



July 6, 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)



Compassion

The seeds of compassion are sown in our very nature as human beings. Compassion seeks to retain our hold on an early awareness that we are all in the same boat, that "but for the grace of God there go I." Compassion comes close to the heart of moral awareness.

How does one cultivate a compassionate nature in children? Helpful stories and maxims abound. And, unfortunately, compassion is as close to a "natural" disposition as any virtue. Treat no one with callous disregard. Children imitate what they see.

—William J. Bennett, *in The Book of Virtues*

Office Open

9:00-Noon Monday-Thursday

**Prayer Requests can be emailed to:
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Prepare for Worship 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

“That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: ‘Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!’ ... ‘Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.’²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’”

Reflection

How is God’s resurrecting Spirit at work in you and in your community? Where are you experiencing new life? Where are you struggling? How might God be bringing new life from that struggle?

Morning Prayer

God of goodness and growth, let your love be made real in me this day. Soften the hardened places of my heart and crowd out any corners of greed or anxiety. Make me be fruitful in thought, word, and deed. Amen.

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



Seeds of Victory

Months before the U.S. won the World War II Battle of Midway, code analysts planted the seeds of victory far from the battle site. Using primitive predecessors to today’s computers, they cracked a Japanese code, enabling America to avoid an ambush.

I wonder if those analysts got frustrated before the solution became clear. Did they ever believe hope was lost or wonder if all their work was worthwhile?

Christians, likewise, can feel discouraged. We wonder if our attempts to teach kids about Jesus will ever bear fruit, if our small outreach efforts really make a difference and if sin and brokenness can ever be defeated.

We won’t see all the results of our labors, but we can trust they’re not in vain. The same Spirit who helps us plant the seeds will bring them to harvest. And Jesus has already won the “battle” raging around us – the enemy forces just don’t know it yet!—Heidi Mann

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/>

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!

Sandwiches for the Homeless

We will once again be making sandwiches for our *Daily Bread*, a food pantry for the homeless, **this Thursday, July 9**. We can use all the sandwiches we can get. Please note the instructions for making the sandwiches:

- *place sandwiches in zipper sandwich baggies and label with type of sandwich.*
- *Meat Sandwiches: We usually only put bread, meat and packaged mayo/mustard in each baggie. If you can provide cheese and/or lettuce on the sandwich that is a bonus, but we don't put on anything that will make the bread soggy. Any type of bread or meat is accepted, but our guests tend to prefer white bread over wheat and turkey, pepperoni, and bologna over other meats like ham or roast beef.*
- *PB&J Sandwiches: No rules really except making sure not to overload the bread with jam/jelly so the bread doesn't get too soggy.*

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 for Mission Project in Appalachia. **We will start doing dresses at the church next Tuesday, July 14 at 10:00 AM.**
- ♦ Knitters /Crocheters: Mercy and our church are in need of prayer shawls and baby blankets.
- ♦ Collecting plastic lids, soda pull tabs, and cancelled stamps

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.!

Trust in Christ

Scripture: John 14:15-21

A Little Help

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.”

John 14:16

Like God and Jesus, the Holy Spirit is known by more than a few names: Holy Spirit, Spirit of Truth, Spirit of Wisdom, Giver of Life, Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ. In this passage, the Holy Spirit is assigned yet another name. The Greek word John uses to name the Spirit is usually translated as “advocate.” It literally means “one called alongside.” The word’s origins lie in the legal system of the time. If you had to go to court, you needed an advocate, someone to go along with you to give you courage and comfort. Some Bible translations actually prefer to say “Comforter” rather than “Advocate” to translate this fresh name for the Holy Spirit.

But whatever translation you favor, Jesus’ meaning is both clear and powerful. He will not leave us to deal with the challenges of life all on our own. His promise is that the Advocate, the Comforter, “The Present Tense of God” will accompany us in and through everything that life might set before us.

Remind us always, Loving God, that in everything you are as near to us as our own breath. Amen.

Michael L. Lindvall, Fort Wayne, Indiana

THE GOOD NEWS

As of July 5

Keep in your Prayers

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| 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 |
| Brenda Luebbe | Diagnosis and healing/medical concerns |
| Family of Dick Rayer, Rick Rayer's Father | Bereavement/loss of Rick's Father, Dick |
| Connie Williams' mom | Healing/hip pain/UTI infection/Connie unable to visit |
| T. First, G. Anaple request | Healing/brain tumor and treatment |
| Paul Pavloff, K. Kessler Request | Healing/open heart surgery |
| Charlene Stump, K. Kessler request | Good diagnosis and treatment for hip and knee |
| Debbie Johnson | Healing/recovery knee surgery |
| *Steve, Kathy Kessler's son | Thanksgiving successful surgery/hip replacement |
| *Family of Nancy Chamberlain, Schuler's request | Bereavement/loss of Nancy |
| *Family of Chet Hard, Schuler request | Bereavement/loss of Chet |
| 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 |

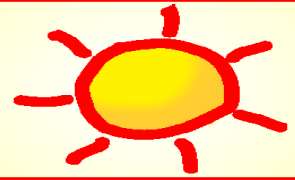
Names that have been on the Prayer List for more than 4 weeks are marked with an asterisk (). If you would like them to remain on the list, please contact the office by Tuesday.*

Financial Information

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| Donations Received as of 7/5 | \$180 |
| Per Capita 2020 Donations | \$825 |
| Property Fund Giving 2020 | \$3,500 |
| Property Fund Goal 2020 | \$5,000 |
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| Per Capita for 2020 is | \$33 |

Worship Schedule

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| July 12 | Rev. Tom Dunlap |
| July 19 | Elder Cindie Postell |
| July 26 | Rev. Tom Dunlap |
| Aug. 2 | Rev. Tom Dunlap |



Orpah kissed Naomi and returned home.
But Ruth would not leave Naomi.

Circle the differences in the 2nd picture.



• Children's Worship Bulletin •TM

Ages 7+

March 24, 2019 • Ruth 1:1-22

But Naomi again told Orpah and Ruth to go to their mothers' homes. What happened next?



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| 6:00 | 2:00 | 4:00 | |
| 3:00 | 11:00 | 10:00 | |