



May 4, 2020

The Good News from Trinity PC

Trinity Worship Services for May and June 2020

The Trinity session had a virtual meeting on Sunday afternoon, May 3 to discuss plans for Trinity worship services for the rest of May and into early June. In accordance with the continuing Ohio restriction on group gathering size of 10 people and the recommendation of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, the session reached consensus that we would continue to have virtual pre-recorded worship services for the next three Sundays, through Sunday, May 24. These recorded services will be equivalent to those offered on the last two Sundays, basically full worship services including musical accompaniment.

The session's intent is to begin in-person Trinity worship services at the church building on Sunday, May 31, a day on which we will have a belated Easter celebration service. On the following Sunday, June 7 we will celebrate Pentecost.

Over the next two weeks a committee of session members will finalize the plans for reopening the Trinity building for worship. A letter will be mailed to the congregation during the week of May 18, that will describe what actions will be taken to prepare the building for onsite worship, what to expect in terms of the configuration of the sanctuary and worship format, and what other actions we will perform to protect the health of our congregants.

Session understands that not everyone will be comfortable returning to the building for worship at the end of May. Therefore, we plan to continue to offer recordings of the worship service on May 31 and subsequent Sundays. By May 31 we also anticipate that Trinity will have the technical capability to provide a video recording of the worship service, that can be live streamed at 10:15 AM or played later at your convenience.

**Office Open
9:00-Noon Monday-Thursday**

Prayer Requests can be emailed to: office@trinitypresbyfairfield.org



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Prepare for Worship 5th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

“In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name’s sake lead me and guide me,
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and
persecutors.
Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”



Reflection

When contact with other people is limited, how does God become your refuge? In the psalm it says, “My times are in your hand.” How does God help you to arrange your day? What ways can you see God’s face shining upon you?

Morning Prayer

Lord Jesus, as I serve you this day, let not my heart be troubled. Help me to believe with conviction that you are with me, and I am in you, and you are in God. Amen.

Of Patience and Pruning

In many parts of America, Mother’s Day is the recommended date for planting flowers outdoors. Subjecting blooms to the elements any sooner is risky, though sunny spring days sure make waiting tough. Perhaps that’s why poet May Sarton calls gardening “an instrument of grace,” for it “slows us down and forces patience.”

Courage is also required. Gardeners “must be brave enough to cut back the old and sit with bare branches, awaiting new growth,” writes Cheryl Richardson (*Waking Up in Winter*). “And we must trust that it will come.” When God prunes us, we too must trust that new growth and new life are in store ... and then patiently wait.

God Bless our Mothers

Mother’s Day

May 10

Rev. Dunlap's Sermons on-line and on YouTube

Pastor Dunlap has recorded his message for this Sunday and it is on the Trinity web page at the link below. This week's recording is a full service with music, including again Davis on piano and with a brass quartet. You will notice a change in the player this week on the website page as we are preparing to offer full video services in the near future.

To play the service, click on the video player and when it begins, you will have the option to click on the square in the lower right corner of the player to go full screen. In addition, you may click on the "CC" to enable the closed captioning service. Pastor Dunlap mentions in his opening that the sermon text was deleted, however it was salvaged and it is also available in PDF format along with a PDF of the bulletin. Please simply click on these icons to open the files and follow along.

<http://www.trinitypresbyfairfield.org/may-2020.html>

Trinity now has an official YouTube video channel! You may click on the circular icon on this week's video on the upper left to go directly to the channel. There you will find in the coming weeks an archive of the previous services as well as the current week's service. You may also click on the link below to go directly to the channel and "subscribe" (on the lower right).

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn4Bfx9UtjiaWsrXObnly6g>

Deacons, as always please pass on the email link to everyone in your care groups.

