



June 29, 2020

The Good News from Trinity PC

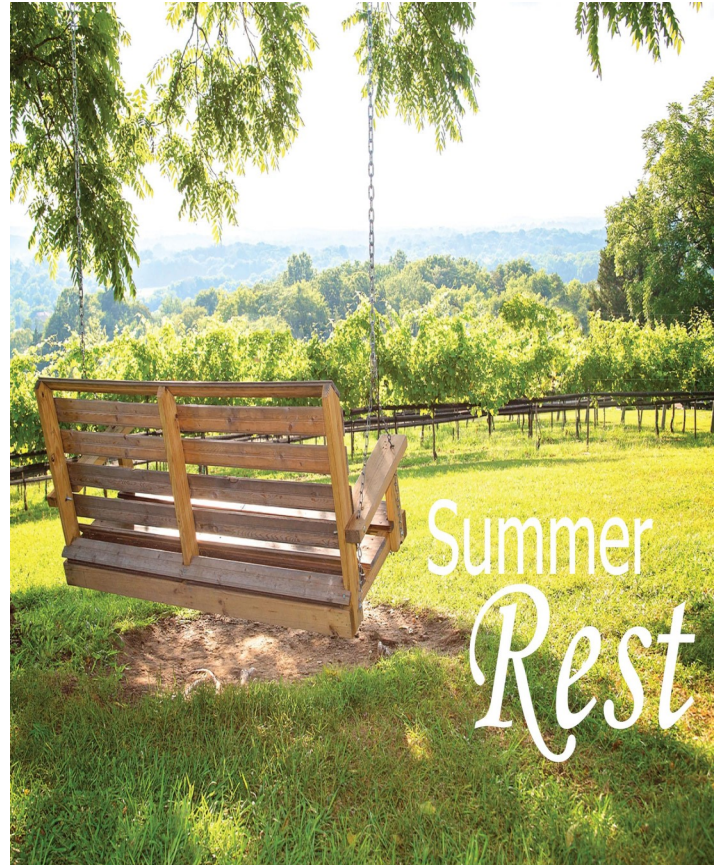
Onsite Trinity Worship Services

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)

Great are the works of the LORD! (Psalm 111:2): long summer days, meteor showers, lakes and forests, time for vacation and rest. Let us worship our generous God!



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 after Pentecost

Matthew 11:16-10, 25-30

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’ ... At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’”

Reflection

What misplaced burdens are you carrying? Where might God be offering you a more well-fitted yoke? Where are your expectations of God and the church unmet? Where do you sense God moving in hidden ways?

Morning Prayer

As the darkness recedes, open my eyes to the gift of this day; help me to trust you with all that it will hold. In the hours to come, as my plans are interrupted, tune my ear to the sound of your voice, my eye to the movement of your Spirit, my heart to the strength of your desire, that I might glimpse your hidden graces and be strengthened in your service, for I would be your instrument. Amen.

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



An Invitation to Rest

Summer calls to mind a slower pace, time off from school and work. But many still face daily demands this time of year: farmers work long hours; teachers may take seasonal work to make ends meet; parents with kids now home all day may catch up on work late at night. Still, may the longer days and warmer weather beckon you into a bit of free time this season. Listen:

“When you take time to replenish your spirit, it allows you to serve others from the overflow. You cannot serve from an empty vessel.” —Eleanor Brown (public speaker and educator)

“Sometimes it's important to work for that pot of gold. But other times it's essential ... to make sure that your most important decision in the day [is] which color to slide down on the rainbow.” —Douglas Pagels (author)

“Rest time is not waste time; it is economy to gather fresh strength. ... In the long run, we shall do more by sometimes doing less.” —Charles Spurgeon

“Come to me, all you that are weary ... and I will give you rest. ... For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” —Jesus (Matthew 11:28-30)

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 on **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 while at home for Mission Project in Appalachia.
- ♦ 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

Obedience and Love

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

John 14:15

I obey stop signs when I am driving out of fear of having an accident or of getting a traffic ticket. Fear is not an altogether bad motivation for obedience, both to laws and to informal social norms. Fear of punishment or the negative judgment of others keeps most of us from doing a lot of things we should not do.

Some Christians obey God out of fear, especially the fear of hell. But in this longest of Jesus’ discourses, he mentions neither fear nor hell. The only motivation for obedience he speaks of is love. “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” And again later, “They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me” (John 14:21). Fear is but a penultimate motivation to obey God; love is the ultimate motivation. Novelist Thornton Wilder wrote, “There is a land of the living and a land of the dead and the bridge is love, the only survival, the only meaning.”*

*Teach us to love and obey, Gracious God, to obey you
because we love you and one another. Amen.*

Michael L. Lindvall, Fort Wayne, Indiana

THE GOOD NEWS

As of June 28

Keep in your Prayers

Chris Larle, Keith and Pam Harring	Bereavement/loss of his wife
Family of Tami Nelswongers, Pam Harring	Bereavement/loss of Tami
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
Thomas Kettler, K. Evert Request	Healing/kidney stones
Charlene Stump, K. Kessler request	Good diagnosis and treatment for hip and knee
Debbie Johnson	Healing/knee surgery
Bob Miller, D. Schuler request	Healing/heart concerns
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
*Madison, Cindie Postell's granddaughter	Thanksgiving/home/2 months of rehabilitation
*Mike, Marta Mojzer's brother	Healing/advanced liver failure and other concerns
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.*

