



July 20, 2020

The Good News from Trinity PC

Onsite Trinity Worship Services

Trinity is now worshipping on Sundays in the sanctuary.

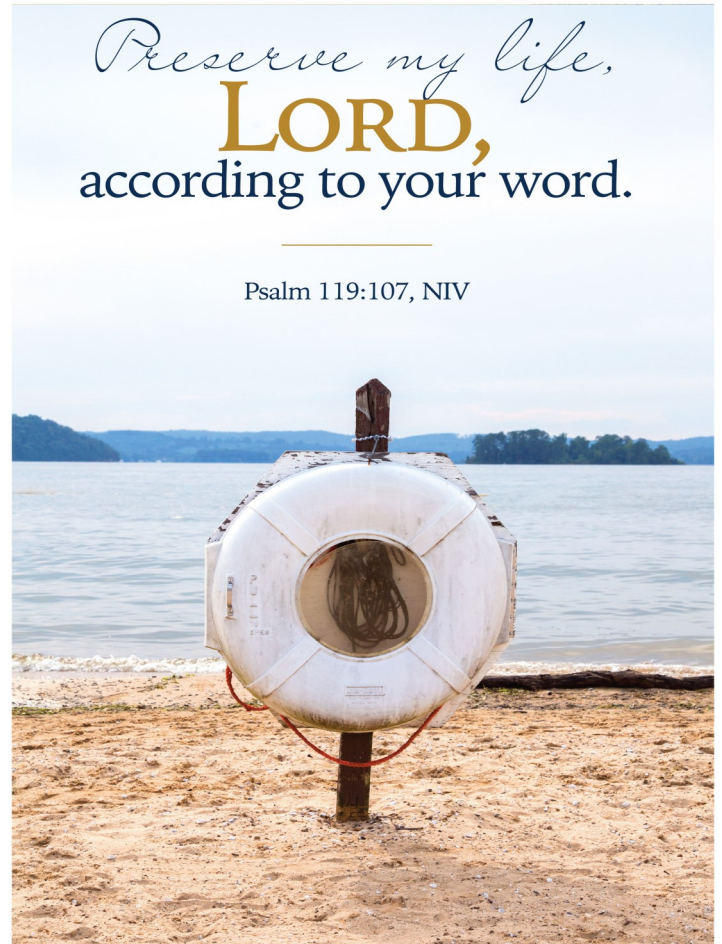
Session understands that not everyone will be comfortable returning to the building for worship. Therefore, we continue to offer recordings of the worship services.

We also have the capability to provide a video recording of the worship service, that will be live streamed at 10:15 AM or played later at your convenience. (see page 3 for details)

A Refreshing Gift

Oh, how beautiful is the summer night, which is not night, but a sunless, yet unclouded, day, descending upon earth with dews and shadows and refreshing coolness! How beautiful the long mild twilight, which, like a silver clasp, unites today with yesterday!

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Preserve my life,
LORD,
according to your word.

Psalm 119:107, NIV

Office Open
9:00-Noon Monday-Thursday
Prayer Requests can be emailed to:
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Prepare for Worship 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

“He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’ He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.’

‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.’ ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that

was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’”

Reflection

Are there dilemmas or relationships in which you feel separated from the love of God? Can you imagine that God might be at work there, bringing life in unexpected ways? What would change if you were to claim the promise that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord?

Morning Prayer

I awake this day eager to receive divine instruction and to enact your word. As the day unfolds, may I step more deeply into your heavenly realm through loving you and serving your world. Amen.

—adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1* © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press



A Modern-Day Parable

In Luke 15, Jesus tells three parables about the precious being lost and, at great lengths, found again. The kingdom of heaven, he says, is like that. But most of us don't shepherd sheep and wouldn't fret over one lost coin. A child, on the other hand ...

In fall 2019, as night fell in northern Minnesota, 6-year-old Ethan and his dog wandered off. Family and police grew frantic because the area consisted of fields, woods and swamps. Authorities requested assistance.

The kingdom of heaven, Jesus might say, is like 600 volunteers searching diligently in the dark for a child they didn't know. It's like Steve Fines who, though also a stranger to the boy, grabbed his company's pricy heat-seeking drone and worked the camera for hours, until it detected Ethan huddling with his dog, safe but cold. Yes, the kingdom of heaven — indeed God — is like people giving their all and refusing to quit until the lost one is found.

