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Theme for May: We can make it together! Coping and Caring through COVID-19.



**MAY 17, 2020 ONLINE SERVICE
TODAY'S THEME: HELPING HANDS**

PRELUDE

Give Thanks
Flautist: Sue Northey

arr. Joel Raney

OPENING WORDS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 148:1-5)

L: Praise the Lord from the heavens;

A: Praise him in the heights above.

L: Praise him, all his angels;

A: Praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

L: Praise him, sun and moon;

A: Praise him, all you shining stars.

L: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

A: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created.

HYMN**God of Grace and God of Glory*

<i>God of grace and God of glory</i>	<i>Cure Thy children's warring</i>	<i>Save us from weak resignation</i>
<i>On Thy people pour Thy power</i>	<i>madness</i>	<i>To the evils we deplore</i>
<i>Crown Thine ancient church's</i>	<i>Bend our pride to Thy control</i>	<i>Let the search for Thy salvation</i>
<i>story</i>	<i>Shame our wanton selfish</i>	<i>Be our glory evermore</i>
<i>Bring her bud to glorious flower</i>	<i>gladness</i>	<i>Grant us wisdom grant us courage</i>
<i>Grant us wisdom grant us courage</i>	<i>Rich in things and poor in soul</i>	<i>Serving Thee whom we adore</i>
<i>For the facing of this hour</i>	<i>Grant us wisdom grant us courage</i>	<i>Serving Thee whom we adore</i>
<i>For the facing of this hour</i>	<i>Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal</i>	<i>Amen</i>
	<i>Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal</i>	
<i>Lo the hosts of evil 'round us</i>		
<i>Scorn Thy Christ assail His ways</i>	<i>Set our feet on lofty places</i>	
<i>From the fears that long have</i>	<i>Gird our lives that they may be</i>	
<i>bound us</i>	<i>Armored with all Christ-like graces</i>	
<i>Free our hearts to faith and praise</i>	<i>In the fight to set men free</i>	
<i>Grant us wisdom grant us courage</i>	<i>Grant us wisdom grant us courage</i>	
<i>For the living of these days</i>	<i>That we fail not man nor Thee</i>	
<i>For the living of these days</i>	<i>That we fail not man nor Thee</i>	

OPENING PRAYER ***

Lord we praise you for who you are and for what you mean to us. You are good, gracious, loving, generous and kind – and we are made richer by your blessings. You are also true, righteous, holy and unchanging – and we are made better by your standards.

We ask for mercy and forgiveness for times at which we have either squandered your blessings or disregarded your standards. You are holy, we are sinful. You are faithful, we are forgetful. You are constant, we are works in progress. Thank you for your generosity by which you keep giving to us. Thank you for your grace by which you keep forgiving us. We never want to take them for granted.

As we pause to pray for our hurting world today, we take time to pray for friends we know who are going through a hard time. (Let's spend moments in silence praying in our hearts: a minute of silent prayer)

Lord we once again lift up the families that have lost loved ones on account of COVID-19. We pray for help in the midst of their heartache, we pray for peace in midst of their turmoil. We pray for those battling for life and health. We pray for those on the frontlines of the battle against this virus that has destroyed lives and temporarily disrupted our planet.

We believe you will bring better days. We believe you are able to bring good even out of such troubling times. We believe you are able to bring our world back to yourself even through this season of despair. Lord, hear our prayer. Lord, lead us through this time of worship. Lead us by your precious Holy Spirit. Lead us to the gates of thanksgiving. Lead us to humble prayer. Lead us to sweet fellowship. Lead us to your life-giving Word and lead us to yourself. In Jesus precious holy name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-17

CHILDREN'S TALK

Mel Eyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Prayer for Class of 2020

ANTHEM

Beloved God's Chosen

Michael Burkhardt

Soloist: Sarah Rodgers, Clarinet: Zach Sweger, Flute: Beth Sider

SERMON

Helping Hands (Scripture: Mark 2:1-12)

Pastor Arun

RESPONSE*

Jesu, Jesu

*Jesu Jesu
 Fill us with Your love
 Show us how to serve
 The neighbors we have from You*

*Kneels at the feet of His friends
 Silently washes their feet
 Master who acts as a slave to them*

*Neighbors are rich and poor
 Neighbors are black and white
 Neighbors are near and far away*

*These are the ones we should serve
 These are the ones we should love
 All these are neighbors to us and You*

*Loving puts us on our knees
 Serving as though we are slaves
 This is the way we should live with You*

*Kneel at the feet of our friends
 Silently washing their feet
 This is the way we should live with You*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

God of Grace

Paul Manz

In Charge of Trinity: The Heavenly Father
 Rev. Arun Andrews, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Carl Ford Peterson, Pastor Emeritus
 Rev. Peggy Spengler, Pastor of Prayer, Discipleship and Evangelism
 Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries
 Barbara Zimmerman, Parish Nurse
 Haley Warner, Director of Youth Ministries
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Scripture and song: Midweek Music special Join Todd Davis, our Director of music on Facebook live on Wednesdays at 12 pm. Let the music soothe you and its depth inspire you. Listen. Relax. Meditate. Be blessed. You are welcome to listen over lunch. Share this with your friends! Join us at our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUMNC/live/>

May 17	Terry Ulery, Sr.	HAPPY BIRTHDAY!			
May 19	Brady Kiehl	May 20	Darryl Moyer	May 21	Edward Shelly
	Connor Kiehl		Gordon Robertson		Linda Young

Calling All Graduates Trinity wishes to honor all graduates from Trinity community - high school, college, graduate degree or certificate. Please email the church office at office@trinityumnc.com with the name of the graduate and their graduating institution. Especially during this unusual time, we honor the graduates on this milestone and support them in prayer.

