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Mark 10: 35-45 (NRSV)

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to

him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to them, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it have been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their ruler lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Gloria Patri **No. 70**

Opening Hymn: Standing on the Promises **No. 374**

Choral Anthem: For the Beauty of the Earth

Sermon: "God's Handiwork is Fantastic" Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c

Response to the Word: Apostles Creed **No. 881**

Musical Interlude: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, Arranged by David Nevue

Closing Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee **No. 89**

Offertory: Luke 6:38 (NRSV)

"...give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Benediction

Postlude: Rock-A-My Soul, Arranged by Glenda Austin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next Church Council meeting is today after the worship service.

There will be a short SPPR Committee meeting immediately after the worship service. If you have any questions, please ask Dana Barlow.

Adult Sunday School is at 10 am.

Book Study will be in the Fellowship Hall on Monday at 6 pm. The book is "Live Like Jesus" by Putty Putnam.

Apprentice Book Study will be Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study will be in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday at 1 pm.

Choir practice will be on Wednesday at 7 pm. The choir has started to prepare for the Christmas Cantata.

Please help me thank Christy Smith for leading a productive youth meeting. Lord's will, we will be attending Resurrection in January 2022 and we will be starting our Youth Group at the church again soon. To kickoff and to celebrate the rebirth of our youth group, we are planning an evening of praise and worship on Sunday, November 14th at 6 pm. We will have musicians and singers from our church and community to join us on this day. During the service, we will be receiving a love offering which will go to our youth budget for further endeavors. All are welcome to attend.

Virtual Charge Conference has been changed from Sunday, October 31st to Sunday, November 7th at 3 pm. If you want to participate, you can join us in the church fellowship hall.

Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, October 31st from 5-8 pm. If you want to participate, please be setup by 4:30 pm. We ask that if you choose to decorate your trunk that you do in a fall theme. If you would prefer to donate candy it can be dropped off at the Church Office.

Holston Home for Children

Sam's dad has been in and out of prison his whole life. During his time at Holston Home for Children, Sam struggled with the decision to give his life to Christ. After several days of experiencing the love and support of his teachers, staff, and classmates, Sam finally decided to follow Jesus. As part of Sam's new family, please consider giving to Holston Home and the many other children that will meet Jesus because of your generosity.

The Trinity Companion Sunday October 17, 2021



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Worship begins at 11:00 am

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