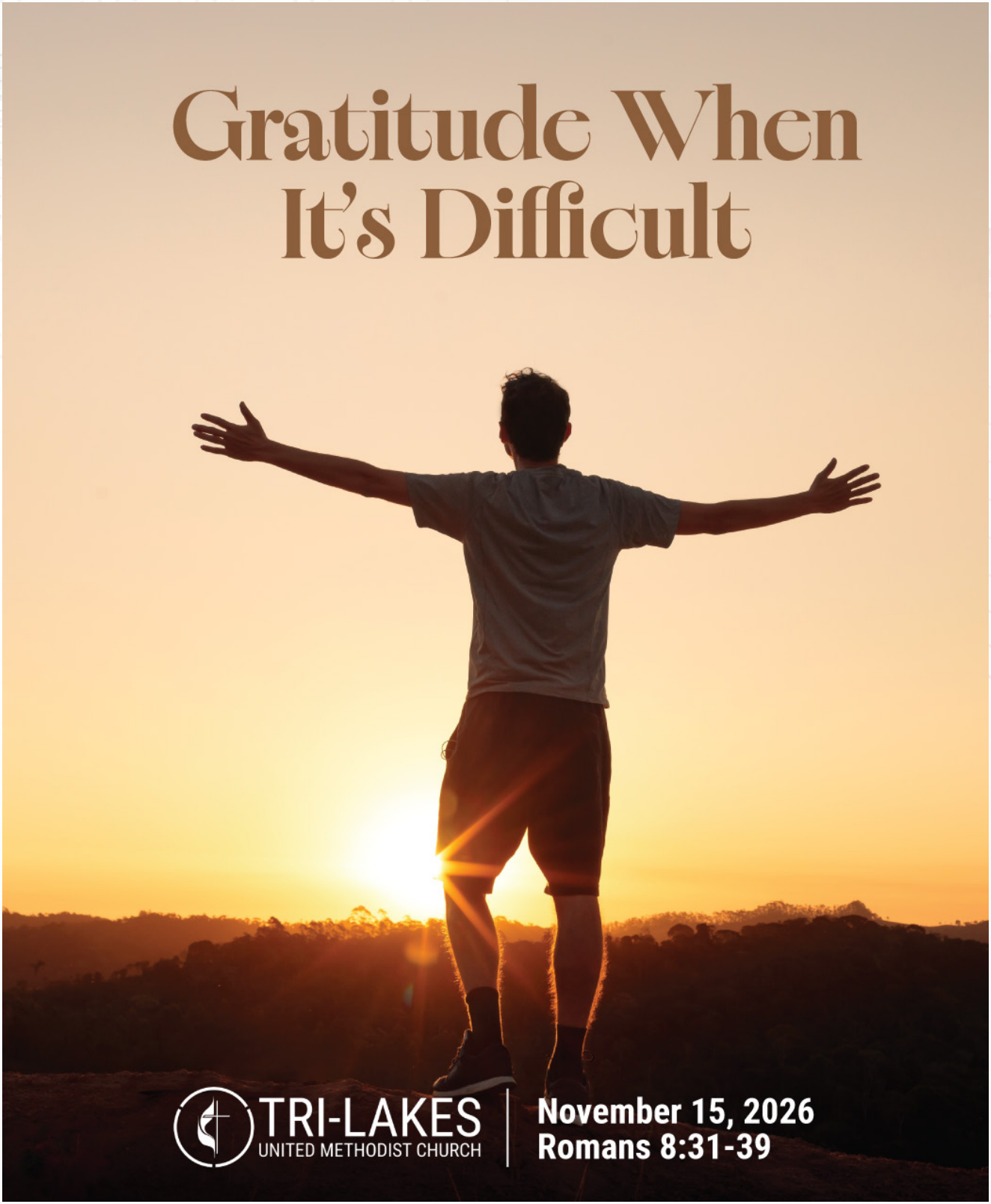
Gratitude When It's Difficult



TRI-LAKES
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 15, 2026
Romans 8:31-39

WELCOME



WAYS TO CONNECT

ONLINE:

Visit **tlumc.org** and click **I'M NEW**

IN PERSON:

Connection Cards are located in the pocket on the back of the Sanctuary chairs and at the **Welcome Desk** in the Great Room.

QUESTIONS:
tlumc@tlumc.org

NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR BOTH SERVICES. It is located by the second hallway, directly across from the kitchen. Nursery care is provided for children 3 weeks through 4 years of age. Please stop in, meet the nursery staff and pick up a pamphlet.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE AT 9:30AM, SEPTEMBER-MAY. Children's classes (Kindergarten through 6th grade) are located in the Faith Forest down the first hallway to the right as you enter the building. Youth classes are available (7th through 12th grade)on the lower level.