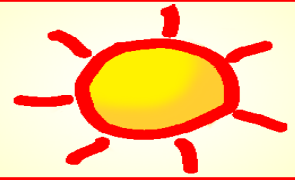
Financial Information

Donations Received as of 6/28	\$705
Pentecost Offering	\$85
Per Capita 2020 Donations	\$825
Property Fund Giving 2020	\$3,500
Property Fund Goal 2020	\$5,000

Per Capita for 2020 is \$33

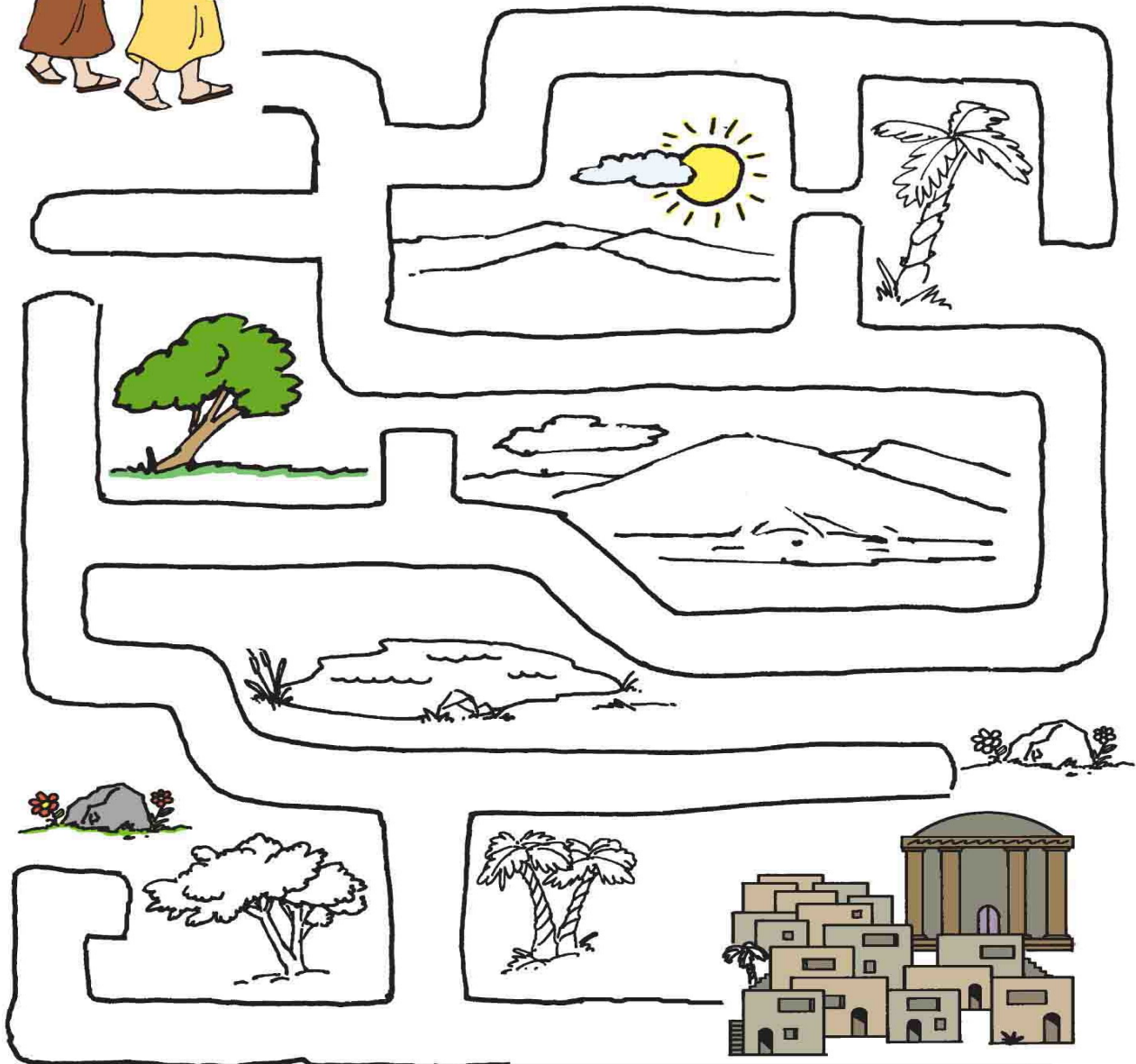
Worship Schedule

July 5	Rev. Tom Dunlap
July 12	Rev. Tom Dunlap
July 19	Elder Cindie Postell
July 26	Rev. Tom Dunlap



Ruth chose to stay with Naomi and worship God. They returned to Judah together.

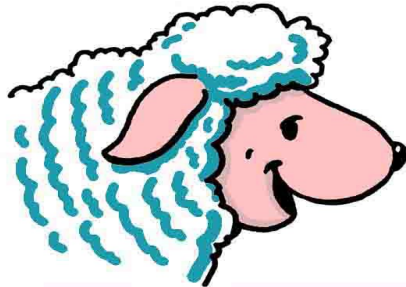
Help the women get to Judah.



• Children's Worship Bulletin™ •

Ages 7+

March 24, 2019 • Ruth 1:1-22



What did Ruth say to Naomi as she decided to stay?

Write all the 1's in order. Then return to the top and write all the 2's in order. Do the same for the 3's and the 4's.

Don't ¹	from ²	where ³	be ⁴	urge ¹	you ²
you ³	my ⁴	me ¹	Where ²	stay ³	people ⁴
to ¹	you ²	I ³	and ⁴	leave ¹	go ²
will ³	your ⁴	you ¹	I ²	stay ³	God ⁴
or ¹	will ²	Your ³	my ⁴	turn ¹	go ²
people ³	God ⁴	back ¹	and ²	will ³	

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