

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 12, 2026

No. 28

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Services at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m.

†Please rise in body or in spirit.

CHAPEL SERVICE

8:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

**"Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ,
we exist to worship, grow, and serve."**

PRELUDE Marcel Dupré
"He Hath Put Down the Mighty from Their Seat"
Douglas Chaplow, organ

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #92
"For the Beauty of the Earth"

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal #881
The Apostles' Creed

†GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #71

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. E. Wayne Curry

OFFERTORY Marcel Dupré
"How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou"
Douglas Chaplow, organ

†DOXOLOGY Hymnal #94

†GOSPEL LESSON
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Be Good" Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

†RECESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #530
"Are Ye Able"

†BENEDICTION AND BLESSING Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

†POSTLUDE Marcel Dupré
"While the King Sitteth at His Table"
Douglas Chaplow, organ

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

9:45 a.m.

†WORSHIP SONG "Take You at Your Word"

†WORSHIP SONG "Your Love Never Fails"

†WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN "Blessed Assurance"

†GOSPEL LESSON
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON "Be Good" Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

†WORSHIP SONG "All the Poor and Powerless"

†WORSHIP SONG "There Was Jesus"

†BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

*During the worship songs, you are invited to utilize the Prayer Station
by the stained-glass window and light a candle as you pray.*



Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers upon request.

LITURGICAL SERVICE
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 a.m.

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WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

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PRELUDE "He Hath Put Down the Mighty from Their Seat" Marcel Dupré
Douglas Chaplow, organ

INTROIT "Prepare Ye The Way" Clark Kimberling
Gregory Hilliard, voice/handbells

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" Hymnal #92

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Hymnal #881

†GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #71

†OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, we come before You today with grateful hearts, thanking You for the gift of this new day. We invite Your Holy Spirit to fill this place and guide our time of worship. As Your Word tells us, where two or three are gathered in Your name, You are in the midst of us. Please quiet our minds and remove our distractions. Open our ears to hear Your voice, our minds to receive Your wisdom, and our hearts to experience your love. Bless every aspect of this service—our songs, our prayers, and the message. May everything we do bring glory and honor to Your name. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

†SONG OF PEACE "The First Song of Isaiah" TFWS #2030
**Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Candace Duclos, Senior Director of Christian Education

Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to Kids' Praise in Room 205.

Crucifer | Michael Plagens | **Ushers** | Joe Miller, Betty Miller, Bob Lumsden, Glen Squire, Joe McGlothlin, Jean Glenn, Mason Bennett | **Altar Guild** | Marilyn Dean | **Club Car Drivers** | Edward Young, Ben Gilleland, Jimmy Henderson, Ed Dowell

Call the church office at 850-222-1120 to reserve altar flowers for the Sunday services in the sanctuary.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal #895

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"
Gregory Hilliard, voice/handbells

George Whelpton

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou"
Douglas Chaplow, organ

Marcel Dupré

†DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #94

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SERMON

"Be Good"

Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

†RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Are Ye Able"

Hymnal #530

†BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Go Now in Peace"
Gregory Hilliard, voice/handbells

Natalie Sleeth

†POSTLUDE

"While the King Sitteth at His Table"
Douglas Chaplow, organ

Marcel Dupré



Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith, Associate Pastor

Rev. E. Wayne Curry, Minister of Pastoral Care

Alex Taylor, Director of Contemporary Music | Gregory Hilliard, Director of Traditional Music

Douglas Chaplow, Organist

WELCOME

Welcome to worship today! We're glad you are here. Please sign the pew pad to register your attendance. If you're visiting, fill out a Visitor Connect Card or scan the QR code, and on your way out, be sure to see one of our ushers for a small gift to thank you for joining us!



PRAYER REQUESTS

May we pray for you? Prayer cards can be found in the Welcome Center and Narthex. Prayer requests are listed by **name** only. Please lift up in prayer...

Margo and Manny Garcia
Doug Bevis
Barbara Ware

Rhonda Work
Julian Mathis

MONTHLY COLLECTION

During July, Local Missions is collecting school supplies for Frenchtown and Griffin Heights. Donations can be left in the collection bins in the Welcome Center and Narthex.

SUMMER FUN NIGHT

Join us in Moor Hall on Wednesday, July 22, at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and a luau! In addition to a delicious dinner, there will be lots of fun and fellowship. No cost for dinner, but a love offering will be accepted. Please scan to register.



TRINITY PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Our Trinity UMC Preschool has a limited number of openings remaining in the three-year-old class for the 2026-2027 school year. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Director of Preschool Erin Casey at 850-224-8992 or ecasey@tumct.org.

YOUTH WEEK

Youth Week 2026 will be July 26 - August 1. Plans include a trip to Bear Paw, a pool party, an Escape room, a service project, and a lock-in. Each day also includes food, fellowship, and worship. You don't want to miss this! Scan the QR code to sign up.



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, July 12

8:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
8:30/9:45/11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.

Chapel Service
Yates Heritage Center Open
Contemporary Service
Sunday School
Liturgical Service
Youth Praise Band
UMYF

Monday, July 13

9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

Camp Warren Willis Departure
Snack Pack Distribution
Centering Prayer

Tuesday, July 14

7:00 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Men's Daybreak
BFC Staying Strong
BFC Variety Mix
Celebrate Recovery
Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, July 15

4:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Richard Andrews' Bible Study
Praise Band

Thursday, July 16

11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:15 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Snack Pack Distribution
BFC Variety Mix
BFC Staying Strong
BFO Pickleball

Friday, July 17

10:00 a.m.

