

# Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

June 14th, 2020 - 10 a.m.

## *The Second Sunday after Pentecost*

When disaster strikes, understanding of God is at risk. Unexpected illness or death, national catastrophe, social disruption, personal loss, plague or epidemic...turn men and women who haven't given God a thought in years into instant theologians: "God is absent..."

It is the task of the prophet to stand up at such moments of catastrophe and clarify who God is and how he acts...Joel is one of the good ones...

- Eugene H. Peterson  
*The Invitation*

### Call to Worship

Make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King. [Psalm 98:5-6 (NIV)]

### PRAISE

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Hymn *Your Name* — music on pages 2-3

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## Your Name

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1 As morn-ing dawns and eve - ning fades, you in - spire —  
 2 Je - sus, in your name we pray, come and fill our

songs of praise that rise from earth to touch your heart and  
 hearts to - day. Lord, give us strength to live for you and

D<sup>b</sup>maj7    E<sup>b</sup>7    A<sup>b</sup>    Refrain    Cm7    Fm7

glo - ri - fy your name. Your name is a  
 glo - ri - fy your name.

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strong and might - y tow - er; your name is a

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shel - ter like no oth - er. Your name, let the

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na - tions sing it loud - er, 'cause noth - ing has the pow -

- er to save but your name.

Prayer of Adoration (concluded by the following prayer in unison)

We bow before the Father who made us,  
 we bow before the Son who saved us,  
 we bow before the Spirit who guides us.

In love and adoration  
 we give our lips,  
 we give our hearts,  
 we give our minds,  
 we give our strength.

We bow and adore you,  
 sacred Three,  
 the ever One,  
 the Trinity. Amen.

### Doxology

All ye who are of tender heart,  
 Forgiving others take your part.  
 Sing his praises. Alleluia!  
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
 Praise God and on him cast your care.  
 O praise him! O praise him!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
 And worship him in humbleness.  
 O praise him. Alleluia!  
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One.  
 O praise him! O praise him!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## RENEWAL

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### Confession of Sin (unison)

**Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness: We have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Private Confession

### Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. [Titus 3:5-7 (NIV)]

### Words of Welcome

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements are found on pages 10-13

### Recognition of Graduates

#### **Class of 2020 High School Graduates:**

Jordan Bayrooti, graduated from New Hampton High School, NH

Lauren King, Rye High School, NY

Caroline Matossian, graduated from Rye High School, NY

Cameron Matossian, graduated from Rye High School, NY

Ryan Thompson, Rye Brook High School, NY

#### **Class of 2020 College Graduates:**

Abigail Higgins Leberman, R.N., Bachelor of Arts in Nursing, Concordia College, Bronxville, NY

Jacob Leberman, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Franklin Pierce University, Manchester, NH

Adam Rudolph, Industrial Management Engineer from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY

Madeline Smith, Seattle Pacific University, WA

### Recognition of Teachers & Volunteers

Young Mi Han

Marielle Langely

Jane Weng

Di Blackburn

Liz Pitman

Mark Watkins

Wendy Barone

Dan Han

Cheryl Dimon

Aaron Warren

Christine Rohde

Karyl Ropke

Cheryl Duay

Emily Hargatai

Prayer for the Nation & for All the Nations (concluded with the Prayer of St. Francis in unison)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love  
Where there is injury, pardon  
Where there is doubt, faith  
Where there is despair, hope  
Where there is darkness, light  
And where there is sadness, joy

O Divine Master, grant that I may  
Not so much seek to be consoled as to  
console  
To be understood, as to understand  
To be loved, as to love  
For it is in giving that we receive  
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned  
And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal  
Life  
Amen

Hymn Before the Throne of God Above — music on pages 6-7

## Before the Throne of God Above

A D G Dsus D

1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
 2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me  
 3 Be - hold him there! The ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is  
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him  
 spot - less right - eous - ness; the great un - change - a - ble "I

Bm2 Em D

Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
 there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the  
 AM," the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

G D A D G D A

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
 self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by his

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heart; I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can  
 free; for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on  
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

## COMMITMENT

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Scripture Lesson: Joel 2:21-29 (read by Alethea Wilhelm)

- <sup>21</sup>Do not fear, O soil;  
 be glad and rejoice,  
 for the LORD has done great things!
- <sup>22</sup>Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
 for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
 the tree bears its fruit,  
 the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
- <sup>23</sup>O children of Zion, be glad  
 and rejoice in the LORD your God;  
 for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
 he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
 the early and the later rain, as before.
- <sup>24</sup>The threshing floors shall be full of grain,  
 the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- <sup>25</sup>I will repay you for the years  
 that the swarming locust has eaten,  
 the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
 my great army, which I sent against you.

