

# 11:00 a.m. Service

The Work of the People for October 8, 2023

## Gathering For Praise

### Welcome and Announcements

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**Choral Call to Worship** 'We Are Members of Christ's Body' Chancel Choir

**\*Hymn of Praise** 'Maker in Whom We Live' UMH 88

**\*Psalter Reading** Psalm 8 UMH 743

**\*Gloria Patri**  
*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.*

### 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*

**Children's Disciple Moment** Sharon Graves

**Anthem** 'Take Up Your Cross'  
arr. Helvey

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## Hearing God's Word

**Scripture Reading** Revelation 3:14-22 (CEB) Kayla Vandeventer

**\*Hymn of Preparation** 'We'll Understand it By and By' UMH 525

**Message** Why Care? Rev. Christine Matthews

## Responding to God's Word

**\*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** Emily Guth, piano

**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

**\*Hymn of Sending** 'God Will Take Care of You' UMH 130

**Reception of New Members** UMH 48  
Lisa and Todd Jackson  
Rene Batson  
Judy Durant

### 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.*



# TRAIL GUIDE

**Sunday: October 8, 2023**

**Message: Why Care?**

**Scripture:** Revelation 3:14-22

Common English Bible

14 "Write this to the angel of the church in Laodicea: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler [a] of God's creation. 15 I know your works. You are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. 16 So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I'm about to spit you out of my mouth. 17 After all, you say, 'I'm rich, and I've grown wealthy, and I don't need a thing.' You don't realize that you are miserable, pathetic, poor, blind, and naked. 18 My advice is that you buy gold from me that has been purified by fire so that you may be rich, and white clothing to wear so that your nakedness won't be shamefully exposed, and ointment to put on your eyes so that you may see. 19 I correct and discipline those whom I love. So be earnest and change your hearts and lives. 20 Look! I'm standing at the door and knocking. If any hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to be with them, and will have dinner with them, and they will have dinner with me. 21 As for those who emerge victorious, I will allow them to sit with me on my throne, just as I emerged victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 If you can hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches." May God add a blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words. Amen.

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 on the Journey**

- What are some faith questions that you have in general? What are some faith questions that you would like to ask God?
- How do you struggle with apathy and indifference? How do you see apathy and indifference in our world?
- Do you or how do you struggle to believe that God cares for you?
- What do you care about deeply and passionately (issues, people, etc)?

## **Prayer for the Week**

Oh God who cares, we are thankful that you know us and care for us. We can cast our burdens upon you and trust that you see us, hear us, and love us. Help us not to be lukewarm in our faith, but to care about one another, our community, and our world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



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

**October 8, 2023**

**19th Sunday after Pentecost**

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\*Song of Welcome Light the Fire Again Brian Doerkson

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# Upcoming Events and Announcements

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

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Email List Sign Up



**TODAY'S MEETINGS 10/8**  
**TRUMPETS: 4:30-5:00 PM in the Chapel**

### 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.

Also, if you would like to volunteer to provide supper to the UMYF, visit our website to sign up.

### 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)

### TRUNK OR TREAT

October 29, 5:30pm

All children are welcome to attend.

Sign your car up to be a "trunk" and hand out "treats on our website.

Each car/household brings their own candy

Please direct all questions to Meghan Guth.

### 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)

### 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)