TRINITY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 15, 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
Two Improvisations — C. Tournemire
Little Improvised Rhapsody
Improvisation on the "Te Deum"

Choral Welcome
You Are Welcome Here — M. Burrows
(8:15) Chancel Choir Small Ensemble
(11:00) Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** — Deb Meyer

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** 378
Amazing Grace vs. 1-3, 6

***Affirmation of Faith** — Deb Meyer

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)*

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.*** *Match gift opportunity available through September 30—dollar for dollar if you are inclined to donate.*

Offertory
Rose Cottage C. McMichael
Flute Choir

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

Choral Call to Prayer
This Is A Place Of Peace M. Burrows
(8:15) Chancel Choir Small Ensemble
(11:00) Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Deb Meyer

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
The Lord Is My Shepherd H. Goodall
(8:15) Chancel Choir Small Ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir

Mary Soroka, soloist

String Quintet:
Adrienne Short, violin 1
Robyn Julyan, violin 2
Matt Diekman, viola
Trevor Minton, cello
Jeremy Nicholas, bass

Scripture Lesson
1 Timothy 1:12-17

Message Ken Brown
Jesus on Wisdom

Matthew 26:11 (CEB): You always have the poor with you, but you won't always have me.

"Jesus was not primarily a teacher of information (what to believe) or morals (how to behave), but a teacher of a way or path of transformation. A way of transformation from what to what? From a life in the world of conventional wisdom to a life centered in God." - Marcus Borg

Matthew 5:3 (NIV): Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

***Benediction**
All Are Welcome Here M. Burrows

All are welcome here. All are safe to sing or laugh or shed a tear. God loves us just the way we are, so have no fear. All are welcome here. I am welcome here.

Postlude
Thou Art the Rock H. Mulet

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 are given by Sharon Morneau in honor of Sharon and Geoff's 33rd Anniversary.
"Thank you for choosing me."

Worship Leaders

Today's Worship Leaders are:

- Ken Brown, *Senior Pastor*
- Deb Meyer, *Director of Servant Ministry*
- Judith Mitchell, *Director of Music & Arts Ministry*
- Norman Sutphin, *Organist*
- Tiana Stastny, *Flute Choir Director*

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 8:18-9:1
- Tuesday: Psalm 79:1-4
- Wednesday: Psalm 79:5-9
- Thursday: 1 Timothy 2:1-7
- Friday: 1 Timothy 2:4-7
- Saturday: Luke 16:1-8
- Sunday: Luke 16:9-13

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.

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

Family Guide

Trinity's Children and Youth Ministries offer Sunday School at 9:30am and a second time for children at 11:00am. Children and youth are welcome to sit with their families in worship. Parents, please check-in and drop off children at the Children's Area Desk (Level 2) for Sunday School. Following worship, parents may pick up their children directly from the Sunday School room.

Nursery & Toddlers

Childcare for newborns through 3 years is available from 8:00am–12:00pm on Sundays. We understand that dropping off a young child may be difficult, and some children are more accustomed than others. Please let us know your concerns. It is our goal to make this as easy as possible for you and your child. We will partner with you to ensure both you and your child are comfortable.

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

Toddlers (two & three years old): Orange Room

Toddlers are learning from Cokebury's Deep Blue curriculum with a new topic and memory verse each month.

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

Children are learning from Cokesbury's Deep Blue curriculum with a new topic and memory verse each month.

August-September's Topic: David's Family, "The Lord sees into the heart." –1 Samuel 16:7

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

Our Church Community
We give thanks for the life of former Trinity UMC pastor Rev. Dr. Mason Willis, who entered eternal life on August 11. We also give thanks for the life of Trinity members Page Whitesides who entered into eternal life on September 1 and Buddy Baker who entered into eternal life on September 9.

Burrito Breakfast Today
The youth serve their famous burritos the 3rd Sunday of each month in Trinity Café from 9am-12:30pm to help raise funds for the 2020 summer mission trips here in Denver, to Salt Lake City and to Guatemala. Come have breakfast with your Trinity friends and help make youth missions possible. Thank you for your support!

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.

Wednesday Night Meal | 5:15-6:45pm
Join in community for dinner on Wednesday nights in Fellowship Hall between 5:15-6:45. 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 9:00am 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.

Announcements

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. Our first Sunday features the Rev. Dr. Tom Wolfe, CEO of the Iliff School of Theology. 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

Children's Sunday School Teacher Info Meeting | September 15 or 22 | 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.

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!

Women's Fall Retreat | October 4-6
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.

Announcements

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 anytime or in Fellowship Hall on Sundays.

Kids Night Out! | Friday, October 18 | 6:00pm-9:00pm
A special Kinds 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.

New Book Study Small Group
New Book Study Small Group forming downtown in October! Interested in discussing Sr. Joan Chittister's The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage a couple of Wednesday evenings a month? 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.

Trinity Staff contact information is listed on page 11.
Visit trinityumc.org/events for a complete listing of upcoming events.

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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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