

# *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 1, 2024

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

Greetings, Announcements & Prayer

\*Call to Worship  
God hears our prayers.  
**God hears our sighs, our cries, our whispers.**

Jesus knows our hunger and our thirst.  
**Jesus knows our fear and our loneliness.**

The crowds gather and the people cry out,  
**“Heal us, Jesus! Hear our prayers!”**

\*Opening Hymn “Come and Find the Quiet Center” TFWS 2128

\*Opening Prayer  
**God of love,**  
**As we gather this morning, help us to surrender our hearts and minds to you that we might know your will and follow your ways. Forgive us for the times this week that we forgot to love, forgot to be grateful, forgot to praise your name. Forgive us for our many complaints in the midst of plenty; fill us with gratitude and compassion, for we pray in the name of the One who heals the world, 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.**

\*Litany of Healing Insert

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

“Let the Children Come!”  
*(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children’s Church.)*

Anthem Choir

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 41:8-10 Page 635 (O.T.)  
James 5:13-16 Pages 220-221 (N.T.)

Homily Rest and Healing Rev. Darlene L. Kelley

\*Hymn of Invitation “There Is a Balm in Gilead” 375

Prayer of Confession 890

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. 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**

Celebration of Healing and Holy Communion Insert

\*Closing Hymn “All Who Hunger” TFWS 2126

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response “May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You” Choir & Congregation

\*Please Stand As You Are Able

## *Leading in Worship Today*

Pastor: Darlene L. Kelley Time Together: Jack Stevens; Pam Turner  
Music Director: Christopher A. McCroskey AV Director: Marie Stiles  
Liturgist: Tom Geddens AV Assistant: Chris Derrick

**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 and in loving memory of **Carolyn Hardee** on her birthday today, by **Lynn Martin and family.**

**“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    Jimmy Grahl    Latson Lewis    Becky Derrick

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

**Family and Friends:** *Lynne Powell (friend of the Ballentines and Branhams); 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); Robert Bradley (Business Associate of Simon Ross); 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](mailto:trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com).

**OUR PRESENCE ...**

Attendance 08/25 SS: 12    Worship: 42

**OUR GIFTS ...**

General Fund 08/25 \$ 7,941.67

**OUR SERVICE...**

**OUR WITNESS.”**

**Upcoming Events**

**TODAY** Worship and Meal at MSN USC, 6 p.m.

(Meet in Gunter Circle Parking Lot at 5:15 p.m.)

**09/02** Labor Day

Office Closed

**09/04** Choir Resumes, 6 p.m.

T.a.G. Resumes, 7 p.m.

**09/05** Exercise Class Resumes, 10:30 a.m.

**09/06** Office Closed



**Ministers**

**Pastor**

**Resident Bishop**

**District Superintendent**

**The Congregation**

**Darlene L. Kelley**

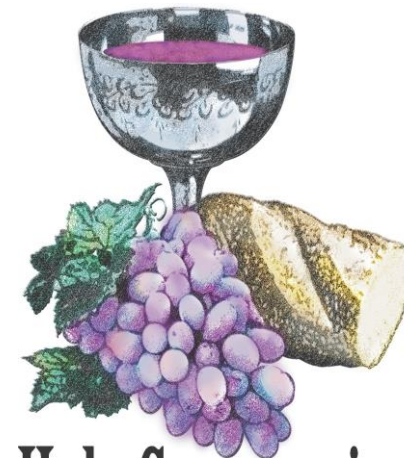
**Jonathan Holston**

**Rev. Fran M. Elrod**

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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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### **Worship and Break Bread with USC**

We have an exciting opportunity to support the students at USC this month, 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 **this evening**. We have most of the meal covered, but **we still need bread and desserts**. We will meet in the Gunter Circle parking lot at 5:15 p.m. and leave at 5:30 p.m. If we have enough people participating, we will take the bus.

The students will come to worship with us at Trinity on September 8th, and we'll feed them lunch after worship. (College students love a "home cooked" meal!) Let Jackie or Pastor Kelley know if you can pitch in and help provide a dish on September 8.

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.

### **Epworth Annual Work Day Offering Next Sunday, September 8**

Next Sunday is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades to when Methodists were challenged to "Give a Day's Pay" to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them, and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who are served by Epworth. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, please visit [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).



