



August 31, 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)

Labors of Love

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, "It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God." As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer's end but in celebrating the ways nearly all "duties and labors of life" can empower ministry and faith.

On Labor Day, September 7, we will thank you for the work to which you have called us – at home and beyond. May we glorify you in all we do. **The Office is Closed on Labor Day.**

Office Open

9:00-2:00 Monday-Thursday

**Prayer Requests can be emailed to:
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Prepare for Worship 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 18:15-20

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Reflection

The passage from Matthew (18:15-20) is concerned with church discipline in a time of conflict. The focus, however, is not on punishment or blame, but on listening and talking through what has divided or offended so that forgiveness and reconciliation may be accomplished. How might this reading from Matthew help in a time of conflict? How does the commandment to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves inform our handling of disagreement and division?

Morning Prayer

O God of this and every morning, as I begin this day, call my name; as I step into this day, guide my feet; as I live this day, care for those I love; as I learn this day, teach me your ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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



10 Biblical Ways to Love

1. Listen without interrupting. “To answer before listening – that is folly and shame” (Proverbs 18:13).
2. Speak without accusing. “Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry” (James 1:19).
3. Give without selfishness. “The righteous give without sparing” (Proverbs 21:26).
4. Pray without ceasing. “We have not stopped praying for you” (Colossians 1:9).
5. Answer without arguing. “Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife” (Proverbs 17:1).
6. Share without pretending. “Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of ... Christ” (Ephesians 4:15).
7. Enjoy without complaining. “Do everything without grumbling or arguing” (Philippians 2:14).
8. Trust without wavering. “[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres” (1 Corinthians 13:7).
9. Forgive without punishing. “Forgive as the Lord forgave you” (Colossians 3:13).
10. Promise without forgetting. “A longing fulfilled is a tree of life” (Proverbs 13:12).

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/>

Several Thank You's Sandwich Making

We thank you for making sandwiches on August 27. We prepared 250 sandwiches for the pantry. We appreciate your help in reaching out to meet the growing need of the homeless at food banks.



School Supplies Thank You

We thank everyone who brought in school supplies for first graders at a Fairfield school. The supplies will be dropped off at the school for future use.

Fall Flower Sale Thank You

We also thank all the people who purchased flowers from Bern's Garden Center. Please remember the plant pick up will be at the church on **September 10 between 11:00-1:00** or phone Debbie Johnson @ 874-8958 or Kathy Kessler @ 863-2621 for pick up arrangements if different than above.



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

Please pass along that the Fall Craft Sale has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

Cards for Dee—Dee Burkhardt has a new address.

Dee is improving and is in Chesterwood Village in West Chester while rehabbing. Her address is: Chesterwood Village, 8073 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069, Room 112. Her number is 513-326-6110. With the COVID regulations no visitors are admitted. However, a card would brighten her day.

If you know of someone who lives alone, call, email, or send a note of encouragement. It will be a gift to them and you will be blessed by doing so. We all need interaction with others!

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.!

THE GOOD NEWS

As of August 30

Keep in your Prayers

Family of Gene Caudil, Connie Williams uncle
Kay Campbell, Kathy Kessler's friend
Family of Virginia Williams, Connie's mother
Mireilla Tenga and family
Family of Jim Henkel, D. Kosey request
For parents, students, teachers
For schools in turmoil with start of classes
Sandy Thien, G. Kramer's niece
Debbie Hess
Karen Evert
Marta Mojzer and family
Louise Mojzer, Glenn's mother
Susie Ward, K. Kessler request
Madison, C. Postell request
*Linda North and children B. Pratt request
Jean Parsley
Pam Harring
George Liles
Dee Burkhardt
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.)

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.*

Bereavement/loss of Uncle Gene Caudil
Healing/hospitalized with corona virus
Bereavement/loss of Virginia
Bereavement/loss of her sister who lives in the Congo
Bereavement/loss of Jim to COVID
God's Guidance and protection
God's Guidance and peace
Healing/chemo treatment
Healing/recovery from surgery
Healing/injuries from a fall/head and lower back
Bereavement/loss of her brother, Michael
Healing/A fib and fluid concerns
Healing/broken hip/97 yrs. old
Improving/continues rehab
Bereavement/loss of ex-husband/father
Continued healing
Continued healing/guidance with treatment
Continued healing/home recovering
Continued healing/Chesterwood Village rehab
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

Financial Information

Donations Received as of 8/30 \$4,491
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

Sept. 6	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Sept. 13	Elder Cindie Postell
Sept. 20	Rev. Tom Dunlap
Sept. 27	Rev. Tom Dunlap

The Presbytery of Cincinnati publishes a weekly newsletter called "The Cincinnati Sampler."
To subscribe to The Sampler go to: <https://www.presbteryofcincinnati.org> and click on "Sign Up For The Sampler" at the bottom right corner of the page.



WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.



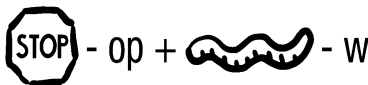
Water changes to

JOHN 2:1-11



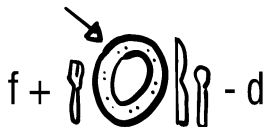
Heals a man born

JOHN 9



Calms a

MATTHEW 8:23-27



Catch of

LUKE 5:1-11



Walks on

MATTHEW 14:22-33

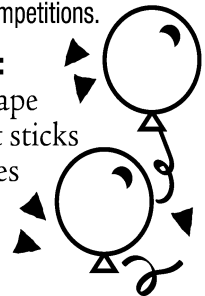
Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water

GREAT SUMMER GAMES

Though this year's Summer Olympics were postponed, you can host friendly neighborhood competitions.

What you need:

- Masking tape
- Large craft sticks
- Paper plates
- Balloons
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Green construction paper
- Craft glue

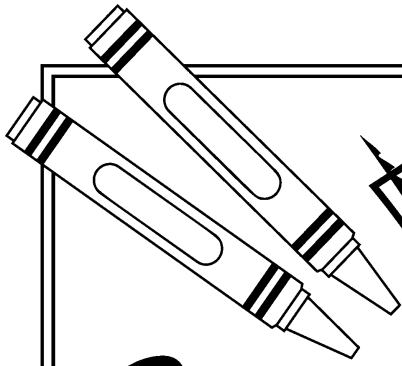


What you do:

Balloon Badminton: Make rackets by taping a stick "handle" to each plate. Blow up and tie a balloon. Use the rackets to pass the balloon back and forth, without letting it touch the floor.

Rhythmic Routines: Using tape, firmly attach one end of a 4-foot ribbon to a craft stick. Display style and skill by waving it around. Try choreographing a routine to a praise song.

Champion Crown: Cut a large hole out of the center of a paper plate. Cut 2-inch ovals from green paper. Glue those "leaves" to the ring as garland. Crown a winner of each game!



PUZZLE

Compete for the crown



The apostle Paul compares the Christian life to running a race for an imperishable crown.



Directions: From the starting line through the finish line, circle every third letter. Then place the circled letters in order in the blanks below to complete 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, NIV.

START

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FINISH

“Do you not know that in a _____ all the runners run, but only one gets the _____? _____ in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who _____ in the _____ goes into strict _____ . They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a _____ that will last forever.”

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25, NIV

Answer: race, prize, run, competes, games, training, crown