

# Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

October 11th, 2020 - 10 a.m.

## *The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Joy—that sharp, wonderful stab of Longing—has a lithe, muscular lightness to it. It's deft. It produces longing and weighs heavy on the heart, but it does so with precision and coordination...It dashes in with the agility of a hummingbird claiming nectar from the flower, and then zips away. It pricks, then vanishes, leaving a wake of mystery and longing behind it.

—C.S. Lewis

### Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8 (NIV)]

### PRAISE

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Hymn **Great is Thy Faithfulness** — music on pages 2

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

D G6 A D G

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no  
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear

D E A A7 D

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in  
pres-ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright

G6 E7/G# D/A A7 D

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.  
hope for to-mor-row—bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain A D B7 Em A7

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

D A E A A7 D

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

G6 E7 D/A A7 D

hand hath pro-vid-ed. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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

**Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
Pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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)

**Dear Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. [Psalm 103:8 (NIV)]

Words of Welcome

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

People: **And also with you.**

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Hymn **Before the Throne of God Above** — music on pages 4

## Before the Throne of God Above

A D G Dsus D

1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
 2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me  
 3 Be - hold him there! The ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

F#m G D A

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is  
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him  
 spot - less right - eous - ness; the great un - change - a - ble "I

Bm2 Em D

Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
 there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the  
 AM," the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

G D A D G D A

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
 self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by his

Bm G D A Bm2

heart; I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can  
 free; for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on  
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

Em Bm Em G D

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

## COMMITMENT

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Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-12 (read by Hunter Smith)

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

<sup>10</sup>Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, <sup>11</sup>inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. <sup>12</sup>It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look! [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"EVERYDAY CHURCH (PT. 2)"  
*Everyday Mission*

Pastor Swanson

Confession of Faith: "Reformed in a Nutshell"<sup>1</sup>

**We're all stained by sin.**

**There's no way we can make ourselves clean.**

**But by God's grace and sovereign purpose,  
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
we are adopted as sons and daughters by God,  
who will never abandon us.**

**In gratitude for that life-changing gift,  
the Holy Spirit empowers us to serve God,  
love our neighbor,  
and reclaim every inch of this fallen creation  
for Christ our Lord  
until he returns  
to usher in a new heaven and a new earth.**

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<sup>1</sup> From *The Banner*, August 2008.

## 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 to Tell the Story — music on page 7

## I Love to Tell the Story

G C G

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

D7 G D

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet.  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

D7 G Em B

I love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

C G D7 G

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.  
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain* D G C G

*Refrain* I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

C G D7 G

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## Benediction & Dismissal

Minister: All our problems...

**People: we send to the cross of Christ.**

Minister: All our difficulties...

**People: we send to the cross of Christ.**

Minister: All the devil's works...

**People: we send to the cross of Christ.**

Minister: All our hopes...

**People: we set on the risen Christ.**

Minister: Christ the Sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**People: Amen.**

—from the Anglican Church of Kenya

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Glorify Thy Name — Donna Adkins Arr. 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, ORGAN

ALETHEA WILHELM - VOICE

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.

**Clergy Appreciation Month.** October is Clergy Appreciation Month, and THIS Sunday, October 11, is Clergy Appreciation Day. Please take the time to give a word of encouragement and thanksgiving for your pastors, and please pray for them every day!



**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).

**Children's Sunday School Class on Zoom at 8:45 a.m.** 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. **PLEASE NOTE: there is no childcare provided for the Outdoor Services.**

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**Fourtify Class via Zoom at 8:45 a.m.** Students from 4th-8th grade are invited to join for a brief "Fourtify" time with Pastor Magneson. We will meet on Zoom for games, discussion, and a quick introduction to the Sunday sermon. For students to attend, email Pastor Magneson for the Zoom link, [SteveMagneson@trinitychurch.cc](mailto:SteveMagneson@trinitychurch.cc).

**Opinion Survey.** We are in the process of planning a move to indoor services at the Women's Club of White Plains in November. We do want to hear from you, so as we did before the start of our outdoors services. A survey will be emailed out that we would like all members and regular attenders to fill out and return to us by **October the 19th**. The information we gather is important to us that we might have a sense of how the congregation is feeling about the services we have offered since September as well as ongoing services for the remaining fall and winter months. Please note that these services will still be offered in addition to our ongoing online services. We are looking forward to hearing back from you soon.

**Prayer Focus for Early Fall.** Now through October, we ask you to pray for the following:

- Continue to pray for all affected by the novel coronavirus pandemic, especially the sick, the suffering, and all those who care for them. Pray for the development of treatments and vaccines; pray for *deliverance*!
- Pray for campus ministries, such as InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Coalition for Christian Outreach, Reformed University Fellowship, and others; for Christian study centers, such as Chesterton House at Cornell University; for Christian colleges & universities; and for the students from this church—especially as education has been affected by the pandemic.
- Pray for all followers of Jesus Christ to live out the values of God's kingdom in our work & vocations.
- Pray for all military & civilian chaplains, specifically for Army Chaplain Tim Fary & his family & their ministry to soldiers at Fort Bragg.

## 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.

**October 18.** 1 Peter 1:13-2:8. "Everyday Community, pt. 1." Pastor Higgins preaching

**October 25.** Reformation Day. 1 Peter 2:9-3:7. "Everyday Community, pt. 2." Pastor Higgins preaching

**November 1.** ALL SAINTS' DAY. 1 Peter 3:8-22. "Everyday Mission, pt. 1." Pastor Swanson preaching

### **EVENTS & COMMUNITY**

**Women in the Word** is a long-running series of biblical teaching engagements for women, sponsored by the World Reformed Fellowship. Normally held in the Philadelphia area, this year's conference is ONLINE, featuring Rosemarie Green on Romans 8 and "The Transformative Love of the Father." For more information or to register, visit [www.womeninthewordworkshop.org](http://www.womeninthewordworkshop.org).

**Trinity's Variety Christmas Concert.** Let's get in the Christmas spirit! Alethea and Jordan Wilhelm are directing and coordinating *Trinity's Variety Christmas Concert* that will be released December 23rd! They are inviting family units to sign up to make a video of themselves performing one song or a reading (assigned by Alethea). Selections can be sacred or secular. Signups are provided in a link in the weekly e-Newsletters. Sign-up deadline is **Nov. 1st!**

**Memorial Service of Thanksgiving on November 1.** On Sunday, November 1—All Saints' Day—we will have a special time of memorial during the service, giving thanks to God for the lives and legacies of loved ones who have died, especially in the past year. Please mark your calendar.

**Turkey Drive.** We would love to have every family at Trinity Church provide enough to support a family in Westchester this Thanksgiving! There are many families struggling during this difficult year. Please sign up to bring one Turkey and a bag/box of canned goods on **Friday, November 6th.** You can drop them off at the church office or join us at the Hillside distribution center in Elmsford that evening! If you would like to participate, please sign up through the link in the e-newsletter.

**Healing Prayer, Sundays at 11:30 on Zoom.** Next Healing Prayer Service: Nov. 15th

### **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:** 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.
- **Newsletters:** to be added to the mailing list, use the church website Contact Form.

#### **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.