<sup>26</sup>You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the LORD your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.  
<sup>27</sup>You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

<sup>28</sup>Then afterward  
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.  
<sup>29</sup>Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit. [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“LOCUST YEARS”

Pastor Higgins

*To the Point: The Bible's Shortest Books*

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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Since we cannot gather for Holy Communion, we join in an act of *spiritual communion*, trusting in our Lord's blessings & love in this present crisis.

**Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Communion. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn **Come Thou Fount** — music below

**521** **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my \*Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I've come;  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount—I'm fixed up - on it—mount of God's un-chang-ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

\* "Then Samuel took a stone . . . called its name Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the Lord has helped us!" (1 Sam. 7:12)

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt., P.D.

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## Benediction & Dismissal

**Minister:** The Lord God Almighty, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City, and the blessing of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

**People:** Amen.

**Leader:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** Master, the Tempest Is Raging — Horatio R. Palmer/Gina Sprunger

## WORSHIP ARTISTS

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Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with Trinity Church. We appreciate all that your music has contributed to our worship. Copyrighted songs are covered under CCLI #1250499 and CCS #11071.

TAMMY LUM - PIANO

JORDAN WILHELM - VOICE

ALETHEA WILHELM - VOICE

## Trinity Church Announcements

### CELEBRATING CHRIST, SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

## TODAY

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**The Season after Pentecost**—sometimes called the “long green season” (because of the color of church vestments)—lasts through the summer into the fall. This is a time to pray for the growth and the mission of the church.

**Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** Each year, at the beginning of the summer, we celebrate the anniversary of the launch of Trinity Church—especially on Trinity Sunday. Thursday, June 18, is the anniversary of our official launch and our first morning worship service. Of all the churches that Redeemer Presbyterian in Manhattan has launched, we are the who has been around the longest. Thanks be to God for all his blessings through the years!

- We had hoped to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a big way! However, due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, this had to be postponed. We are praying and planning for a celebration of this milestone in 2021.

**Prayer Focus for Summer.** During the summer, we ask everyone to pray especially for families and our ministries to families.

- For all those affected by the novel coronavirus pandemic—the sick, the suffering, and all those who care for them. Pray for the development of treatments and vaccines; pray for deliverance!
- For our children and teenagers and for all who minister to them, especially in these unusual times.
- For families that lack basic needs & services and for all who minister to them, especially for Hillside Food Outreach.

**Pray Together Sunday.** Today is Pray Together Sunday, a nationwide event in which churches commit to praying for our communities, our nation, and all the nations—that we would love God fully and love our neighbors well.

**Healing Prayer Service:** This Sunday morning at 11:30 am. RSVP by email to [CraigHiggins@trinitychurch.cc](mailto:CraigHiggins@trinitychurch.cc) to receive a link to the Zoom session.

**Children’s Church via Zoom:** Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Parents need to email [ChloeNevill@trinitychurch.cc](mailto:ChloeNevill@trinitychurch.cc) to get on the Children's Ministry parents email list and get access to the Trinity Children's Ministry Facebook group to learn more.

**Fourtify via Zoom:** Students from 4th-8th grade are invited to join us for a brief “Fourtify” time with Pastor Magneson. We will meet for games, discussion, and a quick introduction to the Sunday sermon. Meeting will be approximately 30 minutes, beginning at 10 am on Sundays. Email Pastor Magneson for the Zoom link, [SteveMagneson@trinitychurch.cc](mailto:SteveMagneson@trinitychurch.cc).

**Drive Up Communion Service** – Today at 2pm, we will offer a brief communion service that you can attend in your car at our church office. The process and delivery will be changed for health and safety reasons. But it is a step toward celebrating the Lord's Supper together again.

## COMING UP

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### **SERMON SCHEDULE** *(subject to change as we deal with the pandemic)*

**June 21.** Obadiah 17-21. “The Kingdom Shall be the Lord’s.” Pastor Swanson preaching

**June 28.** Nahum 1.12-15. “The Feet of One Who Brings Good News.” Pastor Swanson preaching

**July 5.** Habakkuk 1:1.-4; 3.17-19. “O Lord, How Long?” Pastor Magneson preaching

### **EVENTS & COMMUNITY**

**A Questioning Faith: Good Theology Welcomes Honest Questions.** Pastor Higgins has often taught that no honest question should ever be swept under the rug! That is why he is beginning a series of short (20-30 minute) conversations with pastors, theologians, and other thought leaders, which will then be available (on video or audio) podcast-style through Trinity Church’s Instagram page. Your questions are welcome! If there’s something you’ve often wanted to ask—about the Christian faith & its practical ramifications in the real world—contact Pastor Higgins, [CraigHiggins@trinitychurch.cc](mailto:CraigHiggins@trinitychurch.cc). Questions from those investigating the Christian faith are especially welcome, but we encourage everyone (even if you’re new to Trinity Church) to ask questions. Below is a list of the recorded interviews so far:

1. **The Rev. Dr. John H. Armstrong**—founder of The Initiative, an intentional community of Christians working and praying for unity across denominational, racial, etc. lines. Before that, John led the ACT 3 Network and was an adjunct professor at Wheaton Graduate School. He talks about revivals, the importance of history, etc.
2. **Dr. Tremper Longman**—now retired professor of biblical studies at Westmont College, author of 50+ books, and one of the leading Old Testament scholars in the world. He talks about how to read the Old Testament intelligently, how Christians should get along, etc.
3. **Calvin Earl**—singer, performer, and storyteller who worked to keep the African American Spirituals alive, including working successfully to have Congress declare them National Treasures. We talk about racism, about how the spirituals help us keep hope alive. He closes with a song that we all need to hear.
4. **MOST RECENT: The Rev. Dr. Sam Logan**—International Associate Director of the World Reformed Fellowship, president emeritus and professor emeritus of church history at Westminster Seminary. Sam talks about the importance of preserving the good name of everyone, even (especially!) those with whom we differ. He also talks about Jonathan Edwards and about whether or not the American Revolution was justified in terms of biblical ethics.

**Reopening Task Force.** We have a Reopening Task Force working on plans for reopening our in-person church services. There are many factors to consider as this is a new and complex challenge. This will not be a quick process due to the complexity and dependencies but we are moving forward. We miss you and will keep you posted with updates in the newsletter. In the meantime we are looking at scheduling other transitional events.

**Vacation Bible School.** Chloe Nevill is working on the development of a Vacation Bible School program this summer which will be held around the 3rd or 4th week of July. Watch the newsletter for details as preparations progress and we're ready for enrollment. It will be for children up through 5th grade.

#### **Ways to Connect:**

- **“Compline” Evening Prayer Sessions:** Led by Pastor Mark Swanson on both Facebook and Instagram live on Monday & Wednesday evenings at 8 pm.
- **Website:** [www.TrinityChurchNY.com](http://www.TrinityChurchNY.com)
- **Facebook:** Trinity Presbyterian Church NY
- **Facebook Group:** Trinity People Staying In Touch
- **Instagram:** TrinityChurchNY
- **Church Mobile App:** TrinityChurchNY
- **Community Groups:** are meeting via video-conferencing. To join one, use our website Contact Form.
- **Book Clubs:** for adults and children which will continue into the summer. See mobile app for details.
- **Prayer Team Support:** You can submit a prayer request using our mobile app or contact form on our website. Our Prayer Team would be pleased to pray for you.
- **Pastoral Care:** Call the church office 914-967-6247 and choose from the voice menu who you wish to speak to, or use the church website contact form and your request will be forwarded to them.
- **Giving:** You can give via our website, mobile app or by check. More details below.
- **Newsletters:** to be added to the mailing list, use the\_church website Contact form.

### Ways to Give:

- **We encourage giving online** through our secure website link on our church website: <https://www.trinitychurchny.com/giving/> Or, through our mobile app, *TrinityChurchNY*. Your faithful giving is not only an act of worship but is much appreciated by the Trinity Church leadership as we desire to continue ministry no matter what adjustments are necessary to meet current challenges. If giving by check, mail it to the address specified in the newsletter (faster processing), or the church office (slower).
- **COVID-19 Support** - On our church website, [www.trinitychurchny.com](http://www.trinitychurchny.com), you will find a link labeled "COVID-19 Update" which is a letter from our pastors encouraging us all to be there for one another, and to assist you in doing so that we might BE the church God intends us to be. There are links to forms to Give Help (volunteer) and Get Help (specify a need). Please visit this "COVID-19 Update" link so you can become familiar with it and participate.

### Two Steps in Prayer for the Trinity Church Vision Campaign

1. Prayer for God's timing as to when we might be released from our pause in the Vision Campaign and how we might resume it.
2. The offices will be closed, but we do encourage individual families to prayer walk the property, while maintaining proper social-distancing practices, during our pause. Please contact Pastor Mark at [MarkSwanson@trinitychurch.cc](mailto:MarkSwanson@trinitychurch.cc), if you are interested or have any questions.