Weekly Facebook Live Prayer Times- Join Pastor Arun, members and friends of Trinity in a half hour prayer time between 8 pm and 8:30 pm on Tuesdays. Praying for others is one of the most rewarding gifts that a Christian can experience. Our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUMNC/live/>

National Day of Prayer: Thanks to all of you who signed to pray in our prayer chain. We had 103 participate. Thanks to all of you who joined us in the New Cumberland Online prayer time and also in the National Broadcast. Thanks to Beth Sider and our team for hosting the prayer chain and to Pastor Peggy Spengler for her leadership in the online live prayer time. You can watch the online live prayer time on the New Cumberland Facebook page.

Let's meet as a congregation via Zoom Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 11 am.

It will be a time when we can see one another and connect. Pastor Arun will share a brief devotion, a moment in prayer and Todd Davis will play a song for us. It will be great to have you join us as families where it is possible, youth and children included.

To prepare Jocelyn MacMinn will send you an invitation via e-mail on Wednesday.

Love boxes: Inviting your participation

We are inviting you to participate in our "Love Box" ministry led by Trinity's Helping Hands under the leadership of Carol Evertts. By God's grace and the faithful work of Carol and Randy Evertts, Tiffany Hollinger and Harry Rodriguez, we have been able to distribute 150 love boxes to families in our community. We have been distributing love boxes every week since the first week of April. We are planning to continue this every other week through September. Carol Evertts is also initiating a partnership with friends from Fishing Creek Salem UMC to share love boxes with homeless families. If you are able to contribute items for a box, here is the list of items.

Food Suggestions for Love Box is as follows:

Medium size cans of fruit, tuna fish and chicken, spaghetti O's or raviolis

Lg. plastic bottles of Juice ex: grape, apple, and orange (no grapefruit please)

Medium size cans of soup ex: chicken noodle, tomato, vegetable

Noodles ex: macaroni, spaghetti, Spaghetti sauces, Parmesan Cheese

Box of crackers ex. Ritz, Townhouse, saltines, etc., Large bag potato chips or pretzels

Peanut butter and Jars of Jelly ex: strawberry, grape

Cookies: medium or 1 large, Boxes of health bars, Large boxes of cereal

Love box drop off starting date: May 21st

To maintain social distancing guidelines, we are requesting you to bring your love boxes or bags to church between 9 am and 12 noon on the 21st. Kindly drive to the rear door of the Fellowship Hall (the one with a short ramp) on Maple Alley and park your car at the door. Harry Rodriguez will collect the box from your car's boot. Kindly remain in your cars with your masks on. If you have any questions or want to know more, please contact Carol Evertts.

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My dear Trinity Family,

It is hard to believe that we are 8 weeks into this experience of being apart and worshipping in isolation. I want to encourage you to hang in there by God's grace. I want to thank you for joining us in prayer and worship online. We miss meeting – but we are truly grateful that each of you to continue to enjoy good/ reasonable health and strength. In this strange season several of us have found more time for family, introspection, prayer, Bible reading, Bible memorization, writing cards to others, caring for others by phone calls and reaching out as best as we can. Thank you for being a caring community of faith.

I especially think of all of you who are *not able to join us in our online worship*. **I have a suggestion.** Beth and Dr. Ron Sider have been including Parish nurse Barbara Zimmermann and Carol Brown in our online services by having them listen via their telephones. I want to invite members to offer this option to any in our congregation who may not be able to watch online. This will be a big blessing.

I am trying to do my best along with our team to facilitate our community connections, fellowship, worship and outreach during this time. If you have suggestions where I can improve, please do not hesitate to let me know. I am especially concerned about any in our congregation who may be feeling especially downhearted or financially challenged. We want to be there for each of you. Please feel free to talk to me on my cell phone or with any of our retired pastors or leadership team members or our ministry leaders and we will be most happy to help.

Preparing for the online services and the mid-week videos has been a new season of learning for me. I see this time as an opportunity for us as church to share the Gospel and the love of our Lord beyond our circle. I am not sure if you are aware that a sermon takes me about 18-20 hours of preparation and prayer. The video component has increased my time involvement significantly. Nihal and I have had good dad-son times working on the videos and we are thankful. God has been providing through the amazing gifts of Todd Davis and our members. To God be the glory.

I feel the pain of not having been able to reach each of you personally as I wish to. I am very much looking forward to our meeting via Zoom this Thursday at 11 am. Please see the announcements for further details.

I trust you read the contents of our weekly bulletins and prepare your hearts for the services. One of the reasons we are ensuring the bulletins reach all our members is because we know that it is one way in which we can stay in touch with those who are not connected with us online and via the internet. A big thank you to Anne Mathews for designing and mailing the bulletins to all of us. Excellent job, Anne.

I am praying for you and request your continued prayers for our team and for me and my family. Miriam, Nihal and Nehara have been an amazing support to your new online pastor – with prayers, in house haircuts, a home studio and even that make-up ☺

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. Psalm 95:6

Stay blessed! And let us continue to be 'helping hands' in our community and beyond.

We can make it together with the Lord's help,

Pastor Arun