



2026 TRINITY UMC CIVIL RIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

OCT. 4-10

Pilgrimage Purpose:

The word “pilgrimage” is used intentionally. The traveling group will be racially mixed. This journey should not be seen as a “vacation” or even merely as a “trip.” We are visiting hallowed sites of deep pain caused by our nation’s tragic legacy of slavery and the ensuing struggle for civil equality lasting over 400 years.

Evening conversations about our pilgrimage experiences are optional, but encouraged. A week’s sojourn will not bridge the racial divide, but such discussions provide opportunities for the initiation of more dialogue, reconciliation and healing.



Sign-Ups Start 1/4/26

We need 30 people to make the pilgrimage trip viable, and are setting an upper limit of 40 participants. A waiting list will be started if needed.



Non-Refundable Deposit

We understand that trip plans can occasionally fall through due to health concerns or family emergencies. We have fixed costs related to the trip (bus charter, tour guide contracts, etc.) which make unexpected cancellations difficult. If you are concerned about this, we encourage you to consider purchasing trip insurance to protect your investment (e.g., through AAA).



Not Included in Fee

- Other meals
- Snacks/souvenirs
- Admission to additional tourist sites
- Tips to guides (\$5 suggested x 3 guides)

Reserve Your Spot Now!



Sunday, Oct. 4 - Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026



\$1,350 per person for 2 person room



\$1,800 per person for single room

Fee Includes:



Transportation (charter bus)



6 nights in mid-range motels



Admission to tourist sites on itinerary



Light breakfast each day



Four other meals



Daily devotionals



Educational podcasts & videos



Local tour guides

Questions?

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Pilgrimage Itinerary:

Sunday

- Leave Trinity UMC around noon, following worship
- Pack a lunch
- Drive until evening, stop en route for supper
- Spend the night in West Memphis, Arkansas



Monday

- Morning tour of Memphis by local tour guide
- Lunch (included) at a local BBQ restaurant
- Afternoon at National Civil Rights Museum and Lorraine Motel
- Spend the night in West Memphis, Arkansas

Tuesday

- Travel to Jackson, Mississippi
- Stops at Emmett Till sites along the way: Sumner Courthouse, Bryant Grocery, and Tallahatchie River
- Visit the home of Medgar Evers
- Spend the night in Jackson, Mississippi



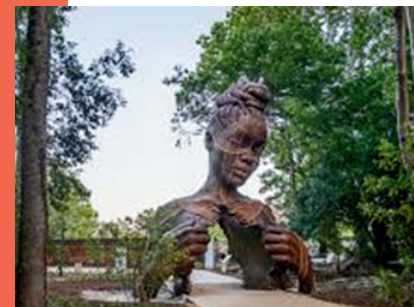
Wednesday

- Morning travel to Selma, Alabama
- Lunch (included) before we walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge
- Visit the Lowndes County Interpretive Center
- Follow the path of 1965 Freedom March to Montgomery, Alabama
- Visit historic sites led by tour guide who participated in the march
- Spend the night in Montgomery, Alabama



Thursday

- Spend the day at the Equal Justice Initiative's cutting-edge Legacy sites: The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, The Freedom Monument Sculpture Garden, and The Legacy Museum
- Lunch (included)
- Spend the night in Montgomery, Alabama



Friday

- Morning drive to Birmingham, Alabama
- Visit 16th Street Baptist Church (site of 1963 bombing)
- Walking tour of area, including Kelly Ingram Park
- Drive back to Memphis for farewell supper (included) on Beale Street
- Spend the night in West Memphis, Arkansas

Saturday

- Return to Trinity UMC in Kansas City