HOLY COMMUNION AT TRI-LAKES UMC. We offer Holy Communion weekly at each service, believing as Methodists that it is a "means of grace" for all who receive. If you have questions about our theology or practice of Holy Communion, do not hesitate to ask the Pastor before or after the service.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please proceed to the altar rails when you are led to do so. Simply fill in any open space at the rail.
- You may choose to kneel at the rail or remain standing. Hold out your open hands to receive the communion bread. Gluten-free bread is available, simply tell the server. Another server will then place the communion cup on the altar rail. You may partake of the elements as they are served.
- Feel free to remain at the altar for a brief time of prayer after you have communed, keeping in mind that others will be coming behind you.
- There are baskets provided at the altar rails for you to dispose of your used communion cup.
- If you desire to have communion served to you in your seat for any reason, please raise your hand and let the servers know.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 15, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC		True North
CALL TO WORSHIP		
***SONG SET**		True North
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
OLD TESTAMENT READING		Jonah 2:1-10
NEW TESTAMENT READING		Romans 8:31-39
SERMON	Gratitude *"Gratitude When It's Difficult"*	Pastor Jim Ward
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**	The Apostles' Creed	881 UMH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LIFTING UP OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS
SILENT PRAYER/PASOTRAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Merciful God, in the glory of Your presence we confess that we have often failed to love You with all of our hearts. We have failed to be faithful stewards of your amazing abundance. We have failed to take up the cross of discipleship. We have failed to hear Your call to grace and redemption. Forgive us, O Lord, and guide us in Your ways, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF PERSONAL SIN

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***PASSING THE PEACE**

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

REFLECTIONS ON GIVING/OFFERING PRAYER
OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" On Screen

***GREAT THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION**	15 UMH
***CLOSING SONG**	True North

SENDING FORTH

*Please stand if you are able

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:45 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 15, 2026

PRELUDE Susan Fraser
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather together in the presence of God;
People: To offer our praise and our prayers.
Leader: We come before God with confidence as God's children;
People: We come knowing that God's Spirit is present with us.
Leader: Our worship gives shape to our hopes and our longings;
People: Our presence is grace before God's throne.
Leader: So – come this day with joy to worship;
People: We come to worship God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
ALL: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (vs 1 & 2) 694 UMH

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, Your steadfast love has called us here. Before we knew You, You already knew us. You chose us to be part of Your family of grace. And so we come before You with praise and thanksgiving, offering the gift of our hearts and lives, and opening ourselves to the leading of Your Holy Spirit. Receive our worship, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May our time together bring honor and glory to Your name. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM TLUMC Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jonah 2:1-10
NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:31-39

SERMON Gratitude Pastor Jim Ward
"Gratitude When It's Difficult"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostle's Creed 881 UMH

*Please stand if you are able
UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal* located under chairs // **TFWS** - *The Faith We Sing* hymnal located under chairs

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
LIFTING UP OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS
SILENT PRAYER
SUNG CALL TO PRAYER "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" 2193 TFWS
PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

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REFLECTIONS ON GIVING
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*****DOXOLOGY* "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95 UMH

***GREAT THANKSGIVING AND HOLY COMMUNION** 15 UMH

***CLOSING HYMN** "Now Thank We All Our God" 102 UMH

SENDING FORTH Pastor Jim Ward

POSTLUDE Susan Fraser

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SERMON NOTES

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026
Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Judges 4:8-24; Romans 2:1-11;

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026
Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Exodus 2:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18;

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026
Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Esther 7:1-10; Matthew 24:45-51;

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026
Psalm 100; Genesis 48:15-22; Revelation 14:1-11;

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026
Psalm 100; Isaiah 40:1-11; Revelation 22:1-9;

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026
Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:25-31; Matthew 12:46-50;

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S, NOVEMBER 22, 2026 WORSHIP SERVICES
Luke 15:11-32



ONE SERVICE
NOV. 29TH, 10AM

Mark the 1st Week of Advent with ONE service, followed by a special "no-leftovers" brunch

Both Contemporary and Traditional music, the lighting of the first Advent Candle, and a special children's message (children will stay with their families in the service)
Afterwards enjoy brunch favorites provided by the TLUMC Staff!

Questions & Help:
TLUMC@tlumc.org



TLC GIVING TREE!
THE TRI-LAKES GIVING TREE IS HERE!

Help our neighbors in need have a Merry Christmas by taking one or more of the gifts tags on the tree in the Great Room

Return the **UNWRAPPED** gift or giftcard, with its ornament, by ***Sunday, December 6th*** to the box located by the tree.

Please do NOT return directly to TLC, thank you!

Questions & Help:
TLUMC@tlumc.org



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Join these special, stand alone sessions to address grief through the holiday season.

