

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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DAY OF PENTECOST
MAY 24, 2026

No. 21

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 Douglas Chaplow

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #500
"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal #881
The Apostles' Creed

† GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #71

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal #895

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY Hymnal #94

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

*“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good.”*

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams
"What If You Are the Answer to Someone's Prayer?"

† RECESSIONAL HYMN Hymnal #347
"Spirit Song"

† BENECTION Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

† POSTLUDE Douglas Chaplow

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

9:45 a.m.

† WORSHIP SONG "Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble?"

† WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

† WORSHIP SONG "Rest on Us"

† PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

*We pray for our youth and adults as they travel
to New Orleans, LA, for their 2026 mission trip.*

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

† OFFERTORY HYMN
"Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place"

† GOSPEL LESSON
John 7:37-39

SERMON Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski

† WORSHIP SONG "Build My Life"

† WORSHIP SONG "The Blessing"

† BENECTION Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski

*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

DAY OF PENTECOST

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

Douglas Chaplow

INTROIT

"The Lord of Hosts is With Us"
Chancel Choir

Daniel Gawthrop

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Acts 2:1-4, 17, 21

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

The Spirit has been poured out on all people.

Come, let us call on the name of the Lord.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Hymnal #500

†OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

†GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #71

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. 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 ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to Kids' Praise in Room 205.

ANTHEM

"Siorai Athas (Eternal Joy)"
Trinity Ringers

Matthew Compton

Crucifer | Michael Plagens | **Ushers** | Brent Chumbler, Billy Hilaman, Frank Mercer, Jamie Trulock, Scott Trulock, John Elliott, Linda Bianco, Mike Marschall, Sid Matthew | **Altar Guild** | Renée White, Sarah Teresa Haskell | **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.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Rev. E. Wayne Curry
Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal #895

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer"
Chancel Choir

Daniel Gawthrop

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"They'll Know We Are Christians"
Chancel Choir

Peter Scholtes/
arr. Mark Hayes

†DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hymnal #94

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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SERMON

"What If You Are the Answer to Someone's Prayer?"
Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

†RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Spirit Song"

Hymnal #347

†BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

"God Be In My Head"
Chancel Choir

Daniel Gawthrop

†POSTLUDE

Douglas Chaplow



*The flowers adorning the altar today are given in celebration of the marriage of
Ainsley Grace and Carlos Jimenez Jr. The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Alicia
Whittington. They are also placed in honor of Gary Aubry, John Aubry, Erika Landires,
Belisa Jimenez, and Oscar Jimenez.*



Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, Senior Pastor
Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski, Associate Pastor
Rev. E. Wayne Curry, Minister of Pastoral Care
Alex Taylor, Contemporary Worship Music Leader | 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...

Joe Wilburn
Betts Family

Mike Quan

MONTHLY COLLECTION

During May, Local Missions will be collecting Visa gift cards in any amount for Residing Hope and electric fans for Elder Care Services. Gift card donations can be left in the offering plate during Sunday services or at the church office. Please include a note designating that the gift card is for Residing Hope. Fan donations can be left in the collection bin in the Welcome Center or Narthex.

CROSS-CULTURAL HOSPITALITY TRAINING

Everyone at Trinity is invited and encouraged to attend a Cross-Cultural Hospitality Training that will be held here on May 29, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please scan to register. advance.



WE'RE HIRING!

Trinity UMC has a job opening for a full-time Facility Steward. If you or someone you know might be interested, scan the QR code to view the job description. Send resumes to mgonzalez@tumct.org.



NEW MEMBERS

June 7 is new member Sunday! If you are interested in joining Trinity UMC, please contact Candace Duclos at [cdcuclos@tumct.org](mailto:cduclos@tumct.org).

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, May 24

8:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
8:30/9:45/11:00 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:15 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.

Chapel Service
Yates Heritage Center Open
Contemporary Service
Sunday School
Snack Pack Assembly
Liturgical Service
Snack Pack Assembly
Youth Praise Band
UMYF
Steel Pans

Monday, May 25

11:00 a.m.

MEMORIAL DAY*

Snack Pack Distribution

Tuesday, May 26

7:00 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:10 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Men's Daybreak
BFC Staying Strong
BFC Variety Mix
BFC Flex on the Floor
Celebrate Recovery
Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, May 27

4:15 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Richard Andrews' Bible Study
Praise Band
Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 28

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, May 29

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Cross-Cultural Training
Friday Study Group

Saturday, May 30

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

***Preschool and Church Office closed.**

Today, our Snack Pack Ministry Team needs your help assembling snack packs for our unhoused neighbors. Volunteers are needed at 10:45 to set up the assembly line, and directly after the 11:00 service to assemble the snack packs.