New Website Look

Trinity is launching a new website this week which will have a somewhat different look and feel along with some new features that we hope everyone will use. The website address will not change, and a lot of the old features will still be available, including accessing the online worship services, viewing the activity calendar, and retrieving old newsletters from the archive. There will also be direct links from the website homepage to our Facebook and YouTube channel for your convenience. One of the exciting new features will be an online prayer wall. You may enter prayers directly onto the website and have the option to post anonymously or open to the online world. It has a great feature to send an email (at your discretion) to you every time someone prays for your request. We hope that will be a source of comfort to our members in difficult times. Another feature that Trinity will be offering is online giving, which will allow the Trinity faithful to make giving contributions by credit card to several pre-set categories. Stay tuned to the newsletter as these features come online. We will be providing even more details on how to use them in the coming weeks.

Bulletins on Thursday

In the future on Thursdays, you will receive a bulletin via email for the Sunday service. Davis will be playing the hymns in the recorded service on the web page. Lyrics will be included in your bulletin. Please check your emails on Thursday and be prepared to sing along on Sunday.

Preparing for the Future

If anyone in the congregation needs a mask for when you return to worship, please email the office at: office@trinitypresbyfairfield.org or call 513-860-4114. We have volunteers who are willing to make a mask for you.

From the Treasurer:

Please continue to mail in your pledges even though we are not physically attending services. The general costs to operate the church still continue. Your donations are being processed and deposited each week. Thank you for keeping your pledges up to date.

Also, in the next couple of weeks nearly all of us will be receiving a stimulus check from the federal government. Some of us have not been nor will we be financially impacted by the current coronavirus situation. For example those of us who are retired and on a fixed income will not suffer any loss of income because of unemployment. While each person's situation is different and family needs differ accordingly, I am suggesting that we prayerfully consider tithing (that is giving 10% of the stimulus check to the church's general fund).



PASTORAL LETTER

Hello, again, everyone. We have to stop meeting like this! Unfortunately, however, it seems as if we will have to wait awhile longer. There is no question that the door to our prisons is beginning to crack open. Hopefully, we won't have to slam it shut again. It is all about patience and the time it takes to heal.

I remember all too vividly my experience with this several years ago when I was still umpiring. I was the plate umpire in a two man system which meant that in certain circumstances I had to cover a play at third base. As I raced up the line to get my angle for what was going to be a very close call, my hamstring blew and I went down on my face like I had been shot. I was injured; my season was over. And this was just a hamstring strain, not a pull. Nevertheless, the entire back of my leg turned black and I was nearly immobilized. It was a very humbling experience for an active person.

The point I wish to make is that you cannot hurry the healing process. Should you try to do so, you will re-injure yourself and be out even longer. You see athletes limping off the field or court holding the back of their legs and even though it doesn't look too serious to a fan (you're thinking they'll only miss a couple of games or even be back in the second half), you are so wrong. In my rehabilitation, first I had to limp; then to walk; then to gently jog; and finally to run. It took two months to fully recover.

That is a good metaphor to remember in re-opening church. We have to take it as it is given to us. And when we do resume, it will be limping; to walking; to jogging; to running as we are able. There will be guidelines and restrictions. We do not know how long it will take to fully resume. So let's just take a deep breath and be thankful that we now have virtual full worship and can be together in the Spirit each week. Your staff is here for you and it is our joy to continue to serve you through this extraordinary time.

Blessings and Peace...Tom

A DEVOTION

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:7-15

We humans spend too much time thinking about the past, complaining about the present and fearing the future! —Antoine Rivarol

Wise men and philosophers throughout the ages have disagreed on many things, but most agree on one point: “We become what we think about,” Ralph Waldo Emerson said. “You are what you think about all day long.” The Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius put it this way: “Your life is what your thoughts make of it.” In the Bible we read, “As a man thinks in his heart, so is he” (Proverbs 23:7).



One Sunday afternoon, a cranky grandfather was visiting his family. As he lay down to take a nap, his grandson decided to have a little fun by putting Limburger cheese on grandfather’s mustache.

Soon, grandpa awoke with a snort and charged out of the bedroom saying, “This room stinks.” Through the house he went, finding every room smelling the same. Desperately he made his way outside only to find that “The whole world stinks!”

This is a silly story, but it sort of illustrates what happens when we fill our minds with negativism. Everything we experience and everybody we encounter will carry the scent we hold in our mind.