12 Nov. 2-4pm
15 Dec. 6-8pm

Sign-up in the Great Room for these evening sessions.

Questions & Help:
TLUMC@tlumc.org



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

SUNDAY, NOV. 22ND, 12-1:30PM

Here's a chance to get a head start on your 2027 New Year's Resolutions! The final membership Class of 2026 will meet in the Conference Room. We'll talk about general Christian beliefs, Methodist distinctives, history of the Methodist movement, and TLUMC's amazing history!

No RSVP needed unless you need childcare. Call or Email Pastor Jim for more information.

Questions & Help:
pastorjim@tlumc.org



UPCOMING MEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

November 18th: 7-8AM
Men's Connection Coffee
@ Serrano's Coffee

December 5th: 10AM
Hanging of the Greens
Help us decorate TLUMC for the Christmas Season!

December 11th: 7PM
Christmas Jubilee @ Flying W
This event is open to everyone!
$72.25/person, limited tickets

For More Information:
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ROOTS 2026 FALL SCHEDULE

THE TLUMC GROUP FOR 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH GRADERS

DINNER, GAMES, FUN, & FELLOWSHIP

Bring a Friend! Sundays 4-6PM, in Faith Forest Room #104

NOVEMBER 15TH
DECEMBER 6TH

Questions & Help:
Nancy Fritzsche: Nancy@tlumc.org



2026 ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

SATURDAY, DEC 5TH
AT BEAR CREEK ELEMENTARY

Start your baking!
We need as many home made cookies as possible! Keep an eye out for our upcoming Buck-Eye-Making Session in November!

Questions?:
Contact Susan Fraser



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

NOVEMBER 4, 6:30-7:30pm
Join on ZOOM or in Person!

Through December, we will study the Old and New Testament passages surrounding the Incarnation - the heart of the Christmas Story.

Join us! - no prior Bible Study experience needed!

ZOOM LINK:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87663200300?pwd=aUatXin-bVTzH05ai00xIJFy4AsnMUu.1



UPCOMING WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

NOV-DEC EVENTS

Thursday, Nov. 19th, 11:30am
Luncheon at Jarrito Loco Mexican Restaurant for food and fellowship!

Thursday, Dec. 17th, 12-2pm
for a holiday afternoon tea party at Ruby Rae's Vintage Tea House! Make your reservation online through rubyraetea.com

Questions & Help:
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NEW ADVENT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

ROOM 103, 9:15AM

Sundays, Starting Nov. 22nd
A four-week study facilitated by Chad and Melanie Stickrath. Through video and lively in-class discussion, we'll consider how Christmas reveals the joy and power of Christ with us!

Questions & Help:
TLUMC@tlumc.org



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

SATURDAY, DEC. 19TH

4-8pm, for ages nursery-6th grade

Dinner, Crafts, Games, and Fun!
Sign-up in the Great Room or email Nancy by December 18th to RSVP!

Sign-Up:
Nancy@tlumc.org



CHRISTMAS JUBILEE AT THE FLYING W RANCH

FRIDAY, DEC. 11TH, 7PM

Let's celebrate the Christmas season together with a festive evening at the Flying W Ranch!

Cost: $72.25/person
$37.27 for kids 12 and under

Reserve and pay for your tickets on the signup sheet in the Great Room or by emailing Pastor Jim!

Questions & Help:
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ONLINE

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2. Text **GIVE** to **719.645.7338**
3. Or visit **tlumc.org** and click **GIVE ONLINE**

IN PERSON

An offering box is located in the Sanctuary next to the center doors.

MAIL

20256 Hunting Downs Way
Monument, CO 80132

CONTACT US:

Giving can also be handled directly through your bank
Contact **TLUMC@tlumc.org** for details

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY (11/15)
8:00 AM Early Bird Bible Study
9:15 AM Contemporary Service
10:45 AM Traditional Service
4:00 PM Youth Group
4:00 PM ROOTS

WEDNESDAY (11/18)
7:00 AM Men's Connection Coffee

THURSDAY (11/19)
9:30 AM Grief Share
11:30 AM Women's Group Luncheon

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IN SERVICE TODAY

9:15 AM COMMUNION
JESS CONDRA

10:45 AM LAY READER
CHARLIE LUCY

FELLOWSHIP
SARAH BAYLOR
PAM PHELPS

USHERS/GREETERS
9:15AM JESS CONDRA, CHRIS & TERRIE SPELLS
10:45AM SABRA WELLS, BOB & SHEILA HARRIGAN

OFFERING COUNTERS
CHARLIE LUCY
SHEILA HARRIGAN

ACOLYTE
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE IN OUR SUNDAY SERVICES
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MISSION

Building followers of Jesus Christ who love and serve God and neighbor.



VISION

Embracing people with open hearts and minds, helping all to grow in their faith and to experience God's love.