

Trinity United Methodist Church



The Story of Joseph, Biagio d'Antonio
Tempera on wood, Italian, ca. 1482

“He sent a man before them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.”

Psalms 105:17

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8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to Trinity Church! We are grateful you are here. We'd appreciate it if you would complete the registration pad and pass it down. For those worshipping in the Chapel today, please complete an attendance card. Remember to name each family member present today.
Please join us in our Fellowship Lobby following each service for delicious food and a chance for us to get to know one another!

PRELUDE

Just a Closer Walk with Thee (arr. Frackenhohl)

David Case, Trombone

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Genesis 28, Psalm 139

God knows us better than we know ourselves.

Even in the darkest places, the light of God's love is there.

There is nowhere we can flee from God's presence.

In the heavens and in the depths, the Holy One abides with us.

We are God's children, serving the Lord from generation to generation.

God is the one who keeps promises and who provides for us wherever we go.

How awesome is this place!

This is God's house and the gateway to the heavens.

* GATHERING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

UMH 117

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

A thousand ages, in thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.

Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, you see the whole story while we see only a single moment. Too often we trust our own understanding more than your wisdom.

Forgive us, O God, when fear speaks louder than faith and when we lose sight of your faithful presence.

We confess that we are quick to judge people and situations by what is immediately visible. We forget that you are still at work, even when we cannot yet see it.

Forgive us for placing our confidence in appearances instead of your promises. Teach us to see with the eyes of faith.

Restore our trust in your unfailing love. Give us patience to wait upon you, courage to follow where you lead, and hope to believe that you are making all things new.

By your grace, renew our hearts and shape our lives, so that we may walk faithfully with Christ each day. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Emily Summers

ANTHEM

We Walk by Faith (Alford)
How Can I Keep from Singing? (Lowry)

Philip Keirstead (8:30)
Chancel Choir (10:30)

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Charles Boykin (8:30)
Jamie Loving (10:30)

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt.

Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed.

When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

This is the Word of God, for us, the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Things Seen Later

Taehwan Roh

* HYMN

O Worship the King (verses 1, 4,5)

UMH 73

**O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

**Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

COMMUNION (8:30)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our prayer will conclude with:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING *Our offering is received as we pass the plates, but you may also give online at
<http://umtrinity.org/give> or through our app.*

Doxology

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* CLOSING HYMN

Standing on the Promises

UMH 374

**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

**Refrain:
Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Blue Bells of Scotland (Pryor)

David Case, Trombone

**congregation invited to stand*

Grow — Pray — Study



Our weekly devotional is available at <https://bit.ly/TrinityGPS>



Monday, August 10 — 1 Samuel 16:1–13

When Samuel looked at Jesse's sons, he naturally assumed the strongest and most impressive would become Israel's next king. Yet God reminded Samuel, "The Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." God's purposes often unfold in ways that surprise human expectations. Our lives are often shaped by what we can immediately see—success or failure, opportunity or disappointment. Yet faith invites us to trust that God is always at work beyond what is visible. Even when we cannot understand the whole story, God continues preparing a future that reflects God's wisdom rather than our limited perspective.

- Where might I be judging a situation only by what I can currently see?
- How is God inviting me to trust God's perspective more than my own?
- **Prayer:** Sovereign God, teach me to see my life through the eyes of faith rather than fear. Help me trust that your purposes are greater than what I can presently understand. Amen.

Tuesday, August 11 — James 2:1–9

James warns believers against showing favoritism because partiality contradicts the heart of the gospel. Every person carries equal worth before God, regardless of appearance, position, or social standing. God's Kingdom continually challenges the ways we classify and value one another.

It is easy to form opinions based on first impressions, past experiences, or labels others have received. Christ calls us to look deeper. When we begin seeing others through God's grace rather than our assumptions, our relationships become places where mercy replaces judgment and compassion overcomes prejudice.

- Is there someone I have been too quick to judge?
- How can I honor the dignity God has given every person today?
- **Prayer:** God of mercy, remove every trace of favoritism from my heart. Teach me to love others with the same grace you have shown me. Amen.

Wednesday, August 12 — Luke 24:13–35

The disciples on the road to Emmaus believed their story had ended in disappointment. They could not recognize that the risen Christ was already walking beside them. Only later, as they looked back, did they understand how God had been present all along.

There are moments when our own lives feel unfinished or confusing. We may wonder where God is or why certain events have unfolded as they have. Yet the Emmaus story reminds us that God's presence is not dependent on our ability to recognize it. Often we understand God's faithfulness only after we have continued walking in faith.

