

# Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

August 23rd, 2020 - 10 a.m.

## *The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

We must love one another or die.

—W.H. Auden

### Call to Worship

Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

[Psalm 106:1 (NIV)]

### PRAISE

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Hymn **Forever** — music on pages 2-3

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Forever

G2 C/G G

1 7 Give thanks to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ our God and king; his  
 (2 With a) might - y\_\_ hand \_\_\_\_\_ and out - stretched arm; his  
 3 7 From the ris - ing to the set - ting sun his

C2

love en - dures for - ev - er. For he is\_\_ good, he is a -  
 love en - dures for - ev - er. For the life \_\_\_\_\_ that's  
 love en - dures for - ev - er. And by the grace of\_\_ God\_\_ we will

F/C C Cmaj9 G

bove all things; his love en - dures for - ev - er. Sing  
 been re - born; his love en - dures for - ev - er. Sing  
 car - ry on; his love en - dures for - ev - er. Sing

D 1 Em C

praise, sing praise! 2 With a

Words and Music (FOREVER): Chris Tomlin © 2001 worshiptogether.com Songs (ASCAP)/sixsteps Music (ASCAP), admin. EMICMGPublishing.com

2, 3 Em C D Em C

praise! Sing praise, sing praise!

Refrain G/C G

For-ev - er God is faith - ful, for-ev -

Em7 G/D

- er God is strong, for-ev - er God is with

C G

us, for-ev - er, for-ev - er.

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

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
 you are worthy of praise, glory to you.  
 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
 we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever. 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)

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of all this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief, and make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our righteousness. Amen.

### Private Confession

### Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. [1 John 1:9 (NIV)]

### Words of Welcome

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

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Hymn Good Soil — music below

## Good Soil

Words and Music by  
Handt Hanson

E $\flat$  Gm<sup>7</sup> A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G Fm<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$  E $\flat$ maj<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$ <sup>7sus</sup>

Lord, let my heart be good soil, \_ o - pen to the seed of Your word.

5 E $\flat$  Gm<sup>7</sup> A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G Fm<sup>7</sup> A $\flat$ /B $\flat$  B $\flat$ <sup>7</sup> E $\flat$

Lord, let my heart be good soil, \_ where love can grow and peace is un - der - stood.

9 A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G Fm<sup>7</sup> A $\flat$ /B $\flat$  B $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. \_ When my heart is cold,

12 Fm<sup>7</sup> A $\flat$ /B $\flat$  B $\flat$  G<sup>7</sup>( $\flat$ 9)/B Cm A $\flat$  Fm<sup>7</sup>( $\flat$ 5)/C $\flat$

warm it with the day. \_ When my heart is lost, lead me on Your way.

15 E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  A $\flat$ /B $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$ /B $\flat$  E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$ /B $\flat$  Fm/E $\flat$  E $\flat$

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## COMMITMENT

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Scripture Lesson: 2 John 1-13 (read by Jordan Wilhelm)

<sup>1</sup>The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth, and not only I but also all who know the truth, <sup>2</sup>because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:

<sup>3</sup>Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love.

<sup>4</sup>I was overjoyed to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we have been commanded by the Father. <sup>5</sup>But now, dear lady, I ask you, not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning, let us love one another. <sup>6</sup>And this is love,

that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment just as you have heard it from the beginning—you must walk in it.

<sup>7</sup>Many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh; any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist! <sup>8</sup>Be on your guard, so that you do not lose what we have worked for, but may receive a full reward. <sup>9</sup>Everyone who does not abide in the teaching of Christ, but goes beyond it, does not have God; whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup>Do not receive into the house or welcome anyone who comes to you and does not bring this teaching; <sup>11</sup>for to welcome is to participate in the evil deeds of such a person.

<sup>12</sup>Although I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink; instead I hope to come to you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>13</sup>The children of your elect sister send you their greetings. [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“WALKING IN LOVE”

David Williams

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

Confession of Faith: “Our World Belongs to God,” §43<sup>1</sup>

**We grieve that the church  
which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope,  
and spans all time, place, race, and language  
has become a broken communion in a broken world.**

**When we struggle  
for the truth of the gospel  
and for the righteousness God demands,  
we pray for wisdom and courage.**

**When our pride or blindness  
hinders the unity of God's household,  
we seek forgiveness.**

**We marvel that the Lord gathers the broken pieces  
to do his work,  
and that he blesses us still  
with joy, new members,  
and surprising evidence of unity.**

**We commit ourselves to seeking and expressing  
the oneness of all who follow Jesus,  
and we pray for brothers and sisters  
who suffer for the faith.**

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

## 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 I Love Your Church, O Lord — music below

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### I Love Your Church, O Lord

F C F/A Gm C

1 I love your church, O Lord! Her saints be - fore you stand,  
2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways,  
3 I love your church, O God, the peo - ple you have called,

F C F C B<sup>b</sup> F/C C7 F

dear as the ap - ple of your eye and grav - en on your hand.  
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.  
the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.

Words: Timothy Dwight, 1800, alt., P.D.  
Music (ST. THOMAS 6.6.8.6): Aaron Williams, 1770, P.D.

## 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** Great is the Lord — Michael W. and Deborah D. Smith Arr. Tammy Lum

## 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.

**Our Guest Speaker.** Today we welcome back to Trinity Church David Williams, a staff member with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, formerly serving at NYU, now serving at Oxford University in England. David is a graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary and Duke Divinity School, and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Christian Ethics at Oxford. David and his wife, Alissa, have visited Trinity Church many times, and it is our delight to have David as our guest preacher today.

**Children’s Sunday School Zoom Class** - The children’s Sunday class is at **11:30 a.m.** to accommodate those who wish to attend the 10 a.m. outdoor worship service.

**Children's Book Club via Zoom:** Now reading the 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](http://www.trinitychurchny.com).

**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.

**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).

## COMING UP

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

*NOTE:* Brief homilies will be given at the outdoor services. For the full sermon on the same text, visit the audio & video recordings on the webpage.

**August 30.** 3 Jude 1-4. "The Faith Entrusted to the Saints." Pastor Higgins preaching

**September 6.** Labor Day sermon. Luke 4:1-19. "Called by God." Pastor Swanson preaching

**September 13.** New series begins. **THE ART OF NEIGHBORING.** Luke 10:25-37. "Who Is My Neighbor?" Pastor Higgins preaching

### **EVENTS & COMMUNITY**

#### **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).

## 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 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.
- **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.