TRINITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 22, 2019

Offering a welcoming and transforming experience—the love of Jesus Christ.

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**Stand as you are able in body or spirit.*
Please silence all electronic devices during the service.

Prelude
Canonic Variations of "Slane" L. Visser
Overture-Hymnus-Prayer-Trio-Paean-Lament

Choral Welcome
God Is Here Today Trad. Mexican, arr. M. Hawn
Dios Esta Aqui
(8:15) Women's Choir
(11:00) Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** Lee Anderson-Harris

L: Let us start this service well by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who chose Christ,
A: but Christ who chose us.
L: That we are not here because of our goodness
A: but because of Christ's grace.
L: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,
A: but to allow Christ to enlighten us.
L: That we have not come to be entertained
A: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength. (Bruce Prewer)

***Hymn of Praise** 451
Be Thou My Vision SLANE

***Affirmation of Faith** Lee Anderson-Harris

We believe in God — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church. We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family. We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world. We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ.

We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal. We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts and deeds. (Homiletics 9/1517)

Gloria Patri
Glory Be to the Father MEINEKE

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.

***Communal Response** *(all remain standing, all sing—Children age 2 through 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school at this time. Sunday school teachers will meet children at the level 4 elevator.)*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Offering of Our Presence & Gifts Ken Brown
Please complete the Connection Card + Prayer Request on the back cover. Tear at the perforation and place in the offering plate. Give online at ***trinityumc.org/give.***

Offertory
Kyrie From Franz Schubert's Mass in G F. Schubert
Women's Choir
Kay Christie, soloist

***Doxology** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Choral Call to Prayer
Lord Listen to Your Children K. Medema
(8:15) Women's Choir
(11:00) Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Lee Anderson-Harris

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.

Anthem

Lotti Requiem Suite — A. Lotti, edited N. Payant
Recordare
(8:15) Women's Choir

Balm In Gilead — A. Parker
(11:00) Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Message — Ken Brown
Jesus on Politics

Leviticus 19:2 (CEB): Say to the whole community of the Israelites: You must be holy, because I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"To put it boldly: compassion for Jesus was political. He directly and repeatedly challenged the dominant sociopolitical paradigm of his social world and advocated instead what might be called a politics of compassion." - Marcus Borg

John 20:14-16 (CEB): As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher).

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Special Music
Give Me Faith — Elevation Worship
Arvella Rose, soloist

***Hymn of Fellowship** 557 DENNIS
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Sending Forth

Postlude
Toccata on "Slane" L. Visser

Communion is served immediately following the Postlude. To receive communion, please proceed to the pews near the altar table. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

Today's Flowers given by an anonymous donor.

Worship Leaders

Today's Worship Leaders are:

- Ken Brown, *Senior Pastor*
- Lee Anderson-Harris, *Minister of Care*
- Michael Ballard, *Women's Choir & Chancel Choir Director*
- Norman Sutphin, *Organist*
- Kathy Ives, *Women's Choir Accompanist*
- Diane Theobald, *Chancel Choir Accompanist*
- Arvella Rose, *soloist*

Sunday Flowers

Participate in worship by providing the beautiful floral arrangements for the Sanctuary. A note of acknowledgment is placed in the bulletin each Sunday, where you may choose to give the flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion. You may take the flowers with you following the 11:00am service. Learn more and sign up online at ***trinityumc.org/flowers*** or with Julie Gladney in the Church Office.

Weekly Scripture Readings

- Monday: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
- Tuesday: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
- Wednesday: 1 Timothy 6:6-19
- Thursday: Luke 16:19-31
- Friday: Luke 16:19-31
- Saturday: Psalm 91:1-6
- Sunday: Psalm 91:14-16

Trinity's Building:

The elevator accesses all five levels. Levels 1 through 4 are wheelchair accessible.

