

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Personally, as my struggle reveals, I don't often "feel" like a beloved child of God. But I know that that is my most primal identity and I know that I must choose it above and beyond my hesitations...Strong emotions, self-rejection, and even self-hatred justifiably toss you about, but you are free to respond as you will. You are not what others, or even you, think about yourself.

-Henri Nouwen "Life of the Beloved"

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
[Psalm 105:1 (NIV)]

PRAISE

Hymn **Shout to the Lord — music below**

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Shout to the Lord

A E A G Esus E

The piano introduction consists of four measures in 4/4 time. The first measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of A major (A-C#-E) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (A-G-F#). The second measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of E major (E-G#-B) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (E-D-C#). The third measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of A major (A-C#-E) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (A-G-F#). The fourth measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of G major (G-B-F#) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (G-F#-E), followed by a whole note chord of E major (E-G#-B) in the treble and a half note bass line (E-D-C#).

A E F#m

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none
 My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref -

The first line of the song features a vocal melody in the treble clef and piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of A major (A-C#-E) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (A-G-F#). The second measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of E major (E-G#-B) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (E-D-C#). The third measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of F# minor (F#-A-C#) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (F#-E-D).

E D A/C# D

like — you. All of my days, I want to praise
 - uge and strength, let ev - ery breath, all that I am,

The second line of the song continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The first measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of E major (E-G#-B) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (E-D-C#). The second measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of D major (D-F#-A) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (D-C#-B). The third measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of A/C# major (A-C#-E) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (A-G-F#). The fourth measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of D major (D-F#-A) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (D-C#-B).

1 A/E F#m G D6 Esus E

the won - ders of your might - y love.

The third line of the song features a vocal melody in the treble clef and piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The first measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of A/E major (A-C#-E) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (A-G-F#). The second measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of F# minor (F#-A-C#) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (F#-E-D). The third measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of G major (G-B-F#) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (G-F#-E). The fourth measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of D6 major (D-F#-A) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (D-C#-B). The fifth measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of E major (E-G#-B) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (E-D-C#). The sixth measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of E major (E-G#-B) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (E-D-C#).

2 A/E F#m G D6 Esus E

nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

The fourth line of the song continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The first measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of A/E major (A-C#-E) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (A-G-F#). The second measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of F# minor (F#-A-C#) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (F#-E-D). The third measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of G major (G-B-F#) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (G-F#-E). The fourth measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of D6 major (D-F#-A) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (D-C#-B). The fifth measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of E major (E-G#-B) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (E-D-C#). The sixth measure has a treble clef with a whole note chord of E major (E-G#-B) and a bass clef with a half note bass line (E-D-C#).

Words and Music (SHOUT TO THE LORD): Darlene Zschech (b. 1965) © 1993 Wondrous Worship Music, admin. Music Services o/b/o Llano Music LLC

Refrain A F#m D D/E

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
I sing for joy at the work of your hands: for -

A F#m Dmaj7 Esus E

pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise to the King.
ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

F#m 1 D

Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the
Noth - ing com-pares to the prom -

E F#m E/G#

sound of your name.

2 D E A

- ise I have in you.

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 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)

Gracious God, you promise to satisfy our deepest longings, and yet we turn our back on you. We seek life in being praised. We look to success to bring us happiness. We boast of our goodness. We fail to love. Forgive us, O God, and remind us of your love. Fill us with your Spirit and strengthen us in your grace, that we may bring glory to your holy Name, through Jesus. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. [Hebrews 10:19-22 (NIV)]

Words of Welcome

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

People: **And also with you.**

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Hymn Give Thanks — music below

358 Give Thanks

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One; give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, 'I am strong!' let the poor say, 'I am rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for us!' us. us. Give thanks."

System 1: Chords: C7, F, C/E, Dm, Am. Lyrics: Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

System 2: Chords: Bb, F, Eb, C9. Lyrics: give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

System 3: Chords: C, Am, Dm7, Gm7, C7. Lyrics: And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" let the poor say, "I am

System 4: Chords: Fmaj7, Dm7, Eb, 1 C9. Lyrics: rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for us!"

System 5: Chords: 2 C9 *Optional D.C.*, 3 C9 *Last time*, F, Bb, F. Lyrics: us. us. Give thanks.

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COMMITMENT

Scripture Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 (Read by Bretton Liedtke)

¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"STAND FIRM & HOLD FAST"
To the Point: The Bible's Shortest Books

Pastor Swanson

Sermon Prayer (unison)

O Christ, all thy ways of mercy tend to end in my delight. Thou didst weep, sorrow, suffer that I might rejoice. For my joy thou hast sent the Comforter, multiplied, thy promises, shown me my future happiness, given me a living fountain.

Thou are preparing joy for me and me for joy; I pray for joy, wait for joy, long for joy; give me more than I can hold, desire, or think of. Measure out to me my times and degrees of joy, at my work, business or duties. If I weep at night, give me joy in the morning. Let me rest in the thought of thy love, pardon for sin, my title to heaven, my future unspotted state.

Let my heart leap towards the eternal Sabbath, where the work of redemption, sanctification, preservation, glorification is finished and perfected forever, where thou wilt rejoice over me with joy. Amen.

Confession of Faith: "Our World Belongs to God," §34¹ (unison)

In our world,
where many journey alone,
nameless in the bustling crowd,
Satan and his evil forces
seek whom they may scatter and isolate;
but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ,
gathers a new community—
those who by God's gift
put their trust in Christ.
In the new community
all are welcome:
the homeless come home,
the broken find healing,
the sinner makes a new start;
the despised are esteemed,
the least are honored,
and the last are first. Amen.

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.

¹ A statement of faith adopted in 1986 (and revised in 2008) by the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

Hymn Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus — music below

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus 472

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his won-der-ful face; and the things of earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of his glo-ry and grace.'

WORDS and MUSIC: Helen H. Lemmel (1864-1961)

Benediction & Dismissal

Minister: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus— arr. by David August

WORSHIP ARTISTS

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DAVID AUGUST - PIANO, GUITAR, VOICE

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.

Drive Up Communion Service: TODAY we will offer a brief communion service that you can attend in your car at our church office **at 2 p.m. Please arrive 10 minutes early** so that someone can show you where to park and hand your your communion items. No RSVP necessary. The office address is 526 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase, NY 10580.

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.

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.

COMING UP

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

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

August 9. Philemon 1-25. “In the Name of Love.” Pastor Magneson preaching

August 16. 2 Peter 1:3-9. “Joy Unspeakable & Full of Glory.” Pastor Magneson preaching

EVENTS & COMMUNITY

Vacation Bible School Postponed: Due to low July enrollment combined with feedback from parents, we are postponing our Vacation Bible School program to a later date. Parents - stay tuned for an August announcement for the next update.

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.

- **THE LATEST:** Pastor Higgins interviewed Scott Brill, chairman of the leadership council of The Initiative, an intentional community of Christians working to overcome the barriers of denomination, race, etc. (Scott was with us at Trinity Church back in January.) See our facebook post on July 17th for this interview. (Links to our Facebook page are in the bottom of the weekly newsletter and in our mobile app, TrinityChurchNY)

Children’s Book Club: In August they will eagerly resume their reading adventures and energetic book discussions on the first Sunday of August (Zoom meeting) when they begin their next book from the Chronicles of Narnia, “The Horse and His Boy”. For more information on children’s participation, you can contact our Director of Children’s Ministry, Chloe Nevill, by using our Contact form on our church website, www.trinitychurchny.com.

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