It is quite possible that the challenges of living with an epidemic make it difficult to be thankful and to see what God is doing in our lives. That why —

When we see the same blessings every day, we eventually stop noticing them.

When we stop noticing, we quit appreciating

When we quit appreciating, we stop thanking.

When we stop thanking, we start complaining.

May we all find the grace, patience and love to appreciate God’s presence in our lives.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: O God, help me to see the wonders of your blessings in a new way. Amen.



“Where flowers bloom, so does hope.”
—Lady Bird Johnson



Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

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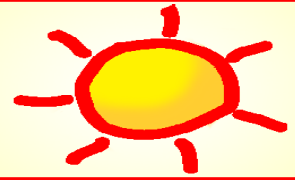
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Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"
 Psalm 8:1, NIV

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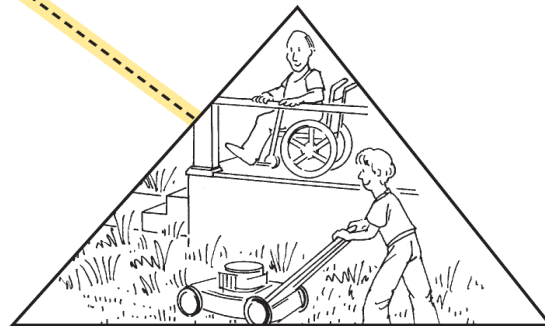
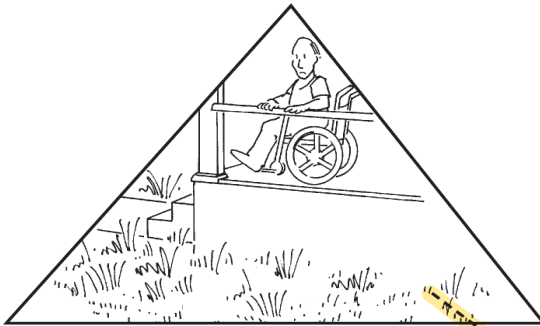
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Jesus said,
“Go and do like
the good Samaritan.”

Match the shapes.



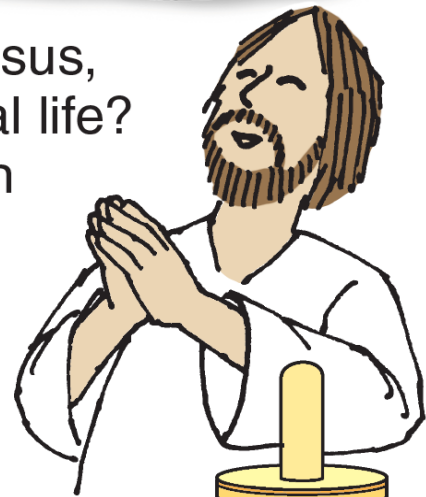
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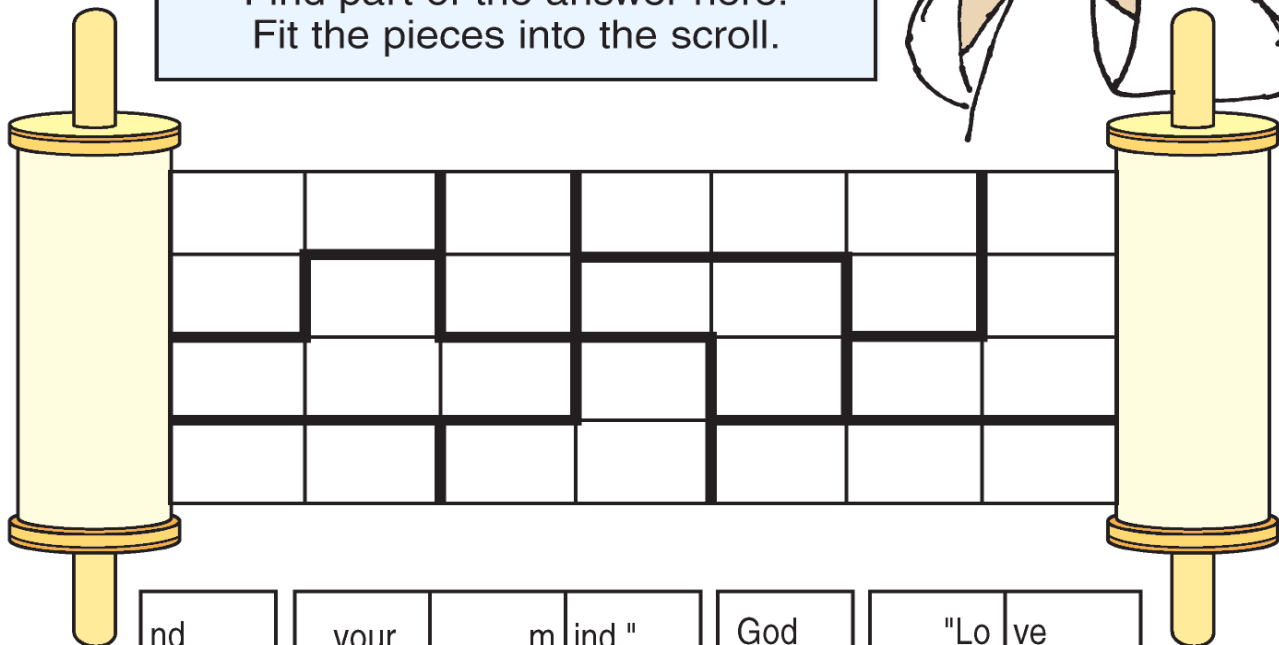
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The Parable of the Good Samaritan

