

# Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

July 12th, 2020 - 10 a.m.

## *The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

You were walking in your own ways, a vagabond; straying in the rough places, wooded places, tearing your limbs. You were looking for a home, come rest for your spirit, somewhere where you could say, "I am all right here," and safely say it, free from anxiety and trials—in other words, be altogether free—but you did not find it.

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Beloved, the end of all our paths is Christ: in him we are made perfect, for our perfection is to come home to him. Don't seek for anything else. He is your end, to him you are journeying, and when you have arrived there you will not seek further, for you can desire nothing better than to come home to him.

He has led us on, he himself being our way, and he brings us to himself as to our home.

—St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

*Commentary on the Psalm*

### Call to Worship

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. [Psalm 100:3 (NIV)]

### PRAISE

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Hymn **Give Thanks — words below**

Verse

**Give thanks with a grateful heart**

**Give thanks to the Holy One**

**Give thanks because He's given**

**Jesus Christ His Son**

Chorus

**And now let the weak say I am strong**

**Let the poor say I am rich**

**Because of what the Lord has done for us**

**And now let the weak say I am strong**

**Let the poor say I am rich**

**Because of what the Lord has done for us**

Ending

**Give thanks**

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

Eternal God,  
the light of the minds that know you,  
the life of the souls that love you,  
the strength of the wills that serve you;  
help us so to know you that we may truly love you,  
so to love you that we may fully serve you,  
whom to serve is perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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)

God of love and mercy, so often we pursue power and money, yet you come in weakness. We covet great material gifts, when you alone offer what is lasting. Through the work of our Lord Jesus, who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, and correct us. Open our lips, that we may sing your praise with the angels, and then remake us, that we may witness to your transforming love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. [Hebrews 9:27-28 (NIV)]

Words of Welcome

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

Announcements are found on pages 6-8.

## Hymn This is My Father's World — words below

Verse 1

This is my Father's world  
And to my list'ning ears  
All nature sings and 'round me rings  
Music of the spheres

Chorus 1

This is my Father's world  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas  
His hand the wonders wrought

Verse 2

This is my Father's world  
The birds their carols raise  
The morning light the lily white  
Declare their Maker's praise

Chorus 2

This is my Father's world  
He shines in all that's fair  
In the rust'ling grass I hear Him pass  
He speaks to me ev'rywhere

Verse 3

This is my Father's world  
O let me ne'er forget  
And though the wrong seems oft so strong  
God is the Ruler yet

Chorus 3

This is my Father's world  
Why should my heart be sad  
The Lord is King let the heavens ring  
God reigns let the earth be glad

## COMMITMENT

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Scripture Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20 (read by Harold Buchholz)

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing  
<sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD. [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“SINGING & SHOUTING”

Pastor Higgins

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

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1 (responsive)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own,  
but belong—  
body and soul,  
in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins  
with his precious blood,  
and has set me free  
from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together  
for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,  
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly  
willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.**

## 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 **My Lord, What A Morning** — words below

Refrain

**My Lord, what a morning  
My Lord, what a morning  
Oh, my Lord, what a morning  
When the stars begin to fall  
When the stars begin to fall**

Verse 1

**You will hear the trumpet sound  
To wake the nations underground  
Looking to my God's right hand  
When the stars begin to fall**

Verse 2

**You will hear the sinner cry  
To wake the nations underground  
Looking to my God's right hand  
When the stars begin to fall**

Verse 3

**You will hear the Christians shout  
To wake the nations underground  
Looking to my God's right hand  
When the stars begin to fall**

Benediction & Dismissal

Minister: May Christ the Son of God be manifest in you that your lives may be a light to the world. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Go in peace to share the good news.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude **Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus** — Adam Geibel/Kim Williams

## 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.

**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](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.

**Healing Prayer Service this Sunday, July 12, at 11:30 a.m.** Anyone wishing to pray for healing (physical, spiritual, emotional) for themselves, for loved ones, and (especially now!) for the world, is invited to join Pastor Higgins for a brief liturgy of healing prayer. It is scheduled to be held this Sunday, **July 12**, at 11:30 on Zoom. The service will last for approximately 15 minutes. To participate, use the links provided in the emailed newsletter from Thursday, July 9.

**Communion Service this Sunday, July 12, at 2 p.m.** Rain or Shine, heat or humidity, participate in communion by staying in your car at our church office site, 526 Anderson Hill Rd., Purchase, NY. Please arrive 10 minutes before we start so that someone can show you where to park and hand your communion items when you pull in. No RSVP necessary. Come and join us to celebrate communion together in this brief service.

## COMING UP

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

**July 19.** Haggai 2:1-9. "Take Courage." Pastor Higgins preaching

**July 26.** 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17. "Stand Firm & Hold Fast." Pastor Swanson preaching

**August 2.** Titus 3:1-11. "The Water of Rebirth." Pastor Higgins preaching

### **EVENTS & COMMUNITY**

**Vacation Bible School: Seek and You Shall Find!** Join us **July 20th-24th** for our Virtual VBS! Mornings will start off over Zoom to play games, interact with Bible lessons, learn the camp song, and receive instructions for the day's activities - go outside and seek! To register, please see our weekly newsletter for an online link to register your child. Registrants will receive an Orientation Packet before the start date. Questions? email Chloe Nevill, [ChloeNevill@trinitychurch.cc](mailto:ChloeNevill@trinitychurch.cc).

**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](mailto:CraigHiggins@trinitychurch.cc).

- **NEW: the Rev. Jeff White**, one of the original pastors of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (now on the staff of Redeemer Downtown), who also led a church planting and community development work in Harlem, where his family still lives. He will talk about what it's been like to be a pastor in NYC during the pandemic (Jeff & his wife, a nurse, had the virus) and during the protests as a mixed-race family.

**Drive Up Communion Services** – We will offer a brief communion service that you can attend in your car at our church office on **July 26th** 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.

### **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.

### **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 church office at 526 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase, NY 10577.**

- **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).

**Ways to Connect:**

- **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.