

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2024

Prelude Christopher A. McCroskey
(As the Prelude begins, prayerfully prepare your hearts and minds for worship.)

Greetings, Announcements & Prayer

*Call To Worship
Seek the Lord.
The Good Shepherd will lead us!
Surrender to God's will.
Our God of love will heal us!
Pray to the Lord, our God,
for we shall go out in joy,
and be lead by God to peace!

*Opening Hymn "Great Is the Lord" TFWS 2022

*Opening Prayer
God of love,
We are often fearful. We are often in pain. Some days, our bodies ache. Other days, our spirits are low and our horizons bleak and dull. Turn our suffering to joy and our worry to the peace that only you can give. Fill us with the courage to love and the strength of conviction that leads to bold faith and complete trust in your grace. Make us your people, for we pray in the name of the One who is The Gate and the Good Shepherd, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" 881

*Gloria Patri 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. Amen. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 55:6-12 Page 650 (O.T.)
*Psalter Psalm 13 746

Passing of the Peace: *Let us greet one another with words of love and peace.*

Anthem Choir

"Let the Children Come!"
(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children's Church.)

Scripture Lesson Revelation 21:1-12a Page 249 (N.T.)

Sermon *The Problem of Pain* Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

*Hymn of Invitation "Stand By Me" vs. 1-3 512

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

**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 and ever. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
Offertory Christopher A. McCroskey
*Doxology 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Victory in Jesus" 370

*Dismissal With Benediction
*Benediction Response "May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You" Choir

*Please Stand As You Are Able

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Darlene L. Kelley AV Director: Marie Stiles
Music Director: Christopher A. McCroskey AV Assistant: Chris Derrick
Liturgist: Tom Geddens Time Together: Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor's tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

Today's Lovely Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...

English Pearcy Patsy Zeigler Charlie Hooker Kaye Floyd Ruth Frady
Patsy Shuler John Ballentine Jimmy Grahl Latson Lewis Becky Derrick

Shut-Ins: Esther Carter; Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor

Family and Friends: **Bobby Johnson** (friend of Billy Pearson); **Rev. Donna Eidson** (former pastor of Trinity); **Ima Thibodeaux** (friend of Christopher McCroskey); **Keith Jordan** (nephew of John & Kay Jordan); **Deanne Summer** (partner of Martha Cooke); **Kelsey Molotsky** (granddaughter of friend of Bob Strickland); **Meg Sansbury**; **Mary Perry** (friend of Marty Johnson); **Chantel & Dave Griffin** (sister and brother-in-law of Erin Derrick); **Malcolm Skipper** (grandfather of Matthew Skipper); **Bryan Collard** (brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis); **Charlyn McNeill, Michael McNeill** (sister & brother of Mary Sue Lewis); **Lawrence Gilbert** (friend of Becky Derrick); **Bob Bohnstengel** (spouse of Jo Ann Heiting's cousin); **Missy Abrams** (stepdaughter of Lissa Abrams); **Mary Davis** (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); **Sandra Hornsby, Gloria Erd** (friends of Lynn Martin); **Pearl Geddens** (mother of Tom Geddens); **Ross Deal** (grandson of Mary Kamoroff); **Nancy Wilson** (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); **David Turner** (brother of Pam Turner); **Ernie & Betsey Hendrix, Chip Mixon** (friends of Tommy Gleaton); **Ron & Janet Walker** (friends of Tommy & Chris Gleaton); **Merit Takach** (friend of Joyce and Brent Robinson); **James Boggs** (father of Claire Boggs); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **David Grandshaw** (brother-in-law of Edwa Meek); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Gary Becton** (friend of Mark Branham); **Florence Lee Carter, Monnie Tiller** (friends of Chris Derrick); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (cousins of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Walt & Janet Beck** (friends of Jo Ann Heiting); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com.

OUR PRESENCE ...

In-Person Attendance 08/11 SS: 10 Worship: 45

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 08/11 \$ 1,018.54

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS."

Upcoming Events

08/23 Office Closed

Sermon Sources

C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*, 1940

Harold S. Kushner, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, 1981

Richard Rohr, *Job And The Mystery of Suffering*, 1996

Charles Hartshorne, *Omnipotence and Other Theological Mistakes*, 1984.

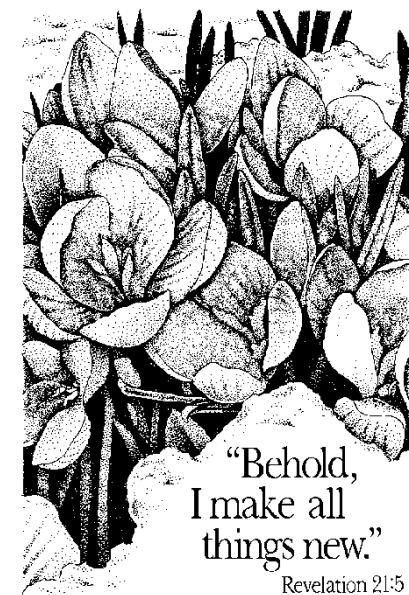


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Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



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Sunday, August 25

Taste of Trinity, our church-wide covered dish luncheon, will be held on **Sunday, August 25**. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to share great food and fellowship!

Please Note: The Ministry Team will meet immediately following Taste of Trinity.



Worship and Break Bread with USC

We have an exciting opportunity to support the students at USC in September, and we need your help. As part of our mission to reach out to our community and extend our love and fellowship, we will offer the evening meal and worship with the students at the Methodist Student's Network on Sunday, September 1st. Then the students will come to worship with us at Trinity on September 8th, and we'll feed the students lunch after worship. (College students love a "home cooked" meal!)

This is a wonderful chance for us to share God's love and build meaningful connections with the next generation and with the Methodist Network at USC. Your involvement will help provide nourishment body and soul as these students start their academic year. Let's come together and make this connection a great success. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to serve.

Let Jackie or Pastor Kelley know if you can pitch in and if you are available to go to USC on September 1st. and/or you can help provide a dish on September 8th. On September 1st, we can take the bus if we are in need of transportation.



**Communion and Healing Service
Sunday, September 1st**

We are pleased to announce a special Healing and Communion Service during worship on Sunday, September 1st at 11:00 a.m. Please join us for worship as we come together in prayer and fellowship, seeking the healing power of God in our lives.

During this service, we will celebrate with communion, and there will be an opportunity for individual prayer and anointing. Whether you are seeking grace for yourself or want to stand in prayer for a loved one, we invite you to experience the comfort and renewal that comes through God's love. Please join us to give God praise and to ask for God's grace to smooth out our rough edges and ease our pain.

All are welcome to join us, and this may be an excellent opportunity to invite any and all the folks you know who may need a little extra prayer and grace in their lives.

Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. James 5:14-16

T.a.G. Group

The T.a.G. Group will resume on Wednesday, September 4, at 7 p.m.

Exercise Class

The Exercise Class will resume on Thursday, September 5.