- Level 5: Sanctuary Balcony
- Level 4: Sanctuary Main Floor
- Level 3: Street Level, Fellowship Hall/Trinity Café, Heritage Room, Wheelchair Accessible Restrooms and Water Fountain
- Level 2: Children's Area, Church Office, Nursery, Stiles Chapel, Restrooms and Water Fountain
- Level 1: Staff Offices, Conference Room, Adult and Youth Classrooms, Atrium, Family/ Accessible Restroom, Restrooms and Water Fountain

Parking Information

Remember to pick up your white garage parking validation sticker before you leave. They are located on the wall-mounted resource boards on levels 1, 2 and 3.

Hospitality

We value your time with us today. Below is a list of accommodations offered on Sundays:

- Enjoy coffee, food and fellowship in Trinity Café (Level 3) from 8:00am–12:45pm.
- Between services, you're invited to join one of our many Sunday Small Groups.
- Hearing aids, large print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals are available at the sound booth in the back of the Sanctuary.
- Join the Historical Tour following the 11:00am service. Meet inside at the front of the Sanctuary.
- Listen to today's message again online at trinityumc.org/message. CDs of today's service ($4) are available at the ushers' station.
- Childcare for newborns through 3 years is available from 8:00am–12:00pm on Sundays in the Children's Area (Level 2). Please ask a Door Guide for assistance.

Family Guide

Trinity's Children and Youth Ministries offer Sunday School at 9:30am and a second time for children at 11:00am. At 11:00am, children are welcome to sit with their families for the first part of the service and then exit to attend Sunday school. Sunday school teachers will meet children at the elevator and escort them to the Children's Area. Please note that children 5th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult and should not leave the sanctuary alone if you choose not to leave at the designated time (*after the Gloria Patri*). Following worship, parents may pick up their children directly from their Sunday School rooms – Level 2.

Nursery & Toddlers

Childcare is available for babies through three years old. We are blessed with a very loving and caring staff who are trained and certified in CPR/First Aid and AED. We strive to give your child the same special love and care you give at home. The Nursery is available on Sundays from 8:00am-12:15pm.

Children's Sunday School | 9:30 & 11:00am

Toddlers (two & three years old): Orange Room

Toddlers are learning from Cokesbury's Deep Blue curriculum:

September – God Made the World (Genesis 1:1-2:4);
October – The Baby in the Basket (Exodus 2:1-10);
November – Ruth and Naomi (Ruth1-4)

PreK-1st Grade: Blue Room | 2nd-5th Grade: Purple Room

All children are invited as we explore new, creative curriculum the next few weeks.

Parents, please stop by and register your children for the 2019-2020 school year. These registrations help with updating phone, email and address changes, any food allergies (children love snacks!) and in planning age appropriate curriculum.

Youth Sunday School | 9:30am

Middle School (6th-8th) and High School (9th-12th): Youth Room (116-117)

Sunday mornings in the Youth Room are a welcoming place to join with youth your own age to ask questions and discover how truly amazing God is. Come as you are and grow in your faith. Each Sunday we take time to check in with one another, share what we are grateful for in our gratitude practice and dig deeper in our faith as we grow closer to God and one another.

Youth Group

Middle School (6th-8th) and High School (9th-12th)

Senior High Sunday Nights (SHSN) is for 9th–12th grade youth. This fall we meet October 27 and November 10 for group building, deepening our spiritual journey, real discussions and dinner together. 2nd Sundays is for 6th-8th grade youth. This fall we meet November 10 from 10:45am–Noon in the Youth Room for games, devotions and of course snacks.

Announcements

We Did It!

We answered the $33,200 question I broached weeks ago. We were super successful in meeting the match gift challenge placed before us by an anonymous donor to raise $33,200 in cash before Sept 30. Thank you Trinity! We did it! We met the gap match opportunity through your generous giving. Our anonymous donor is matching the remaining $33,200 to fill the 2019 budget-gap of $66,400.