- Where do I need to trust that Christ is walking beside me even if I cannot yet see it?
- How has looking back helped me recognize God's presence in my own journey?
- **Prayer:** Risen Christ, open my eyes to your presence in both ordinary and uncertain moments. Give me faith to keep walking with you each day. Amen.

Thursday, August 13 — Romans 8:28–39

Paul does not promise that every experience will be easy or enjoyable. Instead, he proclaims that God is able to work through every circumstance for God's redemptive purpose. Nothing—not hardship, failure, suffering, nor uncertainty—can separate us from the love of God revealed in Christ.

Hope is rooted not in favorable circumstances but in God's unwavering character. When life feels uncertain, we remember that God's faithfulness is greater than our confusion, and God's love remains constant through every season.

- What situation do I need to entrust more fully to God's hands?
- How does God's unchanging love strengthen my hope today?
- **Prayer:** Faithful God, thank you for remaining with me through every season of life. Help me trust your love even when I cannot yet understand your plans. Amen.

Friday, August 14 — Hebrews 11:1–16

The people remembered in Hebrews 11 did not see the fulfillment of every promise during their lifetimes. They continued moving forward because they trusted the God who had called them. Their confidence rested not in certainty about the future but in confidence about God's faithfulness.

Faith continues to call us beyond what is immediately visible. We may not know how every chapter of our story will unfold, but we know the One who is writing it. Trusting God means taking the next faithful step, even when the destination remains unseen.

- Where is God asking me to take one faithful step today?
- What promise of God gives me courage to continue moving forward?
- **Prayer:** God of hope, strengthen my faith to trust you beyond what I can see. Help me walk faithfully wherever you lead. Amen.

Saturday, August 15 — Revelation 21:1–5

Near the end of Scripture, John is given a vision of God's future where sorrow, death, and pain no longer have the final word. God declares, "See, I am making all things new." The biblical story begins with creation and moves toward new creation, reminding us that God is always bringing redemption out of brokenness.

As we finish this week, we remember that our present circumstances are not the end of the story. God's work is still unfolding, and the hope we have in Christ allows us to live with confidence even in unfinished seasons. We move into a new week trusting that the God who is making all things new is also renewing us day by day.

- How does God's promise of renewal shape the way I face today's challenges?
- Where do I see signs of God's new creation already at work in my life?
- **Prayer:** God of new beginnings, thank you for your promise to make all things new. Renew my heart, strengthen my hope, and help me live each day with confidence in your faithfulness. Amen.

Today at Trinity

Chancel Choir, 10 a.m.

The Chancel Choir meets each Sunday at 10 a.m. to prepare to lead worship at 10:30 a.m. New singers are always welcome! If you'd like to know more about Trinity's music ministry, please contact Jerry Rich, jrich@potomacschool.org.

Children's Worship, 10:40 a.m. (ages 4 - 6th grade)
Children's Worship takes place following the Children's Message in our Fellowship Building (across the Breezeway).

Iglesia de Diós Worship, 6 p.m.

This Week

Wednesday, 9 a.m.: Prayer Group

Join our weekly Zoom Prayer Group as we lift up the needs of our church, community, and world. For details, talk with a pastor or call 703-356-3312.

Saturday, 6 p.m.: Iglesia de Diós

Coming Up

Aug. 15: Christ House Meal Mission

Christ House is a residential medical facility for homeless men located in the Adams Morgan area of Washington, DC. We prepare and serve lunch on the third Saturday of every month. Contact Connie Jeremiah for more information, dcjeremiah@verizon.net or 703-307-4635.

Aug. 15: *The Spire* newsletter deadline

Aug. 23: Blessing of the Backpacks

Aug. 26: Wednesday Night Suppers

Children's Choir returns! Look for more details to come.



Aug. 30: Lay Readers Potluck Lunch, 12 p.m.

Sept. 6: Martha's Table Snack Packaging

Following both worship services, we will gather in the Fellowship Lobby to make bags of trail mix for weekday distribution by Martha's Table in Washington, D.C. The snack bag assembly line is fun and also makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of people in our community. All supplies provided!



This Week's Bulletin Artwork

The Story of Joseph in Two Renaissance Paintings

This week's bulletin artwork combines **two Renaissance paintings** that portray the life of Joseph. Rather than illustrating a single event, these artists tell Joseph's story by weaving together several moments from his life within a single painting, inviting us to see his journey as one complete story.