Christians look for God's ultimate triumph over all evil. We pray for Christ's return, for God's kingdom to come and for his will to be done on earth. We await the shout: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 11:15, NRSV).

Sermons Online and on YouTube

For those that do not attend in person, Trinity will be offering on-line services live streaming at 10:15 on YouTube. To watch the video live, click on the link below which will direct you to the Trinity YouTube channel, and then click on the video in the displayed list with the LIVE box illuminated. We strongly encourage you to click the "subscribe" link on that page.

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

On Sunday afternoon, the recorded live service will also be available via link through the Trinity website at the link below:

<https://www.trinitypresbyfairfield.org/sermons/>



Cards for Dee

Dee Burkhardt is in Garden Manor in Middletown. Her address is: Garden Manor, 6898 Hamilton Middletown Rd., Middletown, OH 45044, Room 107. With the COVID regulations no visitors are admitted. However, a card would brighten her day.

Help Needed

We are looking for someone willing to run the video camera and soundboard on **July 26th**. Marty will be out of town that weekend but is more than happy to train a replacement. There are many of our congregation that continue to rely on video worship. The operation mostly runs itself but does need someone to get it started. Any help would be appreciated!

Bulletins on Thursday

On Thursdays, you will receive a bulletin via email for the Sunday service. Davis will be playing the hymns in the video 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. If you are planning on attending

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.

Missions at Work

- ♦ Sewing dresses while for Mission Project in Appalachia. We thank those who came in and sewed dresses on July 14.
- ♦ Knitters /Crocheters: Mercy and our church are in need of prayer shawls and baby blankets.
- ♦ Collecting plastic lids, soda pull tabs, and cancelled stamps

School Supply Collection

Fairfield schools start on August 19. Once again we will be collecting supplies to help a first grade class. Here is a list of supplies needed for a first grader:

2 boxes of standard 24 count, Crayola crayons, 1 pack of markers, 1 pair fiskar scissors, 8 glue sticks, 4 low odor dry erase markers, folders with pockets and fasteners (colors: red, orange, blue, yellow, and green), 1 three ring binder, 12 pencils with erasers, 1 pink eraser, 1 school box, 2 boxes of tissues.

We appreciate your bringing in any or all of the items for one child by August 9.

These summer days, Shepherd Lord, you lead us amid green grasses and peaceful waters to restore our souls. Thank you for your goodness and mercy!

Onsite Worship Protocols

Trinity has begun Onsite Worship. Below are the preparations and changes to the worship service that have been made:

Preparations for the Trinity building include:

- Thoroughly cleaning on a regular basis, with frequently touched surfaces being sanitized.
- Church front entry doors, as well as the middle and side entry doors to the sanctuary, are propped open and will remain open for the entire worship service. (minimizes contact with the door handles and increases ventilation within the church building.
- Bottles of liquid hand sanitizer will be available for use in the narthex, and you are encouraged as well to bring your own personal hand sanitizer. The water fountains outside the restrooms will be unplugged and covered on Sunday morning. Please bring your own personal water containers or bottles. No food or beverages will be offered. The sacristy room will be closed.
- When utilizing the restroom on Sunday morning, note whether another person is already using the room, and wait outside until that person exits the restroom before entering. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water prior to exiting the restroom.
- While inside the church building, **we are strongly encouraging that each person wear a face covering or mask.** A limited number of surgical masks will be available if you forget your own personal face covering.
- If on Sunday morning you are experiencing a fever (in excess of 100.4° F), coughing, shortness of breath or other symptoms potentially indicating COVID-19 infection, please refrain from attending worship on that morning and seek medical assistance.

The worship service itself will, not surprisingly, be a little different than what we are accustomed to. Some of the worship service modifications will be:

- We anticipate that attendance at the initial services will be quite modest, so the ushers should easily be able to assist individuals and family groups to find seating in the pews with appropriate social distancing.
- No printed bulletins will be distributed by the ushers. Everyone will receive an electronic version of each week's bulletin by email, and you are encouraged to print out the bulletin at home and bring it with you on Sunday morning. A limited number of printed bulletins will be available in the narthex. The bulletin will include the hymn lyrics.
- Hymnbooks, Bibles, pencils and attendance pads will be removed. Prayer request forms will be displayed on a table in the narthex, that can be filled out prior to the service, which can then be deposited in offering baskets located at the sanctuary entry doors.
- There will be no choir performances, and congregational singing of the hymns will be discouraged. Singing of the hymns in our minds, or possibly light humming, will be our means of expressing our musical worship.
- There will be no children's sermon or children's Sunday school classes, so children will remain with their families during worship. **No nursery attendants will be provided**, so use of the nursery room will be limited to parents and their children, if necessary.
- There will be no collection of offering during the service. Offerings will be deposited in the offering baskets located at the sanctuary entry doors when departing the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service.
- On Communion Sundays (first Sunday of the month) servers will not be distributing the communion elements. Trinity has purchased a supply of prepackaged communion "sets", each with a wafer and sealed juice cup, which will be placed on a table at the front of the sanctuary, to be picked up by individual worshippers at the appointed time during the communion service.
- Following Rev. Dunlap's benediction, he, or the preacher of the day, will immediately proceed outside the church building, to greet and chat with the worshippers in the safer, fresher outdoor environ (no rain please!). All of the attendees will be encouraged to proceed to the outside as quickly as possible. It's outside, in the fresh air, that we can really practice being the Trinity community of faith - socially distanced hugs, catching up on all our quarantine stories, etc.!

A New World

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15–22

Information and Wisdom

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him.

Ephesians 1:17

I enjoy asking Siri, the voice command function on my iPhone, “Siri, what’s the meaning of life?” I am obviously not the only person who thinks this is fun. Siri always has an answer, usually a playful one. For example, Siri just now answered, “It’s nothing Nietzsche [a German philosopher] couldn’t teach ya.”

The internet is a sea of information but a desert of wisdom. Though we sometimes conflate them, information and wisdom are not the same thing. Very smart people can be anything but wise; wise people are often those with no formal education.

In this passage, Paul promises to pray that the Ephesians might be blessed with “a Spirit of wisdom,” not “a Spirit of information!” Knowing facts is a good thing, but wisdom is more than information. Wisdom is born of life experience and deep reflection on that experience. Wisdom is often rooted in all we have learned in our walk with God.

Grant us a spirit of wisdom, O God. Amen.

Michael L. Lindvall, Fort Wayne, Indiana

THE GOOD NEWS

As of July 19

Keep in your Prayers

Jhon Marshall, Debi Hess request	Healing/recovery from surgery
Debbie Johnson's co-worker	Healing/kidney transplant
Carol Geiger, D. Johnson request	Healing/injuries from a fall
Pam and Keith Harring	Thanksgiving/50th Wedding Anniversary
Bob Miller, D. Schuler's brother	Healing/heart surgery this week
Thomas Kettler, K. Evert Request	Healing/kidney stones surgery
Dee Burkhardt	Healing/recovery from a fall/in Jewish Hospital
Family of Tami Neiswonger, Harring request	Bereavement/loss of Tami
Chris Lanier, Harring request	Bereavement/loss of his wife
Connie Williams' mom	Healing/hip pain/UTI infection/Connie unable to visit
*Family of Dick Rayer, Rick Rayer's Father	Bereavement/loss of Rick's Father, Dick
*T. First, G. Anaple request	Healing/brain tumor and treatment
Debbie Johnson	Healing/recovery knee surgery
Gina Anaple	Healing/recovering surgery
Fran Thomas	Healing/pain relief
Natasha, B. Pratt request	Healing/recovery surgery on legs
Jean Parsley	Continued healing
Pam Harring	Continued healing/guidance with treatment
George Liles	Continued healing/home recovering
Dee Burkhardt	Continued healing
Diane Niehaus, B. Luebbe request	Continued healing/several health concerns
Gerald Reese, M. Reese's father	Continued healing/swallowing problems
Margie, Fran Thomas' sister	God's peace and comfort
All peoples in the Middle East	Peace and reconciliation
All Elected Government leaders	Wisdom/support/enlightenment
Support for all our military	Strength/discernment/God's protection
For all missionaries (Especially for S. and B.)	Protection/blessings/fruitful mission work

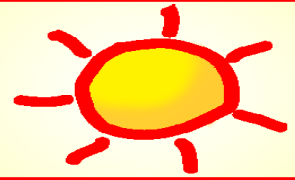
Names that have been on the Prayer List for more than 4 weeks are marked with an asterisk ().
If you would like them to remain on the list, please contact the office by Tuesday.*