The Choir will resume their Wednesday night practice on Wednesday, September 4, at 6 p.m.

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

The Exercise Class will resume on Thursday, September 5, at 10:30 a.m. and will continue to meet every Monday and Thursday.



### **Grieving with God Tuesday, September 10**

All who are on the journey of grief are invited to join us each second Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Conference Room of the church. We are using the book "Good Grief" by Granger E. Westberg. Copies are available each session and in the church office. Retired Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain from Richland Hospital, Jerry Fonte, facilitates discussion.



### **Saturday, September 21 9:30 a.m.**

The Trinity Ladies Group will meet at Lizard's Thicket on Hwy 1 at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 21. They will be meeting on the third Saturday of each month. For October and November, they will again meet at Lizard's Thicket on Hwy 1.

Contact Marie Stiles at (803) 463-9706 if you are interested in being added to the group email and text for notification.



## Litany of Healing

God of grace, you nurture us with a love deeper than we know and your will for us is healing and salvation. **We praise you and thank you, O God.**

God of love, you enter into our lives and stretch out your healing hands to us wherever we are. **We praise you and thank you, O God.**

God of mercy, you gave your only Son, who lived among us and took our pain and suffering upon himself. **We praise you and thank you, O God.**

Touch and heal our bodies suffering from sickness, injury and disability and make us whole again. **Hear us, O God of life.**

Touch and heal our minds from darkness, confusion and doubt and fill them with your light. **Hear us, O God of life.**

Touch and heal our hearts burdened by anguish, despair and isolation and set us free in love. **Hear us, O God of life.**

Break the bonds of our imprisonment to fear, compulsion and addiction; restore to us the assurance of your mercy and strengthen us in recovery. **Come with your healing power, O God.**

Give us liberty from our old hurts and painful memories. **Come with your healing power, O God.**

Fill us with peace in our grief, our loneliness and our loss. **Come with your healing power, O God.**

God, in you all brokenness is made whole.  
**Look with compassion on us and those for whom we pray, that we may be given new life in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**



## Trinity United Methodist Church *Celebration of Communion and Healing*

May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. We have come to lift up our brothers and sisters before the Lord that they might receive healing.

Let those who seek God's healing open their hearts to the Spirit of the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
**And all that is within me,  
bless God's holy name!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.  
**The Lord forgives all our iniquity,  
and heals all our diseases.**

The Lord redeems our lives from the pit,  
and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.  
**God satisfies us with good as long as we live  
so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

### *Opening Prayer*

**Almighty and Everlasting God, who can banish all afflictions of soul, body and mind, show forth your power upon those in need, that by your mercy they may be restored to serve you afresh in holiness of living, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Thanksgiving Over the Water*

O God, the giver of health and salvation, the liberator of our souls, we give thanks to you for the gift of water. We thank you for Jesus who gives us living water. We thank you for the water of our baptism and place in your church, the body of Christ.

**As we come to the water today, help us to remember that Jesus makes a new covenant with us through water and the Spirit, and help us truly confess our sins that we might be washed clean and made free and whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebration of the Great Thanksgiving*

When Jesus sat at the table and enjoyed communion with tax collectors and sinners he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to share God's table, and be nourished by the Bread of Life.

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us thank God:

**It is good to thank and praise God.**

We thank you, O God, that you have provided for all the worlds that ever were or will be by giving yourself to them in love. If we go to the heights of the mountains, or if we make the grave our bed, you are with us. If we go to the depths of the sea, your right hand holds us fast.

We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering your presence. We thank you that you stamped his death with victory and that Life, not Death, was the final word.

We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished and healed by that same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants to the world. Pour out your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be the body and blood of Christ that we may be redeemed by his presence and grace. And now, as your daughters and sons whom you have reconciled to yourself, we pray:

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under the table, but you are the same Lord, whose property it always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious God, so to partake of this Sacrament of your Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, and grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

As this grain was once scattered in the fields and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread. Take. The Bread of Life.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus. Take. Drink. The Cup of the New Covenant. God is with you.

(The United Methodist Book of Worship & *Flames of the Spirit*, Ruth Duck, ed., 1985, edited)