

# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 27, 2020

17<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is to become growing followers of Jesus Christ and to reach out to others in unconditional love because God first loved us.*

\* This mark invites those who are able to please stand.

*Please silence or quiet your cell phone so we can worship and celebrate God together.*

>>>> **REMINDER:** Please social distance for everyone's safety. Thank you.

>>>> **SPECIAL REQUEST:** For all hymns, please see hymn lyrics included, and either hum along or sing silently to yourself. We ask that no one sing out loud, as this is part of our "Reopening Guidelines" to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **HYMN** *God of the Ages* 698

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (All)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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## OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

\* **PRESENTATION HYMN** 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.**

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\* **HYMN** *God of Every Nation* 435

## WORSHIP IN PRAYER

**Silent, Individual Prayers**

**Pastor's Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (All)**

**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.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 13: 1-7

**SERMON** "The Christian Faith and Civil Government"

\* **HYMN** *The Old Rugged Cross* 504

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE**

**Those serving in worship today:**

Pianist: Sharon Moore

Reader: Russ Shannon

## Today's Selected Hymns:

### *God of the Ages (698)*

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense; thy true religion in our hearts increase; thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

### *God of Every Nation (435)*

1. O God of ev'ry nation,  
Of ev'ry race and land.  
Redeem the whole creation  
With your almighty hand;  
Where hate and fear divide us  
And bitter threats are hurled,  
In love and mercy guide us  
And heal our strife-torn world.

2. From search for wealth and power  
And scorn of truth and right,  
From trust in bombs that shower,  
Destruction through the night  
From pride of race and station

And blindness to Your way.  
Deliver ev'ry nation,  
Eternal God, we pray.

3. Lord, strengthen those who labor  
That all may find release  
From fear of rattling saber,  
From dread of war's increase;  
When hope and courage falter,  
Your still small voice be heard;  
With faith that none can alter,  
your servants undergird.

4. Keep bright in us the vision  
Of days when war shall cease,  
When hatred and division  
Give way to love and peace,  
Til dawns the morning glorious  
When peace on earth shall reign  
And Christ shall rule victorious  
O'er all the world's domain.

## Today's Scripture Reading:

### *Romans 13:1-7*

#### Romans 13 NIV

#### Submission to Governing Authorities

13 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.<sup>2</sup> Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.<sup>3</sup> For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended.<sup>4</sup> For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no

reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring on the wrongdoer.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

<sup>6</sup> This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.<sup>7</sup> Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

### *The Old Rugged Cross (504)*

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary.

(Refrain)

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so  
divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me.

(Refrain)

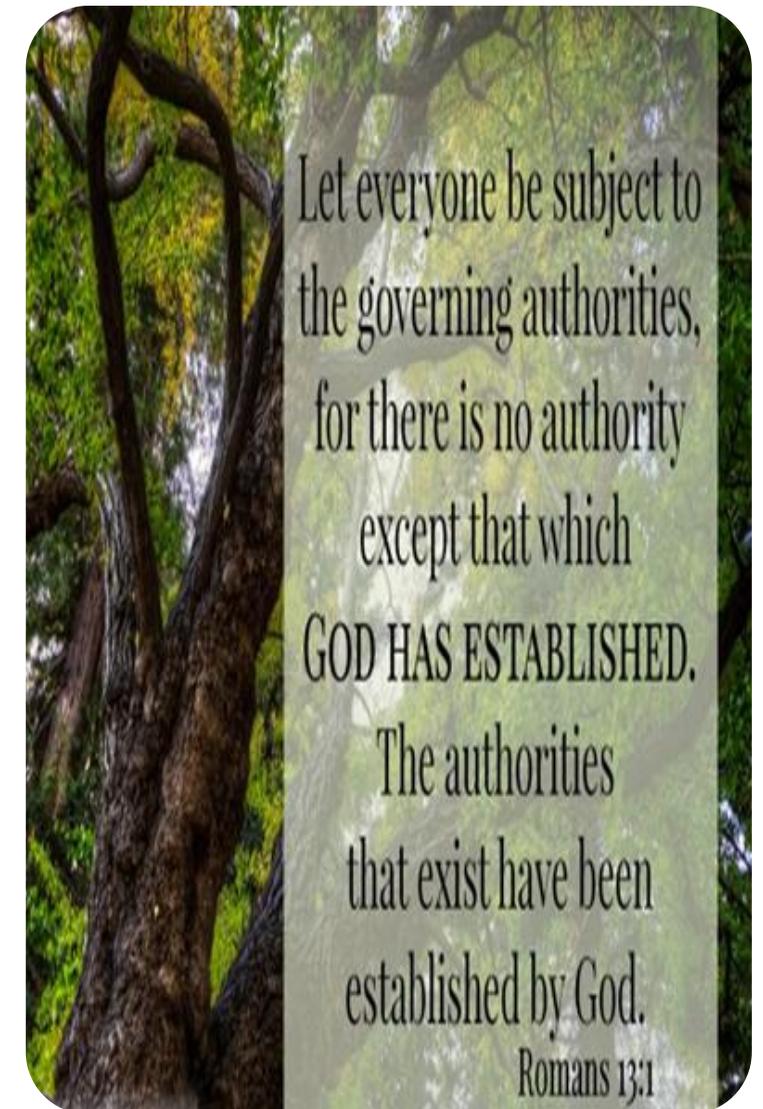
4. To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share.

