

**CAMPUS CLOSED:** To help slow the spread of the coronavirus, the main Trinity Campus will be closed to the public during our normal Sunday and Wednesday worship and activity times. Please join us online or Suddenlink channel 4 on Sundays at 10:45 for worship.

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** A devotional will be posted each day during this time of campus closure. You can find them by going to the following link: [www.trinityruston.org/devotions](http://www.trinityruston.org/devotions). They can also be found on our Facebook page.

**LUNCH ON US VOLUNTEERS:** Every Monday we serve bag lunches to the hungry at the Presbyterian Church. This ministry is primarily staffed by our older adults. For the next few weeks, while our older members reduce their social interaction, we need younger, healthy volunteers who are willing to come out and serve. Please contact Marie Burns ASAP at [mburns@trinityruston.org](mailto:mburns@trinityruston.org) to sign up.

**GROCERY DELIVERY:** Trinity would like to offer grocery delivery to our senior adult members during this time of public health concern. If you are interested in receiving grocery delivery, please call the church office or email Marie Burns to sign up; [mburns@trinityruston.org](mailto:mburns@trinityruston.org).

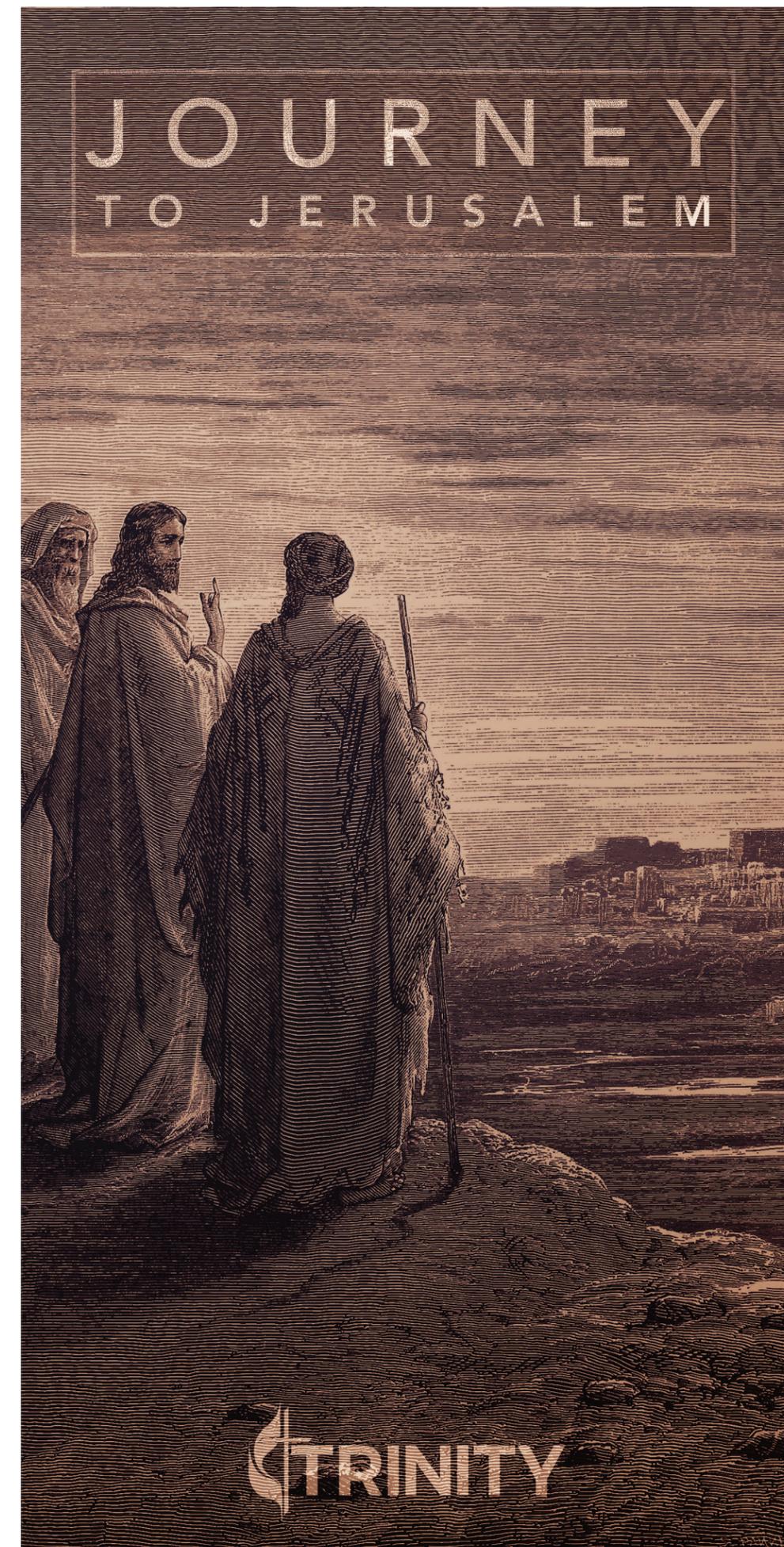
**CHARGE CONFERENCE:** Charge Conference will meet via ZOOM on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. as a part of our regular church council meeting. If you would like to participate, please call the church office to get the link.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Save the date for Vacation Bible School: June 1-5, 2020! If you would like to volunteer, contact Mandy Smith, 278-4477 or Megan Walpole, (404) 680-0415.

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 22, 2020

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## PRELUDE

Deborah Guillory, Organist  
"How Great Thou Art"

## NOTES ON THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Darrell Coats

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The light of the Lord is shining with love.

**People: Rise in our hearts, Bright Morning Star.**

Leader: God calls us now, saying, "Be not afraid."

**People: Give peace in our lives, O promised One.**

Leader: Come, behold Christ and gaze at His glory.

**People: Shine in our lives, Light of the World!**

## OPENING PRAYER

**Majestic God, shine upon us with your glorious love; shine through us with your brilliant grace. As we worship together, reveal your truth to us, that we might see and live the paths of discipleship you set before us.**

**And forgive us, O God, when we stumble in the darkness and turn away from your face. Strengthen us to walk in your brightness and live in your ways. Enlighten the shadows that keep us from growing in your love and light. Shower us with your grace, that we might shine as your people upon this earth.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: We are all God's beloved children. Through the grace of Christ, we are forgiven!

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal, No. 369  
"Blessed Assurance"

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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. (The Apostle's Creed)**

## \*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.**

## WE WORSHIP THROUGH OUR PRAYERS

### AND OUR OFFERINGS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Darrell Coats

## 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.**

## PRAYER RESPONSE

Hymnal, No. 473  
"Lead Me Lord" verse 1

## OFFERTORY MOMENT

Dr. Darrell Coats

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Hymnal, No. 377  
"It is Well With My Soul" verses 1,2,4

## \*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dr. Darrell Coats

## \*HYMN OF THE GOSPEL

Hymnal, No. 206  
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

## \*SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:8-14

## SERMON

Rev. Leslie Stephens  
"There's Always Light"

## WE GO FORTH IN FAITH AND SERVICE

## \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymnal, No. 156  
"I Love to Tell the Story" verses 1,2,4

## \*BENEDICTION

Dr. Darrell Coats

## \*POSTLUDE

Deborah Guillory, Organ

*\*All who are able, please stand.*