Thank you for hearing our call for assistance and for your generosity. You have made a difference. God is good!

Children's Sunday School Teacher Info Meeting | Today 9:30-10:30am

Interested in teaching Sunday School to Trinity's children? Stop by an information/training meeting on either Sunday in the Red Sunday School Room—level 2. You'll hear about the different classes and curriculums available to teach, meet other teachers and discover how you can be a part of this important ministry. Contact Allison Watkins for details.

Women's Fall Retreat | October 4-6 | Registration Ends Today!

This year's annual Women's Fall Retreat is October 4-6! We will be retreating at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park and are excited to explore our theme, Unleashing Our Joy, with guest speaker, Rev. Stacy Collins. Join us for the entire weekend, or take advantage of the "Saturday-Only" option. Learn more and register at trinityumc.org/events/2019-women's-fall-retreat.

New Season of Music Ministry at Trinity

Would you like an opportunity to grow both spiritually and musically? Now is the perfect time to follow that urging. A new season of Trinity's Music Ministry is beginning. Bells, Brass, Chancel Choir, Flute Choir, Men's Choir and Women's Choir are all welcoming new members. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Judith Mitchell, Director of Music and Arts—jmitchell@trinityumc.org, 303-839-1493.

Children's Music Ministry | Wednesdays | 6:00-6:50pm on Level 2

Parents: Would you like to have your children ages 4 through 5th grade share a musical experience weekly at Trinity? A children's Wednesday night music opportunity includes choir, bells and chimes. Come early for dinner at 5:15 ($3.00 donation requested—no reservation needed). If you are interested or have questions, please contact Judith Mitchell, Director of Music and Arts—jmitchell@trinityumc.org, 303-839-1493.

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Wednesday Night Meal | 5:15-6:30pm

Join in community for dinner on Wednesday nights in Fellowship Hall between 5:15-6:30. A $3.00 donation is requested. No reservation required.

TLC Group

TLC is Trinity's Tender Loving Care Small Group who prepare the sanctuary each week for Sunday worship. They meet Saturday mornings at 9:30am and are looking for people to help—one time, once a month or every week! All ages and abilities are welcome. If you have an hour to share serving Trinity in this important ministry, please join us any Saturday. Treats and fellowship always follow work time! Contact Julie Gladney for questions.

Connect by Serving Communion

Would you like to help serve communion during our first-Sunday communion services? Additional servers are needed for either the 8:15 or 11:00 services. No commitment is required, you can serve as you are available. Training is provided. For more information and to sign up, contact Sharon Mirabella at sharon-mirabella@gmail.com or 720-838-4115.

Small Group Opportunity | Beginning October 3 | 9:30-11:30am

Time Out with God is a group that has been meeting for over a decade that would like to welcome in new members. On the first Thursday of the month, from 9:30-11:30am, we meet to participate in the contemplative practices of Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina. It has been a great way to make friendships, learn more about these practices, and have a richer relationship with our neighbors and our Lord. The next gathering is October 3. If you are interested in joining the group or learning more about us, please contact Joan Ashwood at 303-421-3370.

Study with Religious Scholars | September 15 - May 10

Trinity Academy begins its ninth successful year. Feel free to stop in at 9:30am in rooms 107-108 on level one. See the full schedule at https://trinityumc.org/connect/small-groups/sunday-small-groups/trinity-academy-2019-2020-schedule. Attend a few classes before deciding about membership ($60 covers stipends to our presenters). For more information, contact Mary Jackson: MARYJACK@aol.com.

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Inclusion: Informed by an Understanding of Trauma's Effects | September 28 | 9:30am-12:00pm

Come for this workshop to gain understanding and skills to offer a welcoming experience for all using trauma-informed care. This introductory-level session will be facilitated by Rachel Cohen MC, LPC of Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. Register and request childcare by Monday, **September 23** with Deb Meyer at dmeyer@trinityumc.org.

