

# 10 a.m. Service

The Work of the People for October 1, 2023  
Gathering For Praise

**Song of Welcome** 'Today is the Day'

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great-

**God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.**

Let us worship God today, for God is good-

**God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.**

Let us worship God today-

**Because we are God's people.**

Let us worship God.

**Song of Praise** 'Open the Eyes of My Heart'

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

**Special Music** 'I Will Make You Fishers of Men' The Trumpets  
'Deep and Wide'

**Children's Discipleship Moment** Kayla Vandeventer

**Hearing God's Word**

**Scripture Reading** John 17: 20- 23 Donna Koegler

The PrayerGround Table is for children Kindergarten-age and younger.

*During the sermon time, they are invited to come and work on a puzzle, play a game, read a book, or color.*

*Parents, please sit near the table to assist if need be.*

**Song of Preparation** 'Come to the Table'

**Message** The Longest Table in the World Rev. Brian Gilmer

**Responding to God's Word**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**\*The Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles Creed UMH 881

*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.*

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**Offertory** 'He Reigns'

**Doxology** UMH 94

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

*If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ as part of this congregation, please see Pastor Brian or Pastor Christine after the service. They would love to point you to some discipleship opportunities and ways to serve Christ here at TRUMC.*

**Going Forth to Serve God's World**

**Song of Sending** 'All the People Said Amen'

**Sending Forth**

Worshiping here for the first time?

Stop by one of our Hospitality Stations on your way out of the sanctuary for a welcome bag and a greeting from one of our Hospitality Team members.

Band Director: Brain Catron

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS: The Faith We Sing Hymnal

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# Stewardship Report

One Fund Monthly Goal 2023 \$47,808	Date	Online	In-Person	Sunday School
	9.3	41	136	-
One Fund Actual MTD \$32,158	9.10	TBD	162	92
	9.17	N/A	222	91
Deposits week ended \$8,465	9.24	TBD	215	99

**Building Project Fund as of August**  
\$1,343,857

Thank you!

E-giving available at [trmethodist.net](http://trmethodist.net) or scan QR code —>



Text-to-Give: text the amount you wish to give to (833) 948-2135, wait for response to guide you through the process.

# Prayer

## HOMEBOUND

George Adamson  
James White  
Dee Hughes  
Patrick O'Dell  
Reggy O'Dell  
Frances Lockaby  
Barbara Floyd  
Martha Foster  
Mary Greene  
Fred Dyal

## TRUMC

Myra Robitalle  
Sandy Bailey

## LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

Robert Kay

## FRIENDS OF TRUMC

Loretta Sigenow

Submit a prayer request to our Prayer Team:

[prayer@trmethodist.net](mailto:prayer@trmethodist.net)

(Please indicate if you would like it to be on

*TRUMC is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. If you could benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please contact Patti Crenshaw (864)380-8421 or Dave McAda (864)380-5867*



Pray for Peace in Ukraine and for all affected by the war

# Upcoming Events and Announcements

For full events schedule, see the monthly *Pew & Pulpit* Newsletter (paper or online)



Whether you are worshipping with us in person, online, or in your cars on 88.9FM, we are grateful you have joined us! Let us know you're worshipping with us & stay connected during the week



## HELP LEAD WORSHIP

Acolytes/Bible Bearers; Scripture Readers; Greeters/Ushers:  
Sign up online [www.trmethodist.net/online-sign-ups](http://www.trmethodist.net/online-sign-ups)

## GROWTH GROUPS

Growth groups will take place October 2 - November 17 and will meet weekly to discuss the scripture, sermon and Trailguide questions. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board by the bell tower entrance and online at [www.trmethodist.net](http://www.trmethodist.net)

## MISSION CIRCLE MEETING

Meeting on Wednesday, October 4th from 9:30am - 11:30am in the Parlor.  
There are jobs for sewers and non-sewers as we start working on our Christmas and winter items.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your furry friends for a blessing of the animals on Sunday, October 8 at 5pm.  
We will also be collecting donations of pet food for a local animal shelter.

## UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship)

Will meet on October 8th, at 4:45 to participate in the Blessing of the Animals  
Afterwards will be a devotion and fellowship time. Pick up will be at 6 pm.

## WOODLANDS BIBLE GROUP

Meets each Tuesday at 10AM at the Woodlands at  
Furman in Brian and Mary's Apt 1208

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

This group provides a caring, nonjudgemental and confidential one-to-one relationship between a trained church member and a person experiencing a difficult time or transition in his or her life.  
For more information, contact Patti Crenshaw at (864)380-8421 or [patticrenshaw1@gmail.com](mailto:patticrenshaw1@gmail.com)

Pick up a copy of the latest Newsletter in the narthex, or go on line: [trmethodist.net](http://trmethodist.net)



Sunday, October 1, 2023  
Sermon: The Longest Table in the World

**Scripture:** John 17: 20- 23 (CEB)

**20** “I’m not praying only for them but also for those who believe in me because of their word.

**21** I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. **22** I’ve given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. **23** I’m in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me.

*This is the Word of God for the people of God.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Trail Blazes** (thoughts and ideas to guide you)

**Next Steps for the Journey**

- When you think of World Communion Sunday, what images or thoughts come to mind?
- Do you see a “lack of communion” in our world today? If so, how and where.
- How can we, as followers of Jesus, change that?
- Who do we need to extend the table to in our community?

**Prayer for This Week’s Walk**

“Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.” — John Wesley



*The Church on the Trail  
Walking with Christ,  
Serving God,  
Changing Lives.*

**October 1, 2023**

**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

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