

### MISSIONS

During May, Trinity's Missions is collecting specific items for emergency food packs. Items to be included are: box of cereal, hot or cold; jar of peanut butter, 16 oz.; jar of jelly (small); individual serving size portions of canned fruit/applesauce, etc. (4-6 count); canned vegetable, 15 oz.; box of spaghetti and 12 oz. jar of spaghetti sauce (plastic or metal containers preferred) *OR* boxed skillet dinner with canned meat. We'll need plastic grocery bags to bag up each pack. Please bring what you can or provide a pack! Leave your donations in the back of the sanctuary or inside the double glass doors of the Education Wing. The packs will be taken to Grace Presbyterian and Canterbury Chapel Episcopal, both of whom use these in their food pantry missions.

### CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR POSITION

Trinity is looking for a Children's Director. If you know of someone who might be interested, please ask them contact the church office: [office@trinityumc.info](mailto:office@trinityumc.info)

### 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!

### CHAIR YOGA

All (men and women) are welcome to join the women of Trinity UMC for Chair Yoga on Thursday, May 11, 5-6 pm. We will meet at Grace Presbyterian Church, located at 113 Hargrove Road, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. The cost is \$3 per person.

### MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM

Trinity received a donation in memory of

**Charlotte Tucker**

from Kelly Tucker

Trinity received a donation to the I Love Trinity Building Fund  
in honor of

**Melanie O'Rear**

from Bob and Yvonne Schwartz

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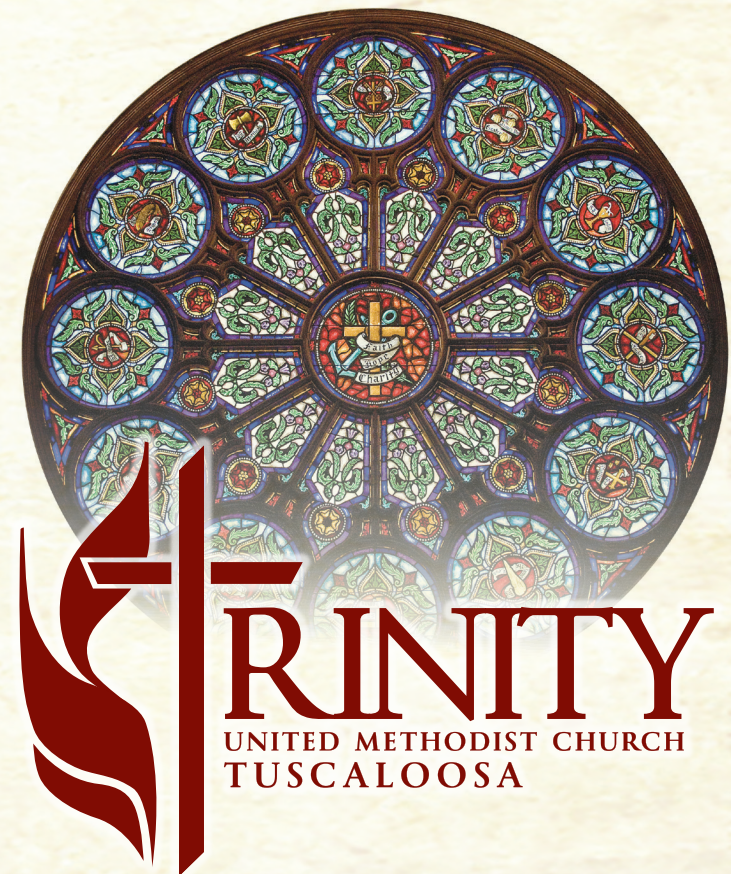
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***Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 7, 2023***

***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 OF EASTER**  
**MAY 7, 2023**  
**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRELUDE**

Myles Jordan

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Savannah Gross

No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

**Your steadfast love finds us.**

No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

**Your steadfast righteousness sustains us.**

No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to be, O God,

**Your steadfast presence gives us hope.**

You hear our cries and you answer our prayers.

**Thanks be to God, who loves us unconditionally.**

Thanks be to God, who brings us together today.

**Let us worship with courage and hope. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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**\*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**

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

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**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, and children ages 0-3 are welcome in our Nursery. Children may also stay in the sanctuary with a parent.*

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE**

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We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

*I'll Fly Away*

Arr. Mark Hayes

Dr. Kevin Chance, piano

**SCRIPTURE**

Acts 7:55-60

**DEVOTIONAL**

*Relentless Love*

Rev. Penny Ford

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (COMMUNION)**

#13

*Everyone is welcome at the table! This includes children, youth, adults and people of any denomination or no denomination. May we know the grace and love of Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Because He Lives*

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Myles Jordan

**THANK YOU, WILL MCLELLAND!**

This week we say thank you to Will McLelland, who has served as our media person for the past three years. When the pandemic hit, Trinity had to learn new ways of connecting, worshipping and serving together. We were blessed to have in our church family Will McLelland, who has an extensive knowledge of videography and editing. Thanks to Will's expertise and willingness to serve, we were able to receive a grant for media equipment, and Will began recording and editing our services for the first time in Trinity history. Will has faithfully woven our services and church together with humor, love and sensitivity. We could not have done so well without his talents and grace. We are grateful to him for his faithful service.

Now that we are able to worship in person, we will not be recording services weekly. Will has graduated from UA, and we wish him the very best in the next chapter of his life. He will continue doing freelance videography and photojournalism and is available if you need his services. Thank you, Will!