Friday Study Group

SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, August 9, we will have one service at 11:00 a.m. with Blessing of the Backpacks, as well as our annual Ministry Fair from 10:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.! Trinity Ministry Groups are invited to participate. Groups requesting to set up displays must register. Scan the QR code to sign up.



SCAN THE QR CODES FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT TRINITY



Sunday School



Serving



Fellowship



Giving

Our Vision

The vision of Trinity United Methodist Church is to be a diverse Christian community that leads as a shining beacon of God's love, actively engaging as the heart, hands, and feet of Christ in the world.

Our Mission

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A Bible Study

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith

July 12, 2026

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I would love to share with you a bit of study I gained in exploring this Sunday's sermon text on Matthew 13:1-9.18-23. It, along with all the parables of Jesus, is a wellspring of examples for our lives and how we live out our faith. Gratefully, God provides, for us, example after example, instance after instance of how we can best be prepared for what life throws at us. And still and yet, we need to develop a way to see all of God's people and every instance in life where we can apply Jesus' lessons to us through the Parables.

Author of *Someplace to Be Somebody*, Lisa Loraine Baker provides a great Bible Study on "The Parable of the Sower". For our Trinity sharing, I want to share her piece on the significance of the variety of soils. I believe it provides, for us, a model to respond to others with the spirit of Christ. It takes work, simply because the various terrains change in our lives. The full article and audio version can be found at: **www.biblestudytools.com/bible-stories/parable-of-the-sower**.

Please enjoy, *Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith*

What Is the Significance of the Soil Types?

Each type of soil represents one's spiritual state, or rather, one's readiness to receive the good news offered by Jesus. We are all culpable when it comes to accepting the Word; we have a choice of what to do with what we hear. Any good farmer knows his soil must be tilled, fertilized, and watered before it can receive seeds and be a means of growth. Soil, as used in this parable, is *people*.

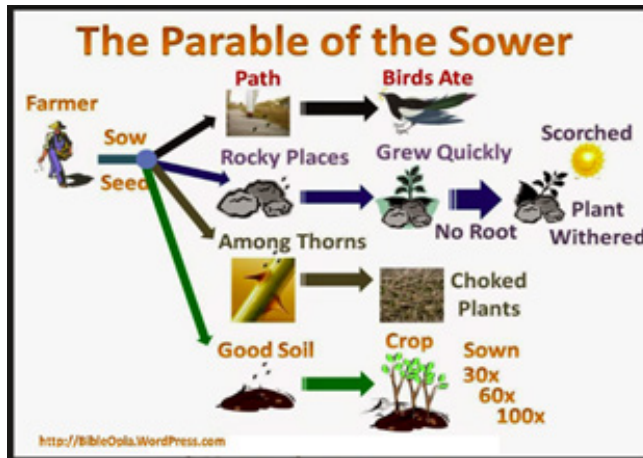
The first person is hard ("tramped underfoot"). Therefore, the word will not "sink in." Once we impart Jesus' meaning into "soil," we know hard, tramped on soil (people) will not receive the good news of the kingdom into their souls. It's like when someone tells you to "talk to the hand." That's immediate rejection. They may be present when the Gospel is proclaimed, but they do not *hear* it; it does not in any way permeate their soul. It's easy then for the evil one to come to snatch it away—as if it was never there—for hardened ground leaves no imprint.

The second soil (person) is rocky and unable to be tilled. He receives the word with joy (excitement and emotion) but does not let it root (no depth). He is like the man described in James 1:23-24, a hearer only but not a doer. He meets "tribulations and persecutions because of the Word" (the seeds) and then falls away (rejects the faith). The gospel brings no fruit in him because He does not yield to it; he has not read or studied the word nor let it build his foundation.

The third soil (person) is thorny. He hears the Word, but the thorns (the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches) are his undoing. They choke the word right out of him, and he is unfruitful.

All three soil types describe people who do not fully *hear* the Word, for to *hear* it is to understand (believe) it, obey it, and live it. The good person (soil) not only *hears* the Word, but he also *understands* it. In the parable, to understand the Word is to believe it and obey it. This person "bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty" (Matthew 13:23). He takes what is sown in him and shares the gospel of the kingdom with others, many coming to faith because of his obedience as God works through him.

- excerpt from Lisa Lorraine Baker



Top picks from worship leaders and song lists

“Lord of the Harvest” – Lindy Cofer
A heartfelt declaration of God as the one who brings fruitfulness

“Reap and Sow” – Mary Kate Farmer
Encourages intentional living and faithfulness

“Harvest” – Freedom City Worship
Celebrates God’s provision and the joy of His blessings

“Seed of Faith” – Charity Gayle
Focuses on planting spiritual seeds daily

“The Garden” – Kari Jobe
Reflects on God’s care and the growth of His people

“Sowing the Good Seed” – Master’s Voice
Emphasizes faithfulness in small acts

“You’re Gonna Reap What You Sow” – Margaret Allison & The Angelic Gospel Singers
A reminder of God’s promises

