

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

July 5th, 2020 - 10 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The World is trying to experiment with attempting to form a civilized but non-Christian mentality. The experiment will fail; but we must be very patient in awaiting its collapse; meanwhile redeeming the time: so that the Faith may be preserved alive through the dark ages before us; to renew and rebuild civilization, and save the World from suicide.

— T.S. Eliot

Call to Worship

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. [Psalm 100:1-2 (NIV)]

PRAISE

Hymn **He is Exalted — words below**

Verse

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

I will praise Him

He is exalted forever exalted

And I will praise His name

Chorus

He is the Lord

Forever His truth shall reign

Heaven and earth

Rejoice in His holy name

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

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

Confession of Sin (unison)

Our Father, you offer what will satisfy our deepest longings in a relationship with yourself. And yet we do not trust wholly in you. Be merciful and forgive our sins. Free us from selfish ambition and foolish pride. Mend our fellowship with you, and fill us to overflowing with the love and hope of Christ, that we may see your redeeming work in this church, this community, the world, and our own hearts. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more. [Hebrews 8:12 (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.

A Litany for the Nation

O Lord Jesus Christ, Incarnate Son of God, the High King over all the nations of the earth, we thank you that you have given us this good land for our heritage, and we humbly pray that we may always prove ourselves to be a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will.*

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bless, we pray, this land with a prosperous and just economy, with sound learning, and with good character. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.*

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us, we pray, a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance; defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many nations and languages.*

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give wisdom, we pray, to those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, especially the President of these United States, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your commandments, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth.*

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Defend, we pray, the members of our Armed Forces day by day with your heavenly protection; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be;*

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

[Silent prayer.]

In times of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, do not allow our trust in you to fail;*

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Hymn America the Beautiful (Materna) — words below

Verse 1

O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain
America America God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

Verse 2

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness
America America God mend thine ev'ry
flaw
Confirm thy soul in self control
Thy liberty in law

Verse 3

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating
strife
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life
America America may God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And ev'ry gain divine

Verse 4

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears
America America God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea

COMMITMENT

Scripture Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 3:17-19 (Read by Lisa Fick)

^{1:1}The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

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^{3:17}Though the fig tree does not blossom,
and no fruit is on the vines;
though the produce of the olive fails,
and the fields yield no food;
though the flock is cut off from the fold,
and there is no herd in the stalls,
¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the LORD;
I will exult in the God of my salvation.
¹⁹God, the LORD, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
and makes me tread upon the heights. [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"O LORD, HOW LONG?"
To the Point: The Bible's Shortest Books

Pastor Magneson

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 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus — words below

Verse 1

**'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
And to know thus saith the Lord**

Chorus

**Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more**

Verse 2

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood**

Verse 3

**Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace**

Verse 4

**I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end**

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 Suite in G minor: VI. Passacaglia, HWV 432 — G.F. Handel

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.

TAMMY LUM - PIANO

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.

COMING UP

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

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

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

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! For details on registration please email Chloe Nevill, 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.

- **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 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.

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—next Sunday!

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 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).

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.