

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

If you are a visitor, please fill out a welcome card, found in the pew in front of you. We'd love to get to know you better!

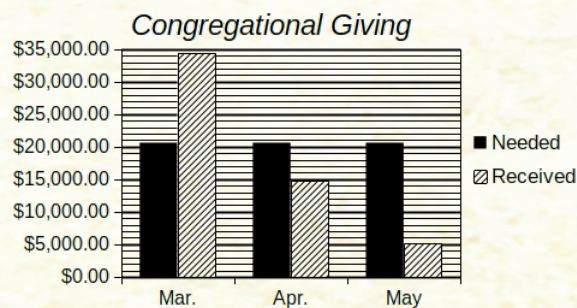
ACCESSIBILITY: The elevator in the Education wing accesses all levels of the building. Accessible parking is available in the alley behind the church. A family restroom is located in the hallway behind the Sanctuary.

NURSERY: Our nursery for ages newborn-age 3 is on the Education level.

WHY DO OUR PARKING PLACES SAY "RESERVED"? ALL parking is FREE and UNRESERVED during services and church activities. Reserved spaces are for weekday and football parking, with proceeds supporting our budget. Email the church office to join the waiting list for weekday or football parking.

TRINITY APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you for keeping up to date with your pledged giving.



While pledges and contribution are applied toward Trinity's budgeted expenses, sometimes we have an unexpected need. Like the replacement of an air conditioner. The unit that supplies heat and cool to the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary needs to be replaced. With your generosity, we are hoping to raise \$20,000 to cover this expense. If you would like to contribute to this capital campaign, please earmark your gift to the I Love Trinity Building Fund. Thank you.

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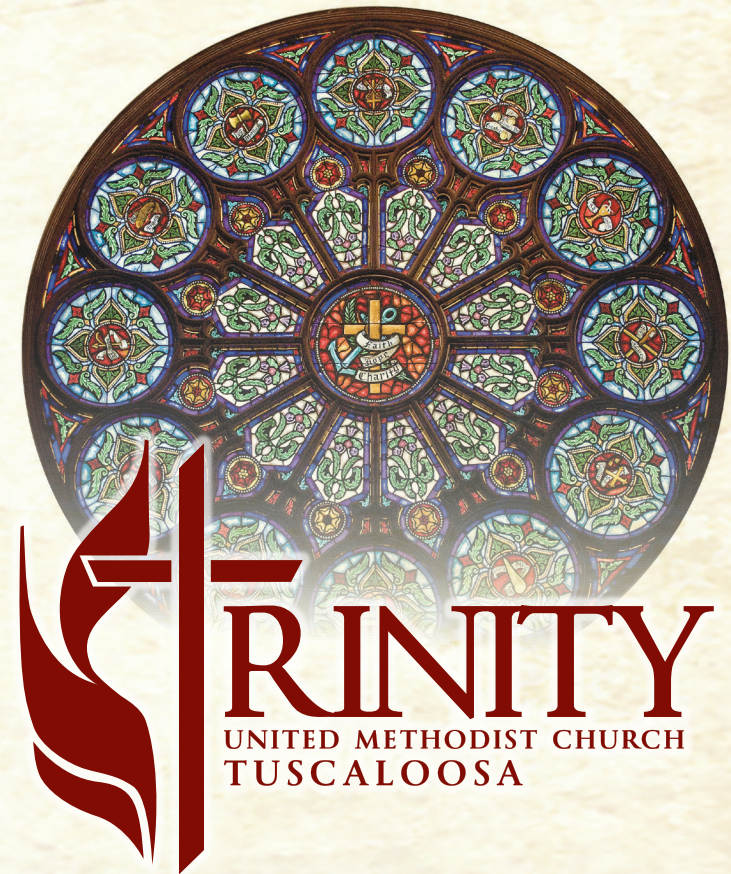
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*Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026*

*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.*

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 17, 2026
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRELUDE Chang Miao

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Scott Grimsley

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When we feel down-hearted . . .

Jesus says: "Rise!"

When we wonder if we can continue on our journey . . .

Jesus says: "I am with you. You have nothing to fear."

When we hunger for a better world . . .

Jesus says: "Come, follow me."

Lord of hope and possibilities, be with us today.

Open our hearts and feed our spirits today. Amen.

***HYMN** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #103

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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 *I Surrender All* #354, v. 1

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE /THE 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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT William Hackett

At this time, children ages 4-2nd grade may follow William Hackett to Children's Church, or they may stay in worship with a parent. Nursery is available for newborns through age 3.

OFFERTORY Chang Miao

***DOXOLOGY** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; #94
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**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick** and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic*** church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Living; *universal

SCRIPTURE Psalm 103:1-13

SERMON *Going to Failure* Rev. Penny Ford

***HYMN** *How Firm a Foundation* #529

POSTLUDE Chang Miao

*Please stand as you are able. Acolyte: Isla McKeever

GUEST PIANIST: Our substitute pianist is **Chang Miao**, a DMA student in Piano Performance at the University of Alabama. A student of Dr. Kevin Chance, she holds the MM from Peabody Conservatory and is currently a graduate assistant in the Voice and Opera areas at UA.

YOUTH: Youth meet at Trinity from this evening 5:00-7:00 PM for dinner, fellowship and a lesson! This will be our last youth meeting of the school year, and all three pastors from Forest Lake and Trinity will be joining us. Your students have been coming up with questions all semester about life, faith, the Bible and what it means to be a Methodist. We're excited to welcome Zac, Penny and Belinda to help answer those questions for them!

TUESDAY, MAY 19: Taco Tuesday (Women's Group) meets this week at 5:00 PM at Zozo's Kitchen, 1665 McFarland North Boulevard. All women are welcome!

MAY 28-30: 2026 UMC North Alabama Conference, Asbury UMC, Birmingham, AL. Trinity will be represented by Rev. Penny Ford, Dr. Clay Nelson and Bert McLelland.

MAY 31: The Finance Committee will meet at 4:00 PM.

JUNE 1: This month the **Trinity Book Club** is reading *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage* by Richard Rohr. All are welcome to join us in the Sunset-Funset Room for our discussion on Monday, June 1, at 7:00 PM.