Financial Information

Donations Received as of 7/19	\$2,545
Per Capita 2020 Donations	\$825
Property Fund Giving 2020	\$3,500
Property Fund Goal 2020	\$5,000
Per Capita for 2020 is	\$33

Worship Schedule

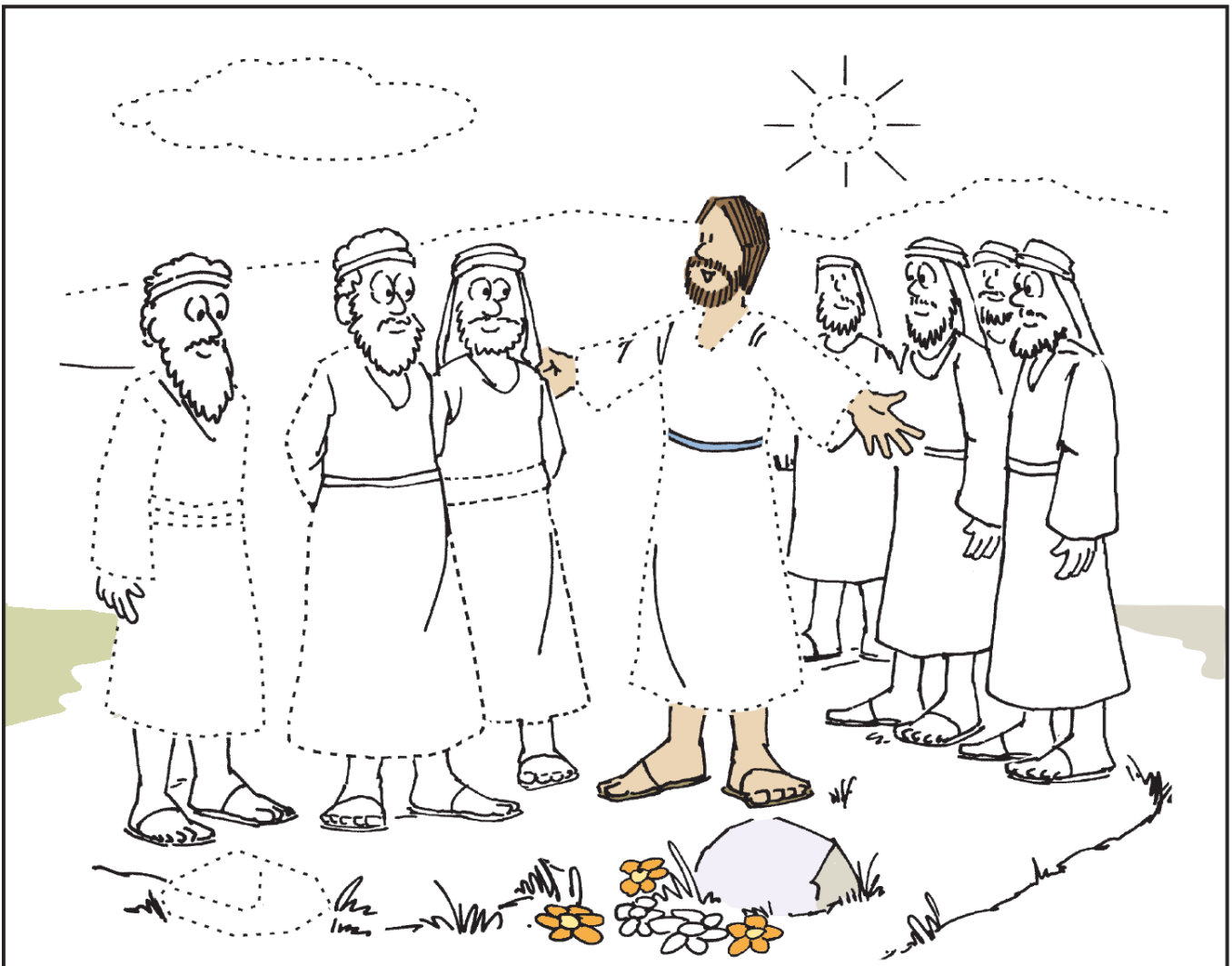
July 26	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Aug. 2	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Aug. 9	Presbyter Lisa Allgood



Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

One day Jesus was praying. One of His disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Trace the lines to finish the picture.



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Circle the picture that is different.