(Refrain)

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# TRINITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## September 27, 2020

*Prayer: God of grace and mercy, you are our hope. I cast myself upon you in utter faith and confidence. There is none besides you! In Jesus' name. Amen*

### This Week's Events:

Sunday 27 **17th Sunday After Pentecost**  
Tuesday 29 Tuesday Morning Grp 10:00 AM  
@ Peace UMC

### Upcoming Events:

Sunday 4 **18th Sunday After Pentecost**  
Tuesday 6 Tuesday Morning Grp 10:00 AM  
@ Peace UMC



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Elaine Coy 9/30

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Megan Goodyear 10/3  
Alaina Morgan Crotsenberg 10/7  
Stephanie (Shannon) Perkins 10/10  
Dianne Monson 10/12  
Howard Nelson 10/13  
David Eder 10/14  
Austin Ewing 10/16  
Heather Vig 10/19  
Gabriella Shannon 10/19  
Barbara Marshall 10/21  
Talena Sprecher 10/21  
David Pulvermacher 10/25  
Shirley Wanless 10/27

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Linda Kesting 10/6  
Dennis & Connie Tracy 10/14  
Carl & Joan Bethke 10/28

## Sierra Leone Water and Development Ministry

### September Mission Focus

Many of you remember Lee Weaver, who visited Trinity two years ago and shared his experiences in Sierra Leone, Africa, drilling wells, building schools, and sharing the gospel. Since 1993 Lee and Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, have partnered with Sierra Leone United Methodist Conference and teams of local workers to provide water wells, sanitation, health care, and education throughout Sierra Leone. Along with his teams of experienced workers in Sierra Leone, Lee Weaver continues to oversee projects that improve the quality of life for the people of Sierra Leone.

Lee recently sent the Missions' Committee an update, "At present the boys are building a school in Palokko for orphaned and handicapped children. . . along with an apartment house for the caregivers. It's funded by Swedish Methodist missions with support from others. Greet all the folks at your church, and thank them for support and encouragement for the ministry. I also want to thank them for the great time I had during my visit. God bless you as you serve him."

Displayed on the missions' bulletin board in the narthex are photos of this latest project in Palokko, along with other photos and information. *The Last Sunday Offering for Missions will support Sierra Leone Water Development and Ministry (Advance #181000). Please direct your offering to Trinity U.M. Church, with either Sierra Leone, Lee Weaver, or **Advance #181000** on the memo line.* Please keep Lee Weaver and his workers in Sierra Leone in your prayers.





## Wisconsin Annual Conference Update

As many of you know, the June session of the 2020 Annual conference was not held due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A virtual Annual conference session is now scheduled for **Saturday, October 24, 2020.**

Haven't ZOOM-ed before or not quite sure how this works? A ZOOM training will be held on the previous Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. You will need to pre-register at <https://tinyurl.com/wacretirees2020> The link to the ZOOM training session is on the registration page.

You can ZOOM on your computer, iPad, or tablet. You can participate if you do not have a camera on your computer, but only your name will show on the screen, yet you will be able to hear and see the gathering. Need help? Grandchildren and teenage neighbors are a knowledgeable source for assistance!

Questions:: You may contact executive committee members Ron Kral, Jan Follmer Zekoff, Rebecca Niese at this email address: [wacretirees@gmail.com](mailto:wacretirees@gmail.com)

## Celebrate World Communion Sunday October 4, 2020

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
Your generous gift today enriches  
Christianity around the world

*"All that I am doing now is to prepare me  
to make a difference."*  
— The Rev. Cangfu Wang, World Communion International Scholar

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.  
The people of The United Methodist Church

*"Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press  
on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."*  
— Philippians 3:13b-14, NRSV

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## Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rey Díaz

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and by appointment M - F

Saturday: Pastor's day off

Trinity Church Office

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Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Kathy Richardson

Custodian: Bill Twining

**World Communion Sunday** is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on an observance of the eucharist. The tradition was begun in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr who ministered in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church.