

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

June 28th, 2020 - 10 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

“Though the Witch knew the Deep Magic, there is a magic deeper still which she did not know...that when a willing victim who had committed no treachery was killed in a traitor’s stead, the Table would crack and Death itself would start working backward.”

— CS Lewis. *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*

Call to Worship

Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

[Psalm 99:9 (NIV)]

PRAISE

Hymn **O God, You Are My God** — words below

O God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you’ll lead me,
and I will follow you all of my days.

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 arr. by David August

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

Confession of Sin (unison)

Everlasting God, fountain of all life and the true home of every heart: Our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved by selfish passion and base desire. We have sought after many things and have neglected the one thing needful. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. Loving Father, who alone can fill our deepest longings and quiet our restless hearts, help us to turn to you and find forgiveness. Lead us home that we may again find in you our life and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

But because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. [Hebrews 7:24-25 (NIV)]

Words of Welcome

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Announcements are found on pages 7-9.

Hymn In Christ Alone — words below

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

COMMITMENT

Scripture Lesson: Nahum 1:1-3a; 3:1-4; 1:12-15 (Brett Liedtke)

^{1:1}A prophecy concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

²The LORD is a jealous and avenging God;
the LORD takes vengeance and is filled with wrath.
The LORD takes vengeance on his foes
and vents his wrath against his enemies.

³The LORD is slow to anger but great in power;
the LORD will not leave the guilty unpunished.

^{3:1}Woe to the city of blood,
full of lies,
full of plunder,
never without victims!

²The crack of whips,
the clatter of wheels,
galloping horses
and jolting chariots!

³Charging cavalry,
flashing swords
and glittering spears!

Many casualties,
piles of dead,
bodies without number,
people stumbling over the corpses—
⁴all because of the wanton lust of a prostitute,
alluring, the mistress of sorceries,
who enslaved nations by her prostitution
and peoples by her witchcraft.

^{1:12}This is what the LORD says:

“Although they have allies and are numerous,
they will be destroyed and pass away.
Although I have afflicted you, Judah,
I will afflict you no more.

¹³Now I will break their yoke from your neck
and tear your shackles away.”

¹⁴The LORD has given a command concerning you, Nineveh:

“You will have no descendants to bear your name.
I will destroy the images and idols
that are in the temple of your gods.
I will prepare your grave,
for you are vile.”

¹⁵Look, there on the mountains,
the feet of the one who brings good news,
who proclaims peace!

Celebrate your festivals, Judah,
and fulfill your vows.

No more will the wicked invade you;
they will be completely destroyed. [NIV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Good News and the Wrath of God”
To the Point: The Bible’s Shortest Books

Pastor Swanson

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (unison)

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The Nicene Creed 1

We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified
for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again,
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son*,
and with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**and the Son was not originally part of this creed
For an alternate version of this creed see 806*

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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 **Amazing Grace — words below**

Verse 1

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

Verse 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

Verse 3

**The Lord has promised good to me,
his word, my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

Verse 4

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

Verse 5

**When we've been there ten thousand
years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

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 **Amazing Grace — arr. by David August**

WORSHIP ARTISTS

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.

DAVID AUGUST - PIANO, GUITAR
JULIE DIESSLIN AUGUST - CELLO

JORDAN WILHELM - VOICE
ALETHEA WILHELM - VOICE

Trinity Church Announcements

CELEBRATING CHRIST, SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

TODAY

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.

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.

Children’s Church via Zoom: Sunday mornings at **9:30 am**. Parents need to email 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, at **10 am on Sundays through June 28th**. (Note: As we normally do we will take July and August off as a summer break.) For the Zoom link, email SteveMagneson@trinitychurch.cc.

COMING UP

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

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

July 12. Zephaniah 3.14-20. “Singing & Shouting.” Pastor Higgins preaching

July 19. Haggai 2:1-9. “Take Courage.” Pastor Higgins 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 offering a series of short (20-30 minute) conversations with pastors, theologians, and other thought leaders, which are available (on video or audio) podcast-style through Trinity Church’s Instagram page. 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.

- **NEW:** A Questioning Faith #6: An interview with the Rev. Charlie Drew and Dr. Jeannie Drew about faith & science, faith & politics, and how we can love those with whom we differ.

Healing Prayer Service: Anyone wishing to pray for healing (physical, spiritual, emotional) for themselves, for loved one, and (especially now!) for the world, is invited to join Pastor Higgins for a brief liturgy of healing prayer. The service is scheduled to be held on Sundays at 11:30 on Zoom. The service will last for approximately 15 minutes. For information on how to join in, email Pastor Higgins at craighiggins@trinitychurch.cc.

- Next Healing Prayer Service: July 12

Drive Up Communion Services – We will offer a brief communion service that you can attend in your car at our church office on **July 12th** and **August 9th**. 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.

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.

Compline Update: The Compline Online evening prayer sessions on Facebook and Instagram scheduled on Monday and Wednesday evenings have been suspended for the summer months. Enjoy your summer evenings in rest and relaxation!

Annual Congregational Meeting. Due to the pandemic, our Annual Congregational Meeting for 2020 was canceled. The Session, however, hopes to have a congregational meeting soon for the purpose of electing new elders & deacons.

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, if you are interested or have any questions.

Ways to Connect:

- **Website:** 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, 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).