Open House | September 29

Trinity welcomes you to an Open House! On Sunday, September 29, 9:00am-12:30pm, we'll open our doors for an event that honors our history and invites you to be a part of our future. The Open House celebrates the completion of our sanctuary renovation project, which includes new carpet with the original design from 1888 and provided by the original carpet manufacturer. Throughout the morning you'll be able to experience our vibrant ministries, impactful community outreach, enriching worship and intentional hospitality toward all of God's people, as well as hear about the inspiring vision for our future from Pastor Ken.

This church community is full of stories. The walls will talk as you experience areas of our historic building you've never seen before. Storytellers will engage you in the programs and outreach that take place within these walls every day. You'll learn how you can make a difference and join this community of kindness that serves downtown Denver. And all the while noshing on decadent treats and enjoying live folk/ bluegrass music by Bettman & Halpin.

We invite you to come, learn, ask questions and get involved. You are welcome here!

New Book Study Small Group | Beginning October 3 | Contact Deb Meyer

Interested in getting together a couple of Wednesday evenings a month through December for a book discussion? A new group meeting at SkyHouse apartments beginning October 3rd invites you to join a discussion of Sr. Joan Chittister's The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage. A reviewer writes, "Sister Joan offers a compelling vision for readers to combat complacency and to propel ourselves toward creating a world of justice, freedom, peace, and empowerment. For the weary, the cranky, and the fearful, Sister Joan's energizing message invites us to participate in a vision for a world greater than the one we find ourselves in today. This is spirituality in action, this is practical and powerful activism for our times." Contact Deb Meyer (dmeyer@trinityumc.org) for more information.

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Spirit of Caring Conference | October 5 | 9:00am-3:45pm

Can a person with dementia live a contented and dignified life? Do you know someone with dementia? Would you like to learn more about how to help them live the best life they can? Join us on Saturday October 5th at First Methodist Church in Fort Collins for a one day conference (9 a.m -3:45 p.m.) presented by community experts on this topic. If you are a caregiver and need help with respite care for your loved one so you can attend, please contact your faith community nurse. Cost is $45 and includes breakfast and lunch along with an all star lineup of speakers! To register, send an email to: healthchurch@centura.org. Deadline for registration is **September 27**. Sponsored by: Faith Community Nursing in the Rockies.

TrinityServes

- **Project Homeless Connect Volunteer Opportunity | Oct 9 & 10 | Contact: Deb Meyer**

Project Homeless Connect is an annual, one-day event in downtown Denver that is open to people of all ages who are experiencing homelessness—or facing housing instability. During this one-day event guests are able to access an array of services ranging from ID services, housing services, resume workshops, vision check and healthcare to veterans services, childcare, pet care and much more. 1,000 guests are expected tat this year's event. Trinity is supporting our local nonprofit partner We Don't Waste to:

October 9: make sandwiches for the event

October 10: volunteer at the event as needed

Contact Deb Meyer for more information and to volunteer (dmeyer@trinityumc.org).

- **Serve Lunch with Capitol Hill Community Services | October 10 | 11:30am-1:00pm**

Help serve lunch with our local partner, CHCS. Twelve volunteers are needed from 11:30am –1:00pm. If you'd like to help, sign up with Julie Gladney.

How to Care: Addictions | October 12 | 9:30-11:30am | Contact: Lee Anderson-Harris

The How to Care series helps equip people to be a supportive presence in a time of need to people in their personal, work, or church spheres. This class is designed to help those who know someone with an addiction of any kind. Participants will learn about addictions, what is helpful and unhelpful in being a supportive presence, and how to care for one's self while being that presence. Childcare available if requested. Register online by October 3 or contact Pastor Lee Anderson-Harris: landerson@trinityumc.org or 303-839-1493 X11.

