

# Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

August 30th, 2020 - 10 a.m.

## *The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Our spiritual communities are as susceptible to disease as our physical bodies. But it is easier to detect whatever is wrong in our stomachs and lungs than in our worship and witness. When our physical bodies are sick and damaged, the pain calls our attention to it, and we do something quick. But a dangerous, even deadly, virus in our spiritual communities can go undetected for a long time. As much as we need physicians for our bodies, we have even greater need for diagnosticians and healers of the spirit.

— Eugene H. Peterson  
*The Invitation*

### Call to Worship

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. [Psalm 107:1-3 (NIV)]

### PRAISE

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Hymn **Give Thanks** — music on page 2

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# Give Thanks

C7 F C/E Dm Am

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It features a melody line with eighth and quarter notes, and a bass line with chords and moving bass notes. Chord symbols C7, F, C/E, Dm, and Am are placed above the staff. The lyrics 'Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One;' are written below the staff.

Bb F Eb C9

give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth staves of music. The top staff continues the melody with eighth and quarter notes. Chord symbols Bb, F, Eb, and C9 are placed above the staff. The lyrics 'give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.' are written below the staff.

C Am Dm7 Gm7 C7

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" let the poor say, "I am

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth staves of music. The top staff features a melody with eighth and quarter notes. Chord symbols C, Am, Dm7, Gm7, and C7 are placed above the staff. The lyrics 'And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" let the poor say, "I am

Fmaj7 Dm7 Eb 1 C9

rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for us!"

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth staves of music. The top staff continues the melody. Chord symbols Fmaj7, Dm7, Eb, and 1 C9 are placed above the staff. The lyrics 'rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for us!" are written below the staff.

2 C9 *Optional D.C.* 3 C9 *Last time* F Bb F

us. us. Give thanks.

Detailed description: This system contains the ninth and tenth staves of music. The top staff features a melody with quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols 2 C9, 3 C9, F, Bb, and F are placed above the staff. The lyrics 'us. us. Give thanks.' are written below the staff.

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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)

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise us forgiveness and new life, making us a part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, failing to love our brothers and sisters in Christ as you have loved us, and failing to love our neighbors as ourselves. In your loving kindness, have mercy upon us, and free us from our sin. Remind us of the promises made to us in Holy Baptism so that we may be raised to new life and live in unity and love as brothers and sisters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. [1 John 2:1-2 (NIV)]

## Words of Welcome

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

People: **And also with you.**

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Hymn **All My Life** — music on page 5

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# All My Life

PSALM 73

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1 All my life I've sung a jeal-ous song.  
 2 All my life I've walked the way of God.  
 3 All my life I've watched the wick-ed rule.  
 4 All my life I've tried to rea-son why.

B<sup>b</sup> F

All my life I've sung a jeal-ous song.  
 All my life I've walked the way of God.  
 All my life I've watched the wick-ed rule.  
 All my life I've tried to rea-son why.

A7 Dm B<sup>b</sup>m/D<sup>b</sup>

All my life I've sung a jeal-ous song. The  
 All my life I've walked the way of God. But  
 All my life I've watched the wick-ed rule. They  
 All my life I've tried to rea-son why. I

F/C C B<sup>b</sup> F Last time

e - vil peo - ple flour - ish, and the good folks suf - fer wrong.  
 walk - ing got me no - where, and I thought it nev - er would.  
 look down on the god - ly, and they call us sil - ly fools.  
 could not find the an - swers and I lost the will to try.

Read Ps. 73:17-28 after stanza 4 or have a soloist or small group sing the interlude found in the accompaniment edition. Then conclude with the singing of stanza 5 at a slower tempo.

5 Now my song is altogether new. 3xs  
 For God has changed my vision, as only God could do.

For another setting of Ps. 73 see 346

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## COMMITMENT

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Scripture Lesson: Jude 1-4 (Read by Ann Higgins)

<sup>1</sup>Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James,

To those who are called, who are beloved in God the Father and kept safe for Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup>May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.

