

# Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

October 18th, 2020 - 10 a.m.

## *The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

We can decide to live in response to the abundance of God, and not under the dictatorship of our poor needs....We can decide to center ourselves in the God who generously gives and not in our own egos which so greedily grab. One of the certain consequences of such a life is joy....

— Eugene H. Peterson

*A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

### Call to Worship

Praise the LORD. Praise the name of the LORD; praise him, you servants of the LORD, who minister in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of your God. [Psalm 135:1-2 (NIV)]

### PRAISE

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Hymn **Praise the Name of Jesus** — music is found below

## Praise The Name Of Jesus

Words and Music by  
Roy Hicks, Jr.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes.

Staff 1: Chords D, G, D, G, D. Lyrics: Praise the name of Je - sus, praise the name of Je - sus.

Staff 2: Chords G, D, G, D, Em/D, D, G, D/F#, A7/E, D. Lyrics: He's my Rock, He's my For - tress, He's my De - liv - er - er, in

Staff 3: Chords E7, D/E, E7, A, D, Dmaj7, G, D/A, A7, D. Lyrics: Him will I trust. Praise the name of Je - sus.

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)

**God of grace,  
you have given us Jesus,  
the light of the world,  
but we choose darkness  
and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love.  
Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life.  
Baptize us with your Spirit,  
that, forgiven and renewed,  
we may preach your Word to the nations  
and tell of your glory shining in the face of our Lord forever. Amen.**

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is [God's] love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. [Psalm 103:11-12 (NIV)]

Words of Welcome

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

People: **And also with you.**

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Hymn **Fire and Water** — music on pages 3-4

# Fire and Water

Tammy Lum  
Text from Isaiah 43:2-3,  
Deuteronomy 6:6

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, and guitar chords are indicated above the staff. The score includes a chorus section marked with a double bar line and a 'C' symbol.

Chords: C, G/B, F/A, C/G, F, G4-3, Csus, C, C, G/B, F/A, C/G, F2, C/E, Dm, G, C, GM/B, F/A, C/G, F, Gsus, C.

Lyrics:  
 1. When you  
 pass through the wa - ters — I will be ——— with you. And through the riv - ers,  
 they will not ov - er - flow you. When you walk through the fi - re, ——— you will  
 not ——— be burned, nor will the flame touch you. For I am the

Chorus

20 F Bhalfdim/F Am/E C/E Am7 F

Lord your God, the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, Your Sa - vior who

25 Bhalfdim/F G/F C/E C7 F Bhalfdim/F Am/E C/E

calls you by your name. For I am the Lord your God, the Ho - ly One of

31 Am7 Am7/D Dsus Gsus C  
2nd X to CODA

Is-ra-el, I love you and you are mine. 2. Be strong and cou-

37 G/B F/A C/G F C/E

ra - geous do not be a - fraid, nor trem - ble or des - pair for I will

42 Dm7 G CM7 G/B F/A C/G

go with you. I pro - mise I won't fail you, nor will I for - sake you, for

48 F Gsus C C G/B F/A C/G

I will go with you. Be strong and cour - a - geous do not be a - fraid

54 F2 Gsus F-C/EDm C F Gsus G

for I will go with you. For I will go with

61 Csus C

you.

## COMMITMENT

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Scripture Lesson: 1 Peter 1:13-2:8 (read by Wendy Barone)

<sup>13</sup>Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. <sup>14</sup>Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. <sup>15</sup>Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; <sup>16</sup>for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup>For

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

<sup>2:1</sup>Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup>and “A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed<sup>1</sup>

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## 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.**

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<sup>1</sup> This summary of apostolic teaching, dating in its earliest form to the 2nd century, was originally used as a baptismal confession of basic Christian beliefs. The traditional phrase, "he descended into hell," is often misunderstood; the meaning is that Christ truly died and remained under the power of death until his resurrection.

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 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing — music below

### 521 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

A7 D A D G A7 D

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my \*Eb-en - e - zer; hith-er by thy help I've come;  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

A7 D A D G A7 D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee:

A7 D G D A7 D G D

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

A7 D A D G A7 D

Praise the mount—I'm fixed up - on it—mount of God's un-chang-ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## 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 How Great Thou Art — Swedish Folk Melody/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

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. 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).

**Clergy Appreciation Month.** October is Clergy Appreciation Month, and TODAY, 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!

**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.**

**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).

**Adult Sunday School.** 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 continues with a sermon series centered on concepts found in the book "The Art of Neighboring", Pastor Mark leads an in-depth six week course on the book. We also plan to have some interesting church-wide outreach events based on these materials, so we encourage as many of you as possible to join us for this online course. Questions? Contact [MarkSwanson@trinitychurch.cc](mailto:MarkSwanson@trinitychurch.cc). You can order the books on Amazon for the course:

1. [The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships](#)
2. [Practicing the Presence of People: How We Learn to Love](#)

**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 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 Magnuson preaching

**November 8.** 1 Peter 4:1-19. “Everyday Mission, pt. 2.” Pastor Swanson preaching

### **EVENTS & COMMUNITY**

**Trinity's Variety Christmas Concert.** Let's get in the Christmas spirit! Alethea and Jordan Wilhelm are coordinating *Trinity's Variety Christmas Concert*, which will be released December 23rd! They are inviting family units to sign up to make a video of themselves, from their homes, performing one song or a reading (readings will be assigned). Musical selections can be sacred or secular. Signups are provided in a link in the weekly e-Newsletters. Sign-up deadline is **Nov. 1st!** (Note: We will not be providing the musical accompaniment so you’ll need to find your own if you choose to use it. Have fun and be creative!)

**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.

**Membership & Baptisms.** If you are interested in becoming an official member (covenant partner) of Trinity Church, and/or if you are seeking baptism (for yourself or a child), please let one of the pastors know. Much of this has been suspended for the past few months, but we plan both (1) to offer our class for new members and (2) to resume (safe!) baptisms in the near future. Thank you!

**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.