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3rd-5th Grade Bible Retreat | October 11-13 | Contact: Allison Watkins

Spend the night at Trinity on Friday and discover the Bible, meet new friends, food and fellowship, play games Friday and Saturday, and return Sunday for Bible presentation at the 11:00am worship service. Unable to stay overnight? Please register and plan on attending Sunday to receive your Bible! Register online through the Trinity website events page.

Hospitality Matters: Casa de Paz | October 13 | 12:15-1:30pm

All are invited to come hear about Casa de Paz—a local nonprofit with the mission to ease the isolating experience of immigrant detention, one simple act of love at a time.

Sarah Jackson, founder of Casa de Paz, will be with us to share stories of help and hope through hospitality with immigrant families. Located just a few miles from the Aurora Immigrant Detention Center, Casa de Paz offers housing, meals, visits and emotional support to families separated by immigrant detention. A light lunch will be served. RSVP for childcare to peggy.steen@gmail.com. Sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Women (UMW) and Trinity Servant Ministries.

FACE Concert: Tickets Now Available | October 18 | trinityumc.org/face

FACE Vocal Band is coming to Trinity Friday, October 18. Trinity and FACE have chosen to benefit a local non-profit, MetroCaring, with a portion of the concert proceeds. Get your tickets online by going to trinityumc.org and scrolling down on the first page. Make sure you click on **TICKETS ON SALE** or stop by in-person in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays.

Kids Night Out! | Friday, October 18 | 6:00pm-9:00pm

A special Kids Night Out has been added in conjunction with the FACE Vocal Band Concert. Your children are invited to join Kids Night Out for dinner, activities and attend the 2nd half of the concert. Parents are invited to enjoy the concert or an evening out. Cost is $10 per child. Space is limited—Reserve your spot(s) today! Register online.

Ripple Effect: Small Impacts Create Wide Circles of Change Event | October 19

Bring family and friends, join up with others from Trinity for an evening filled with art, craft, music, story, food, and drink supporting local creatives Saturday, October 19. See how the nonprofit Transforming Creatives at Converge in the RiNo Art District supports the professional development and personal transformation of Colorado's creatives and take home a piece of art! 5:00-7:00pm at 3327 Brighton Blvd. Denver, 80216. Reduced Pre-Sale tickets are available now: https://www.eventbright.com/e/ripple-effect-transforming-creatives-art-show-fundraiser-tickets-69371852077.

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Getting Your House in Order | October 19 | Contact: Lee Anderson-Harris

Have you been thinking that it's time to consider the decisions that will need to be made in your later years? Do you want to prepare for those "what ifs" for the sake of loved ones? This workshop helps people of all ages make plans for their future, including for those situations that's hard to anticipate, such as a life-changing accident or dementia. Connect with others who are planning ahead, learn about decisions to be made regarding housing, quality of life, and more. Leave with an action plan of your own. Register online by October 13.

Trinity Staff contact information is listed on page 15.
Visit trinityumc.org/events for a complete listing of upcoming events.

Contact

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Friday | 8:30am–3:00pm

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Trinity Statement of Inclusion

"Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." –Romans 15:7

Trinity United Methodist Church, a regional church located in the heart of Denver, has a community mission and historic faith tradition dating back to 1859. Today the church offers welcoming and transforming experiences of worship and service, embracing the Christian message of love for all and upholding the value and uniqueness of each person.

Our inclusion knows no boundaries or conditions. Our intentional hospitality welcomes and values all of God's people. We see the image of God in every human face. We welcome people of every race, ethnicity, and country of origin; gender identity, marital status, and sexual orientation; faith, culture, and language. We include people of all ages, levels of education, and physical and mental ability; socio-economic class, political affiliation, and life experience; shape, size, and appearance.

We are committed to becoming a more diverse congregation that reflects the composition of our metropolitan community, where members and visitors feel that their presence matters and diversity fosters meaningful and enriching participation. As we strive for deeper understanding of the sacred worth of each person and the holy nature of Christian community, we endeavor to turn our words into deliberate policies, practices, and natural acts of kindness.

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