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

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



*What If You Are the Answer
to Someone's Prayer?*

A Personal Bible Study

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams

May 24, 2026

A Bible Study

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 and John 20:19-23

Read the Scriptures

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

For Reflection on the Scriptures

The Wounds of Jesus and Sending

Jesus showed the disciples his wounds before he sent them. What wounds in your own story might actually be part of what you have been given to offer?

What does it mean to you that the risen Christ still carries his scars? How does that change the way you think about your own?

The Locked Room

Where in your life are you still behind a locked door? What would it take to believe the Spirit is already on the other side? The disciples were afraid before the Spirit came. Fear did not disqualify them. What fear has been keeping you from moving toward someone who may need you?

Being Sent

Jesus says, "As the Father sent me, so I send you." What do you think it means for your own life to be sent rather than simply to attend?

Prevenient Grace

Where do you see places in your own story where God was at work before you were aware of it? What does that tell you about where God might be working right now?

The Common Good

The Spirit is given to each person for the common good, not for personal enrichment. What would our church look like if everyone genuinely believed their gifts existed for others?

The sins of gossip, slander, and contempt are gifts of speech turned against their own purpose. They hurt others. Making someone feel less than so that you can feel better about yourself is incompatible with Christian teaching. These sins break down beloved community. Is there a pattern in your own life the Spirit is asking you to address?

On Christianity

Ambrose never knew he was the answer to thirty years of prayer. He simply kept showing up. What does faithful showing up look like for you this week, in a specific and ordinary way?

Spiritual Gifts Survey

R = Rarely S = Sometimes O = Often

Wisdom

1. When people face a difficult decision, they tend to come to me for guidance. R / S / O
2. I am able to look at a complicated situation and identify what is most important. R / S / O

Knowledge

3. I love studying scripture and find myself wanting to understand it more deeply. R / S / O
4. I notice connections between what I read or learn and what is happening around me. R / S / O

Faith

5. Even in uncertain circumstances, I find it natural to trust that God is at work. R / S / O
6. I tend to pray boldly and expect God to move in concrete ways. R / S / O

Healing and Encouragement

7. I am drawn to people who are hurting and feel equipped to sit with them in their pain. R / S / O
8. I often find words that bring comfort or hope to people who are struggling. R / S / O

Prophecy and Truth-Speaking

9. I feel a strong call to speak scriptural truth, even when it is difficult or unwelcome. R / S / O
10. I sometimes sense where God is moving in a situation before others around me do. R / S / O

Discernment

11. I can usually tell when something is spiritually off, whether in a conversation, a decision, or a direction. R / S / O
12. I tend to ask questions others do not think to ask, and I notice what is missing. R / S / O

Teaching

13. I find it natural to explain difficult ideas in ways that make them accessible and clear. R / S / O
14. I am energized when I help someone understand something they could not grasp before. R / S / O

Service and Helps

15. I notice practical needs around me, what needs to be done and what is being overlooked, and I move toward them. R / S / O
16. I find deep satisfaction in supporting others behind the scenes, without needing recognition. R / S / O

Administration and Coordination

17. I naturally think in terms of structure, steps, and how to organize people toward a shared goal. R / S / O
18. When a group is moving in too many directions, I can help bring clarity and order. R / S / O

Reading Your Results

Where you marked O (Often) most consistently is worth paying attention to, not as a final verdict but as an invitation to reflect.

Gifts are confirmed by community.

Ask someone who knows you well whether what you marked matches what they observe in you.

Gifts are given for the common good.

The question is not only what you have been given, but how it is being offered for someone else.

Wounds and gifts often share an address.

The place where you have been most broken open is often the place where you have the most to offer.

A Closing Prayer

Gracious God, you breathed your Spirit into a frightened room and sent ordinary people to do things they could not have imagined on their own. You gave gifts not to be hoarded but to be offered: for the common good, for the body, for the world outside the door.

Show me what I carry. Show me who needs it. Give me the courage to show up without waiting until I feel ready.

I am not the whole answer. I am only the part you have assigned to me. That is enough. Use me.

Amen.

