Holy Trinity United Methodist Church
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026

REFLECTION: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes." — Matthew 21:42, NRSVUE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THE PEACE:

La pace sia con te (Italian)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Christ gathers us from many places and many stories.
People: We come together as one people in Christ.
Leader: We come from different backgrounds, cultures, and experiences.
People: Though we are many, we are one body in Christ.
Leader: Christ welcomes us to a table where grace is offered to all.
People: There is room at Christ's table for every child of God.
Leader: We come not as owners, but as guests, receiving what God freely gives.
People: We receive one grace and are sent to share that grace with the world.
Leader: With the church throughout the world, let us worship God.
People: One bread. One body. One hope. One Christ. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:**

"The Church's One Foundation" #545

At this mark, you may stand in body or in spirit.

***OPENING PRAYER:**

God of every people and every place, you gather us into a community larger than we can see.

Open our hearts today to the wideness of your grace. Free us from the boundaries we create and from the pride that makes us forget that all we have comes from you.

As we hear your Word and gather at Christ's table, draw us closer to you and to one another.

Nourish us with your grace, and shape us into people who bear the fruits of love, mercy, justice, and peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***ACT OF PRAISE:**

"Glory Be to the Father" #70

FIRST LESSON Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
SECOND LESSON Philippians 3:4b-14

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

"Make Us One" #2224

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:33-46

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God. Amen

SERMON: "A Table Bigger Than Ours"

Response to the Word:

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada #883

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #13

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Gracious God, thank you for welcoming us to Christ's table and feeding us with your grace.

Send us out as one body to love generously, serve faithfully, and share your peace with the world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Take Time to Be Holy" #395 v. 1

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #95**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Generous God, everything we have comes from your gracious hand.

We thank you for daily bread, for people who share our lives, for opportunities to serve, and for the gifts you have entrusted to us.

Receive these offerings and use them beyond what we can see—to bring hope to those who are discouraged, care to those who are in need, and the love of Christ to our neighbors near and far.

Make us faithful stewards of all you have given us, and generous servants of your world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:**

"One Bread, One Body" #620

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

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CHURCH PRAYER LIST: Paul Mancini, Ellie Smith, Nancy Higgins, William Drury, Pamela Drury, Sandy Gray, Melissa Rodolosi, Anne Bennett, Danielle DeSantis, Marj Stark, Joanne Briggs, Family of Betty Spencer, Dawn Lepore, Joshua Kauffman (Navy), Glenn Douglass, Joanne MacInnis, Marcia Patterson, Jean Ebb, Jon Weisblatt, Carter/Dagley Family, Gregory Family, Ruthanne Pierce and Family, Ginger, Ernie, Nancy Tompros, Nancy, Eric, David, and a Haitian mother and her two children who have lost their Temporary Protected Status, Spadorcia Family, Larry Blake, Jean Ebb, Debbie Kidger, The Burke Family, Suzanna, Rebecca.

JOYS AND CONCERNS for prayer time can be emailed to Pastor Shin at singingpastorshin@gmail.com or texted to 781-572-6650 (please leave your name as well as your request).

PASTORAL VISITATION: If you would like a visit from Pastor Shin, please notify him at singingpastorshin@gmail.com or call his cell phone at 781-572-6650. You may also contact the church office at htumchurch@gmail.com or 978-777-7408.

E-Giving can be made via PayPal & Venmo

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EVENTS

Sunday
Church Service and Sunday School at 9:00 am
Followed by fellowship coffee hour

First Sunday of every month, Fill a red grocery bag for the Danvers People to People Food Pantry

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

The Gathering – 2nd Saturday of the Month 10:30am-Noon

Samaritan Circle: 2nd Saturday of the Month

AA 7:30pm

SAVE THE DATES

October 4 – World Communion Sunday
October 24 – Church Conference
October 25 – Trunk or Treat 5-6:30pm
November 7 – Holiday Fair 9am-2pm

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South Essex Cooperative Parish
The Reverend Shin Ahn, *Pastor*
The Reverend Adam Randazzo, *Pastor*
The Reverend Sharon Dunbar-Link, *Pastor*

Jodi Armstrong, *Office Administrator*
Holly Landry, *Christian Education Director*
Kevin O'Brien, *Sexton*

Hello Church Family,

It's that time again when the Christian Ed program will be hosting our annual Trunk-or-Treat event! We will have it on Sunday October 25th from 5:00-6:30. Cars can arrive at 4:00 to begin decorating and setting up. We are looking for at least 10 cars to participate. With the new preschool starting soon, we hope to have a great turnout with some of the preschool families joining us! If we don't have 10 cars signed up by 10/19, we will have to cancel the event.

Thank you so much for your support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at htumccedirector@gmail.com.

Please use the following link to sign up!
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA8AE2DA1F8C61-66120739-trunk

Thank you!
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Holy Trinity UMC ~ Danvers MA

Holiday Fair

Save the Date ~ Come help and support

November 7, 2026
9:00 ~ 2:00

Homemade crafts, Bake Shoppe, Country Store, Grandma's Attic, Grampa's Tool Shed, Jewelry, Used Books, Children's Corner with Mystery Jars, Coffee Cafe, and Harvest Luncheon

2026 Church Conference. It will be on Saturday, October 24, at 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in South Hamilton.