

THIS WEEK AT TRIUNE

(Triune is closed 1:00 PM-2:00PM, Mon, Wed, Th, and 1:00PM-2:30PM Tues)

Today

Bible Study, 9:30AM

Intergenerational Bible Study, 10:00AM-10:45AM (Art Room)

Meditation & Prayer, 10:00AM-10:30AM (Micah Rm)

Worship, 11:00AM

Lunch, Noon

NA, 6:00PM

Monday

Hot Breakfast, 7:00AM-8:00AM

Mail Pick-up, Other needs, 9:00AM-1:00PM

Premier Arts Collective Art Therapy, 9:30am-11:00AM

Staff Appointments, 2:00PM-5:00PM

Tuesday

Mail Pick-up, Other Needs, 9:00AM-1:00PM

Round Table, 10:30AM-12:00PM

Staff Appointments, 2:30PM-5:00PM

Wednesday

Food Pantry, Pop-Top Bags, Hygiene Kits, 9:00AM-11:30AM

Art Room (Open Studio), 9:00AM-12:00PM

Bible Study, 10:00AM

Mail Pick-up, 11:00AM-1:00PM

NA, 6:00PM

Staff Appointments 2:00PM-5:00PM

Thursday

Mail Pick-up, Other needs, 9:00AM-1:00PM

Staff Appointments, 2:00PM-5:00PM

NA, 7:00PM

Friday - Closed

Saturday

Mail Pick-up,, 9:00AM-12:00PM

Choir Practice, 10:00AM

Art Room (OPEN STUDIO), 9:00AM-12:00PM

Lunch, Noon

AA, 9-10 and NA, 5:00PM

Triune Mercy Center

Greenville, South Carolina



ANNA by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Charcoal on paper | Inspired by Luke 2:21-38

Perhaps being at the end of her life helped Anna to see the world with eyes sharpened for the holy. Perhaps living most of her years as a widow kept her hiding in the shadows, to keep from taking up too much space, when Simeon approached first to announce praise and prophesies on behalf of the newborn child. Perhaps being a prophet made her both patient and persistent, trusting that the right moment to share her wisdom would, indeed, come.

July 21, 2024

You are God's child, and you are welcome in this place.

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Worship – 11:00 a.m.
www.triunemercy.org

Pastor: Jennifer Fouse Sheorn
Parish Associate: Elaine Nocks
Music Director/Mandolin: Charles Hedgepath
Sound: Niles McCall

Live-streaming: Eric Cody
Vocals: Darby Wilcox
Bass: Sam Krue

ORDER OF WORSHIP
July 21, 2024
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Break down the barriers that divide us, O Lord.

Tear down the walls of hostility and fear.

Melt the barbed wire of anger and hatred.

Breathe new life into your people, O God.

For we are called to newness in Christ Jesus.

We are all brothers and sisters through God's love.

Come, let us worship the God who removes obstacles from our paths.

Let us praise God who seeks to unite us in peace!

Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" See Insert

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends. Sisters and brothers, hear this good news and see the grace of God: You are forgiven. You are free to go and live in the light of love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Meditation "The Architect" (Musgraves) See Insert

Scripture Luke 2:21-38

Sermon Elaine Nocks

Offering "Will the Circle Be Unbroken (Traditional)

Doxology "Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me" (P. Vasile)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me;
and to the son, whose grace has pardoned me;
And to the spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen!**

Moment of Silence/Prayers of the People Brian Gearin

Hymn "Amazing Grace" AAH #271

Benediction

Postlude

Please silence your cell phone.

As always, we'd love for you to join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall immediately following today's worship service. All are welcome.

No choir practice in July. The choir will be back at the end of August!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Aug. 3rd. from 10-noon, as we welcome back a former Triune intern and poet, Claire Coenen. This retreat is for anyone and everyone. The title is: "A Story of Creative Healing." By sharing her own story of healing, Claire embraces her story as a sacred gift for moving forward. Check out Claire's new book of poetry, *The Beautiful Keeps Breathing*. Please RSVP to Pastor Elaine. You don't want to miss this event!

RESPOND

Anna

look

- Take a few moments to gaze upon the artwork. Sit still in quiet meditation as you observe the visual qualities of what you see: color, line, texture, movement, shape form. Now take a deeper look. What parts of the image are your eyes most drawn to? What parts of the image did you overlook? Now engage your imagination. What story do you give to the figure?

reflect

- Why do you think Luke included the accounts of Simeon and Anna meeting the newborn Christ? Why were these details important enough to include when telling how Mary and Joseph presented Christ to the Temple?

- What do you think prepared Anna to recognize the Messiah? What circumstances and practices led her to this holy encounter?

- The artist names Mother Teresa as someone with eyes for the divine. Can you name others who have spent their lives pointing to where God shows up in the world?

write

Where do you see the holy in everyday life? In the space below, make a list of all places or moments when the divine breaks through.

pray

May I have eyes for the divine and devote my life to pointing it out for others.
Amen.

“They’ll Know We are Christians” (Fr. Peter Scholtes)

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will pray with each other, we will pray side by side
We will pray with each other, we will pray side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand and hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

“The Architect” (Kacey Musgroves)

Even something as small as an apple
It's simple and somehow complex
Sweet and divine, the perfect design
Can I speak to the architect?

And there's a canyon that cuts through the desert
Did it get there because of a flood?
Was it devised, or were you surprised
When you saw how grand it was?

Was it thought out at all, or just paint on a wall?
Is there anything that you regret?
I don't understand, are there blueprints or plans?
Can I speak to the architect?

Sometimes I look in the mirror
And wish I could make a request
Could I pray it away? Am I shapeable clay
Or is this as good as it gets?

One day, you're on top of the mountain
So high that you'll never come down
Then the wind at your back carries ember and ash
Then it burns your whole house to the ground

Is it thought out at all, or just paint on a wall?
Is there anything that you regret?
I don't understand, are there blueprints or plans?
Can I speak to the architect?

I thought that I was too broken
And maybe too hard to love
I was in a weird place, then I saw the right face
And the stars and the planets lined up
Does it happen by chance? Is it all happenstance?

Do we have any say in this mess?
Is it too late to make some more space?
Can I speak to the architect?
This life that we make, is it random or fate?
Can I speak to the architect?
Is there an architect?