First Painting (Top)

- **Middle left:** Joseph sets out to find his brothers at his father's request (Genesis 37:13–17).
- **Upper left, seen through the arcade:** Joseph finds his brothers, who begin plotting against him (Genesis 37:18–24).
- **Far upper left:** Joseph is thrown into the pit before being sold into slavery (Genesis 37:24–28).
- **Center:** Pharaoh sits with his officials, troubled by the dreams he cannot understand (Genesis 41:1–8).
- **Left of center:** Joseph is brought before Pharaoh and interprets the dreams (Genesis 41:14–36).
- **Right side:** Joseph's brothers journey to Egypt during the famine to buy grain, beginning the events that will eventually lead to reconciliation (Genesis 42).

Second Painting (Bottom)

- **Lower left:** Joseph is reunited with his father Jacob and welcomes his family into Egypt (Genesis 46).
- **Upper left:** Joseph's brothers stand before him in Egypt during the famine, not yet recognizing him (Genesis 42–43).
- **Center:** Joseph is honored as ruler over Egypt after Pharaoh appoints him to oversee the land (Genesis 41:39–44).
- **Upper center:** Joseph reveals his identity to his brothers, and the family is reconciled (Genesis 45).
- **Center right:** Pharaoh recounts his dreams, and Joseph interprets them before the royal court (Genesis 41).
- **Far right:** Joseph's family is settled in Egypt, completing the long journey that began with betrayal (Genesis 46).

Together these paintings invite us to see Joseph's entire story at once. What Joseph experienced one chapter at a time, the artist allows us to see as a complete story. In much the same way, **Psalms 105** looks back on Joseph's life and recognizes God's faithful presence throughout the entire journey. We often see only one chapter of our lives, but God sees the whole story.

About Our Ministries

Nursery

The **Nursery** is staffed during both our Sunday worship services for children 3 years old and under. Our nursery is located in the Fellowship Building; simply speak to an usher and they will provide assistance.

Children's Worship Folders

Folders are available during worship services and are categorized by age and reading ability. Please return your folder to the "used bin" so it can be replenished.

Fellowship: Getting Connected

You are invited to meet friends and neighbors after each of our worship services! Join us in the Fellowship Lobby across the breezeway. Each week ministry teams are assigned to host our refreshments.

Trinity Preschool of McLean

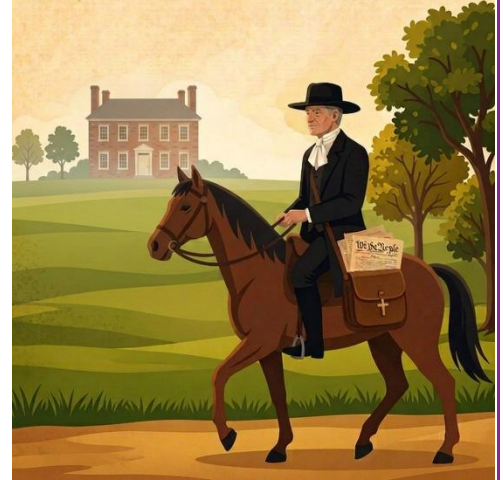
TPoM welcomes all students ages 2-6. Please visit umtrinity.org/preschool to learn more about this vibrant ministry or to schedule a tour for your child.

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed each Sunday to greet people, answer questions and hand out bulletins. Use the QR code below to volunteer for this essential ministry of hospitality or speak to one of the pastors.

Did You Know?

When British forces invaded Washington during the War of 1812, they sacked and burned the US Capitol and the White House among other federal buildings. Whenever possible, the invading army destroyed or looted government documents - but the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights were *not among them*. These vital documents were spirited out of the city to Virginia, and briefly hidden in a gristmill before being transferred to a Methodist minister named John Littlejohn. An itinerant preacher since 1776, Rev. Littlejohn was also Justice and Sheriff of Loudoun County, and hid America's greatest treasures of all in the basement vault of an abandoned house in Leesburg, where they remained until their return to Washington was deemed safe. Believe it...or not!



Quick Links

Scan QR code with your phone's camera & click the link. This page currently includes:

- Prayer Requests
- Children & Youth ministry registration
- Christ House wish list
- Ushers sign-up



Our Prayer Ministry

Trinity Church is grateful to receive any request for intercessory prayer. Each Wednesday, our Prayer Group meets at 9 a.m. to lift up these submissions as well as on-going needs. Those willing to pray with us are both welcomed and invited! Please speak to one of our pastors if you would like to know more.

Prayer requests can be submitted by scanning the QR code on the left with your phone's camera and clicking the link, or you may fill out a prayer card and place it in the offering plate.

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Worship is in-person and livestreamed on Sundays from our Chapel at 8:30 a.m. and from our Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. on YouTube: youtube.com/UMTrinity. If you're not yet receiving our Friday weekly events e-mail, please send us your address at info@umtrinity.org.