<sup>3</sup>Beloved, while eagerly preparing to write to you about the salvation we share, I find it necessary to write and appeal to you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. <sup>4</sup>For certain intruders have stolen in among you, people who long ago were designated for this condemnation as ungodly, who pervert the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"THE FAITH ENTRUSTED TO THE SAINTS"  
*To the Point: The Bible's Shortest Books*

Pastor Higgins

Confession of Faith: A Summary of the Reformed Faith<sup>1</sup> (unison)

**God created all things, and they were good.**

**All things have fallen from that original goodness.**

**Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection redeemed all things, eventually will restore them.**

**We join in the Holy Spirit's work of restoration  
by seeking to make all things better.**

## 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.**

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<sup>1</sup> A statement used by Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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 — music on page 8

# 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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*The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal. 2:20*

G C G D A<sup>7</sup> D

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word;  
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans - ing blood;  
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;  
 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre - cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;

G C G C G D G

just to rest up - on his prom - ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."  
 just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!  
 just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life and rest, and joy and peace.  
 and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

REFRAIN  
 G D<sup>7</sup> Em G D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!

G C G C G D G

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!

## 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 Shout to the Lord — Darlene Zschech/Jerry Ray

## 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

## 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.

**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** is currently 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.

**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

**September 20.** Luke 10:38-42. "Taking the Time." Pastor Higgins preaching

### **EVENTS & COMMUNITY**

**Picnic on Sunday the 13th of September!** We plan to have a picnic on the 13th immediately following the Sunday Outdoor Service at the Women's Club of White Plains. Since all gatherings are still limited to 50 people in Westchester County, we felt the best way to organize this first gathering of the season is to simply add it to the end of the Sunday worship service. The picnic will begin at approximately 11 am and finish around 12 pm. Those who attend the service that day are encouraged to bring your own picnic lunch and beverages to your assigned seating areas where, after some time to chat with your neighbors, Pastor Steve will lead us in some (social-distancing) games. So, if you plan to attend the service, please stay for the picnic! We will have a rain date on the following Sunday if needed.

**Week of Prayer.** The week of September 13-19 is a Week of Prayer for Trinity Church as we begin the 2020-21 ministry year. We encourage all members & friends of Trinity Church to join in praying for our church's mission & ministry, morning & evening. In these difficult days, prayer is more important than ever, & you might want to consider fasting as well. (Speak with one of the pastors if you have questions on fasting.) Thank you for praying; a prayer guide is available.

**Adult Christian Education Classes Starting September 20.** This fall, the focus of our church life will be "Loving Our Neighbors". *How do we find new ways to get to know those who live around us? And how might we, as a church, become more and more outward-focussed as we share our lives and our faith with our neighbors?* As Pastor Craig kicks us off with a sermon series centered on concepts found in the book "The Art of Neighboring" starting the 13th of September, Pastor Mark will begin an in-depth six week course on the book beginning the week of the 20th. We also plan to have some church-wide outreach events based on these materials, so we encourage as many of you as possible to join us for this online course. Please sign up using the link in the newsletter and you can order the book on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) for the course.

**Prayer Walk on the 20th of September.** As we enter into the fall season, we want to gather the church for a few prayer walks on the church property, beginning the 20th of September at 1 pm. We very much want to lift up in prayer: our church, its ministries, and the (eventual) future building project, to the Lord and submit our hearts to Him and his leading. So plan to join Pastors Craig, Steve and Mark that afternoon for an hour of prayer. See the newsletter for the link to RSVP. (Limit of 50 people.)

**Nominations for Elder & Deacon.** Continuing through the month of September we will be receiving nominations for the lay ministries of elder and deacon. To nominate someone, you must be a participating member (covenant partner) of Trinity Church; those nominated must also be participating members. For more information, check the newsletter for the nomination form.

**Healing Prayer.** 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](mailto:craighiggins@trinitychurch.cc). Next Healing Prayer Service: **October 4th**

#### **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:** 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.