An expert in the Law tested Jesus,
 "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"
 Jesus said, "What is written
 in the Law?"



Find part of the answer here.
 Fit the pieces into the scroll.



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As of May 3

Keep in your Prayers

Doug Conway, Harring request
 Gina Anaple
 Donna Weber and family, Connie Williams req.
 Blake Tanner's family, Connie Williams req.
 Laverne Mitchell, Connie Williams req.
 Chris Clark, Marta Mojzer's cousin
 Barb Emmerich, Diane Kosey's cousin
 Sandy Thien, Ginny Kramer's niece
 Pam Kelso, Carol Kiphart's daughter
 Megan, Nadine Jones' granddaughter

*Jeff, Deb Schoenherr's son
 *Vickie Murrell, Harrings' request
 *Jack Kraft, K. Kessler request
 Fran Thomas
 Natasha, B. Pratt request
 Jean Parsley
 Pam Harring
 George Liles
 Dee Burkhardt
 Diane Niehaus, B. Luebbe request
 Gerald Reese, M. Reese's father
 Margie, Fran Thomas' sister
 All peoples in the Middle East
 All Elected Government leaders
 Support for all our military
 For all missionaries (Especially for S. and B.)

Bereavement/loss of his son, a young military pilot
 Healing/recovering
 Bereavement loss of her husband
 Bereavement loss to Blake
 Healing/diagnosed advanced cancer
 Healing/cancer has returned
 Healing/recovery major heart attack
 Healing/cancer/chemo treatments beginning
 Healing/diagnosed with cancer
 God's Providence and care/mother of twins needs
 bone marrow transplant
 For good test results
 Healing/recovering from heart surgery
 Healing/severe leg infection
 Healing/pain relief
 Healing/recovery surgery on legs
 Continued healing
 Continued healing/guidance with treatment
 Continued healing/home recovering
 Continued healing
 Continued healing/several health concerns
 Continued healing/swallowing problems
 God's peace and comfort
 Peace and reconciliation
 Wisdom/support/enlightenment
 Strength/discernment/God's protection
 Protection/blessings/fruitful mission work

Names that have been on the Prayer List for more than 4 weeks are marked with an asterisk ().
 If you would like them to remain on the list, please contact the office by Tuesday.*

Financial Information

Donations Received as of 5/3	\$430
Per Capita 2020 Donations	\$561
Property Fund Giving 2020	\$3,000
Property Fund Goal 2020	\$5,000

Per Capita for 2020 is \$33

Worship Schedule

May 10	Rev. Tom Dunlap
May 17	Elder Cindie Postell
May 24	Elder George Fraley
May 31	Rev. Tom Dunlap