

Silent Confession  
Assurance of Pardon  
Congregational Response (responsive)  
We are washed in the waters of God's grace.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Peace (responsive)  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *Canzon per Sonare No. 2* Giovanni Gabrieli

✦ Doxology (sung)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

✦ Prayer of Dedication

#### HEARING THE WORD

#### A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Hymn 630 (v.1) *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Children's Anthem *Goodness is Stronger than Evil* John Bell

Hymn 630 (v.4) *Fairest Lord Jesus*

SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 OT (pp. 231-232)

SERMON *Courageous Women* Sarah L. Hill

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION [A time to reflect upon the implications of scripture and sermon for your life.]

✦ HYMN 470 *There Is A Longing In Our Hearts*

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [An expression of our common hope and purpose.]

Affirmation in Words (unison) A Brief Statement of Faith [10.3]

**We trust in God, who Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandment, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of**

**bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

Affirmation in Song *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*  
HYMN 582

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

✦ HYMN 172 *Blest Are They*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *God of the Hungry* Scott Soper

BLESSING IN MUSIC [During the playing of the music you are encouraged to greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ, or to remain seated and allow the music to aid you in fashioning some final prayers.]

*Selections from the 'Water Music'* G. F. Handel

✦ Those who are able may stand.

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*All are invited and encouraged  
to attend Coffee Fellowship in Brady Chapel.*

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#### Music Notes

*Choir Music:* The **choral call to worship**, setting John 8:12, was created in 1991 by the contemporary Christian song writer, June Fischer Armstrong. The text:

*I am the light of the world; whoever follows me  
will never walk in the dark, but have eternal life.*

The **anthem** at the children's time is a song (music) by the Scottish pastor/composer, John Bell (b. 1949), the muse of the Iona Community. The words are from *An African Prayer Book* (1995), selected by the respected South African cleric Desmond Tutu (b. 1931). The choir's text: *Goodness is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate.*

*Light is stronger than darkness. Life is stronger than death.*

*Victory is ours through him who loves us.*

The closing **choral response** is taken from a hymn written/composed in 1989 by the Catholic liturgist/composer, Scott Soper (b. 1961). The text (inspired by Matthew 25:35-40):

*God of all the hungry millions, God who suffers with the poor,  
Still our greed keeps us from sharing with the hungry at our door.*

*All who thirst will thirst no longer when we do as you would do.  
May we care for all you people; Help us know that they are you.*

*God who travels with the stranger, greeted by our apathy,*

*Teach us to embrace all people; all can live with dignity.  
You have bid us clothes the naked, bringing hope in all we do.  
May we welcome all your people; Help us know that they are you.*

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*Congregational Hymns:* The text of "**God of the Ages**" was written by the (Episcopal) priest, Daniel Crane Roberts (1841-1907) for the centennial celebration of 1876. The tune ("National Hymn") was composed around 1894 for this text by the American organist, George William Warren (1828-1902), who served a long tenure in New York City's Trinity and St. Thomas churches. The choir's descant is by William McCorkle. At the children's time we sing from "**Fairest Lord Jesus**," a hymn which originated in late 17<sup>th</sup>-century Germany. We sing the English translation which first appeared in Richard Storrs Willis' *Church Chorals and Choir Studies* (1850). The tune ("Crusaders' Hymn"), from the central European region known as Silesia, was first published in a German collection in 1842. The choir's descant is by William McCorkle. After the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, we sing the refrain of "**There Is A Longing**," a moving and powerful song of prayer written in 1993 by Anne Quigley (b. 1955, a leading figure in worship and music in the United Kingdom. "**Blest Are They**," paraphrasing the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), is one of the best known of the many hymns and songs by David Haas (b. 1957), a leading figure in the music and liturgy of the Catholic church.

*Instrumental Music:* The **prelude** on a well-known German hymn melody, is an arrangement by the celebrated trumpeter/teacher, Fred Mills (1935-2009). The **offertory music** is taken from the rich body of ensemble music composed for the St. Mark's Basilica in Venice (Italy) by the master musician, Giovanni Gabrieli (1554?-1612). The **postlude** music is taken from George Frideric Handel's (1685-1759) famous *Water Music* suite (1717).



