

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

Have you ever noticed how many beautiful Affirmations of Faith there are in the back of our UMC hymnal? Some are centuries old, like the Apostles Creed (#881) and the Nicene Creed (#880). Others are more modern, like #883 from our friends in Canada. Still others are scripturally based like “Affirmation From Romans” (#887). All are different expressions of our one faith in Jesus Christ, as proclaimed through the centuries and across the globe. We will be using some different affirmations of faith during Lent until Easter morning, when we will proclaim the Apostles Creed together again.

EARLY SPRING MISSIONS PROJECT IN A HURRY!

This is the last day we are collecting the following items for the Tuscaloosa’s One Place Job Readiness hygiene drive: body lotion, brushes/combs, dental floss, cotton balls, cotton swabs, deodorant, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes/toothpaste, hair care products for all hair types and soap (face and body). Everything must be new and in original packaging. Please leave items in the baskets on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

TRINITY GIFTS

You can support the ministries of the church by placing a check in the offering plate, putting it in the postage box by the glass doors or mailing it to 729 Bryant Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. You can also donate to Trinity through PayPal at

<http://paypal.me/TrinityMethodistTusc>

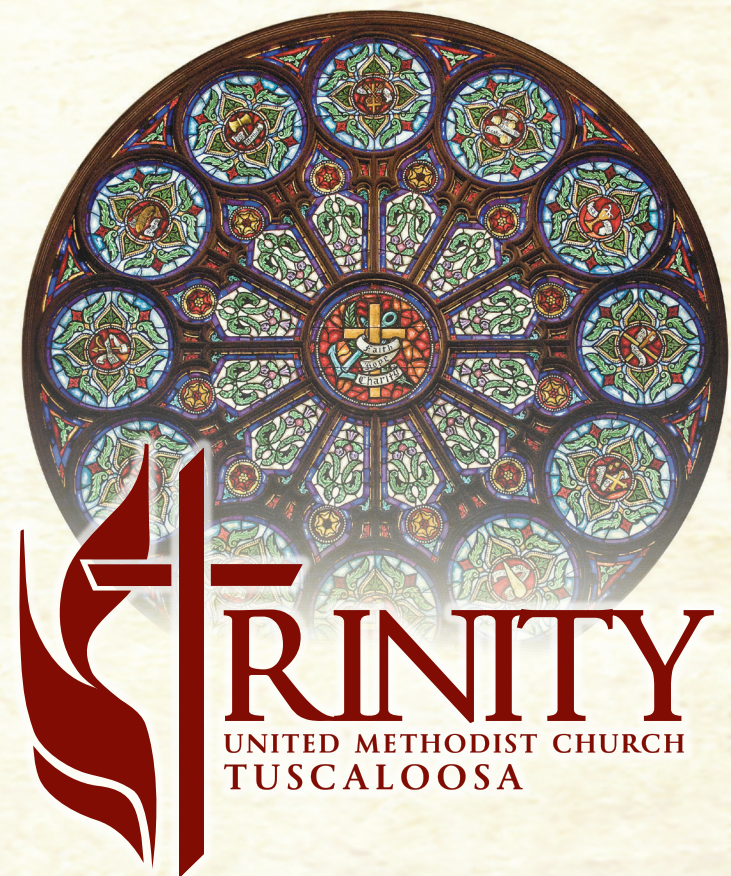
PayPal charges a small fee (2.9%), but it may be easier for some people than finding stamps and an envelope. To set up a direct deposit monthly to the church, please contact your own bank. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year!

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Third Sunday in Lent
March 12, 2023

Trinity United Methodist Church
is a congregation united by the love of Christ.

*Because we are rooted in and guided by the grace of God,
we share the love of Christ in our community and in our world.*

*Because we embrace our ever-changing community,
we are open and respectful of what makes you who you are,
and glad you are part of our church family.*

*Because we cherish our multigenerational congregation,
we are caring and nurturing of all ages.*

*Because we value traditional worship,
we feel familiar and welcoming.*

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
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TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE

Myles Jordan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Penny Ford

*If you are a visitor, please fill out a Visitor Card found
in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate.*

I LOVE TRINITY BUILDING CAMPAIGN

Debbie Lane

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Savannah Gross

Patient and loving God, we confess that when things don't go our way, we
murmur and complain.

**Some days the road seems impossible and
the problems of this world seem insurmountable.**

Some days we lose hope in the people around us
and, even worse, we lose hope in you.

Forgive our doubts and complaining.

Forgive our loss of hope.

Refresh us this morning with the living water
of your presence and love.

Let your healing, life-giving waters pour over us.

Restore our souls.

Open us to encounter you in unexpected ways,

**Open us to new possibilities- new understanding,
new friendships, new challenges, second chances.**

Help us see the miraculous in everyday life. **Amen.**

***HYMN**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#127

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

You're invited to greet those around you and move about as you wish!

*Please be sensitive to the fact that some in worship may not feel
comfortable welcoming a hug or a handshake, and adjust as needed.*

CALL TO PRAYER

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

#629

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / 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, the power and the glory forever. **Amen.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (of all ages!)

*Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Church after the
Children's Message, or they may stay in the sanctuary with a parent.*

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

#95

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

***A PRAYER OF CONFESSION⁴³ FOR LENT**

UMH 890

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. **Amen.****

All pray in silence.

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 17:1-7

SERMON

Is the Lord Among Us or Not?

Rev. Penny Ford

***CLOSING HYMN**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

#731

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Myles Jordan

TUESDAY LENTEN LUNCHES

During Lent, we partner with other local churches for Tuesday Lenten Lunches,
rotating the location and speaker. The schedule is listed on your bulletin insert.
Trinity will host on Tuesday, March 28. Please contact Penny if you can help.
We need folks to host and greet, and people who will make a pot of soup to share.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Trinity received gifts in memory of

Steve Wright

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Leigh Ann Henson and Mark Hunter

and from

Sabrina Keating