

### 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 the "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.

### 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

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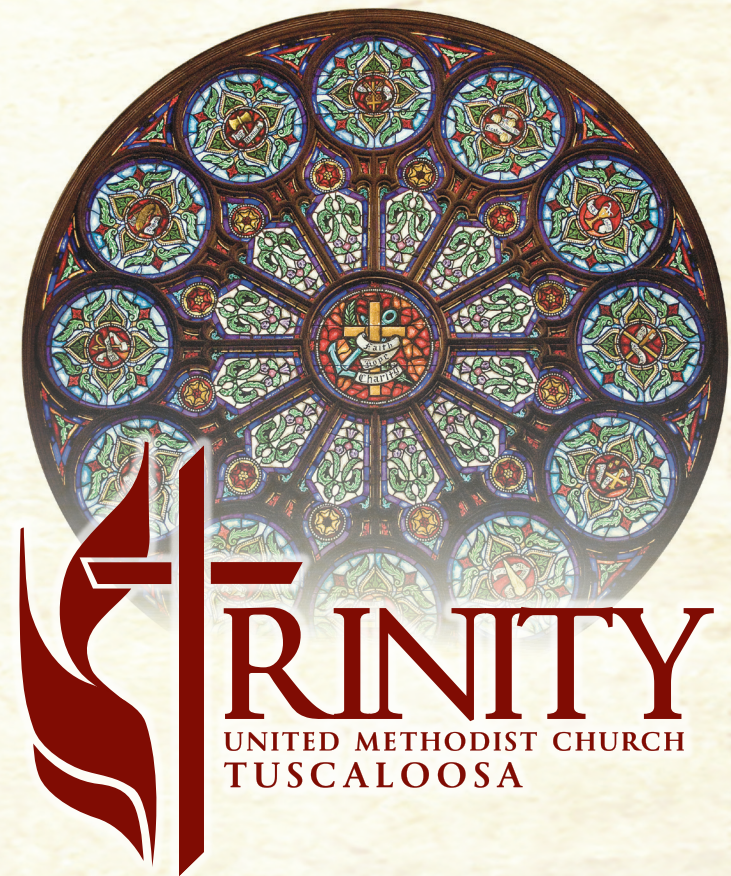
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***Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 26, 2023***

***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.*



**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 26, 2023**  
**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** Carey Grimsley

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Savannah Gross  
Revitalizing God, your power goes far beyond our own,  
**And yet still we act as though the pains of this world  
have final claim upon us.**  
We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death,  
not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives.  
**Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life  
in the midst of all the deaths we experience.**  
Forgive us for wanting to limit you to “the last day” or “the world beyond  
this one.”  
**Help us to trust you to move and act among us, within us, through us.**  
**Open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our  
very midst. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #384

**\*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** *Spirit of the Living God* #393

**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!)** Rev. Savannah Gross  
*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.

**\*AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-29** UMH 887

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine,  
or nakedness or peril or sword?  
**No!**  
**In all things we are more than conquerors  
through the One who loved us.**  
**We are sure that neither death nor life,  
nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
Will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**ANTHEM** *Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee* K. Lee Scott

**SCRIPTURE** John 11:1-45

**SERMON** *Into the Light* Rev. Penny Ford

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *In the Garden* #314

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Myles Jordan

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TODAY**

**Finance Committee meets at 4 pm** at Trinity.  
**Youth Cookout at Clay's, 5:30-8 pm.** Email clayted12@gmail.com for  
more information.

**March 28 (Tuesday), 12-1 pm.** Community Lenten Luncheon at Trinity.  
Lunch is provided. Contact Penny if you can help.

**March 31 (Friday), 5-9 pm.** Druid City Art Festival, adults 21-40. Contact  
Savannah if you'd like to attend.

**April 1 (Saturday), 10:30 am.** Children's Easter Egg Hunt at Trinity,  
ages 0-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**April 2, Palm Sunday**  
**10:30 am.** Worship Service.  
**5:30 pm.** Youth Easter Egg Hunt at Trinity.

**April 6 (Thursday), 6 pm.** Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary  
with draping of the cross.

**April 9, Easter Sunday, 10:30 am.** Worship Service.

**April 15 (Saturday).** I Love Trinity Work Day at the church. Time TBA.

**April 16 (Sunday), 10:30 am.** Outdoor Worship on the lawn (or drive-in).