**Sunday, November 18, 7:00PM,  
Trinity United Methodist Church**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

SUN (11/11)	8:45	Worship
	9:15	Youth Choir
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	<b>2:00</b>	Rise Against Hunger Event
	7:00	Handbells Practice
MON (11/12)		<i>Community Table Volunteers</i>
	9:30	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:00	Young Adult House Church
TUES (11/13)	10:00	Lectio Divina
	5:00	Campus SubCommittee
WEDS (11/14)	9:00	Indoor Farmer's Market
	10:00	Mary Circle
	5:00	Brittigan Fund Meeting
	7:00	Leah Circle
THURS(11/15)	7:30	Adult Choir Practice
SUN (11/18)	8:45	Worship
	9:15	Youth Choir
	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	<b>12:00</b>	Brunch
	7:00	Handbells Practice
	<b>7:00</b>	Community Thanksgiving Service at Trinity UMC

RARA Pantry Item of the month (Nov): Canned Fruit Low Sugar

**Announcements & Opportunities**

Assisting in 11:00am worship this morning is Chip Honsinger.

The **flowers** are in loving memory of my nephew, Justin Thomas Hathorn, whose birthdate was Nov. 12th - he would have been 32 this year.

We welcome the **Virginia Military Institute Brass Ensemble**. Providing music in our worship today are cadets John Dickenson, Abby Dimirack, Timothy Stallings - trumpet; MacKenzie Halley - French horn; MacGregor Baxter - trombone; and Andrew Wang - tuba. We are grateful to them for sharing their talents with us.

**Community Table Volunteers** for November 12th: We'll only need volunteers to help setup in the afternoon (1:00pm) and cleanup at the end of the dinner (7:30-8:30pm). Sign up on the sheet in Murray Hall, or call Lori Inman at 615-585-4828 or email: [LLWJPI@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:LLWJPI@HOTMAIL.COM).

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>: Celebrate Thanksgiving with your church family! Join us for the Community Thanksgiving Service -7:00PM at Trinity United Methodist Church. Join us for a time of worship, praise and thanksgiving!

SUNDAY BRUNCH on Sunday, November 18th. Come and have Brunch (all your breakfast favorites!) after the 11:00am worship in Dunlap Auditorium (\$6/person; \$16/family, children under 5 & campus students FREE!).

**Indoor Farmer's Market on Wednesdays!** In Dunlap Auditorium), 9am-1pm. The annual HOLIDAY Market is **Weds, Dec 12** also at Lex Pres.

Thank you for those who have purchased **holiday wreaths**. All large wreath spaces are now taken. There are still small wreaths available for purchase. Please contact Kimberly in the church office at 463-3873 or email [admin@lexpres.org](mailto:admin@lexpres.org). We need 10 small wreaths at \$25/each. All orders will be placed on a first come first serve basis no later than November 15th.

Looking for a **new recipe** to try during this holiday season? The church office might have some options for you! Skip Hess has been so kind to share the recipes from some of our favorite treats at Thursday dinners and Sunday brunches. There are copies in the main office of the church. Stop by to see if you can find a new favorite!

RAFIKI - Thanks to the support of this church and the community, the total proceeds from the Rafiki sale on October 27<sup>th</sup> was \$2,556. All of this amount will go to the widows in the ten African countries where Rafiki has villages: Tanzania, Ghana, Uganda, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Liberia, Kenya, Rwanda, Zambia and Malawi.

There will be a **Music That Makes Community/Story Sharing workshop** on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Grace Episcopal Church. The workshop will run from 10:00am - 5:00pm that day, and will be focused on helping dismantle racism through the sharing of music and story. Lunch will be served. Advanced registration is required: <https://alliance.wufoo.com/forms/z1h814wt1m7qn9g/>. The class is offered at \$15/person or \$5/college student.

Happy Coats-giving: Lex Pres is partnering with RARA to provide warm coats for those in need. We welcome clean, gently used coats of ALL sizes for men, women, and children. Coats may be hung on the Murray hallway hooks from **Nov. 11 - 20**.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

The nursery will be available from 8:30 am (for Early Worship attendees) until 12:15 - after the final worship service.

*Please ask an Usher for assistance with hearing devices & large print bulletins*



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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
 11 November 2018  
 11:00 AM

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *Beautiful Savior* arr. Fred Mills

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Psalm 126 - A Harvest of Joy  
 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

***Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."***

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

***Restore our fortunes, O Lord.***

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

***Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.***

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *I Am the Light of the World*  
 J. F. Armstrong

WELCOME

MORNING PRAYER

♠ HYMN 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (unison)

***Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.***

*\*If you are carrying a cell phone or some other electronic device, please turn it off before worship begins.\**