



trinity

@7

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welcome

Trinity @7 welcomes you in person and via Zoom. This is a time where we enjoy jazz combined with poetry and a thoughtful reflection. We're always glad to see you and to share this special time together. Even though some of us are in person and others on Zoom, we are one community for a little while. What joy!

No matter the venue, may you experience stillness when it is needed and much joy and laughter when they are needed, or perhaps when least expected. Besides beautiful music and words, we hope this evening brings you a little bit of peace.

We will continue to have a candle lighting time, either at a candle wall in the chapel or in your home.

At this time, we leave the decision up to you whether or not to wear a mask in the Chapel. Thank you.

welcome

a moment with nature

a centering prayer

Let us pray.

Awaken us to the mystery of being here.
Be with us as we enter the quiet immensity of our own presence.

May we have joy and peace in the temple of our senses, especially in our hearing.

Open us to the music we will hear this night.
Open us to the words that will be spoken.

Let us breathe in stillness.
Let us linger in a sense of calm.
Let us be fully present, here and now.

amen

interlude

[Nature365.tv](https://www.nature365.tv)
posts a daily video,
usually 30 to 60
seconds long, with
beautiful sound as
well as images.
Check it out.

Based on the poem
For Presence by
John O'Donohue.

A Proclamation for Peace

by Kim Stafford

Whereas the world is a house on fire;
Whereas the nations are filled with shouting;
Whereas hope seems small, sometimes
 a single bird on a wire
 left by migration behind.

Whereas kindness is seldom in the news
 and peace an abstraction
 while war is real;

Whereas words are all I have;
Whereas my life is short;
Whereas I am afraid;
Whereas I am free—despite all
 fire and anger and fear;

Be it therefore resolved a song
 shall be my calling—a song
 not yet made shall be vocation
 and peaceful words the work
 of my remaining days.

interlude

Such Singing in the Wild Branches

by Mary Oliver

It was spring
and I finally heard him
among the first leaves—
then I saw him clutching the limb
in an island of shade
with his red-brown feathers
all trim and neat for the new year.
First, I stood still
and thought of nothing.
Then I began to listen.
Then I was filled with gladness—
and that's when it happened,
when I seemed to float,
to be, myself, a wing or a tree—
and I began to understand
what the bird was saying,
and the sands in the glass

Kim Stafford is the author of a dozen books of poetry. He has taught writing all over the world. From 2018 to 2020, he served as poet laureate of Oregon, where he currently resides.

Mary Oliver (1935-2019) wrote verse that focused on the quiet occurrences of nature. In addition to such major awards as the Pulitzer and National Book Award, Oliver received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. Much of Ms. Oliver's writing is based on her beloved Cape Cod where she lived for 40 years with her life partner, the photographer Molly Malone Cook.

stopped
for a pure white moment
while gravity sprinkled upward
like rain, rising,
and in fact
it became difficult to tell just what it was that was singing—
it was the thrush for sure, but it seemed
not a single thrush, but himself, and all his brothers,
and also the trees around them,
as well as the gliding, long-tailed clouds
in the perfectly blue sky—all, all of them
were singing.
And, of course, yes, so it seemed,
so was I.
Such soft and solemn and perfect music doesn't last
for more than a few moments.
It's one of those magical places wise people
like to talk about.
One of the things they say about it, that is true,
is that, once you've been there,
you're there forever.
Listen, everyone has a chance.
Is it spring, is it morning?
Are there trees near you,
and does your own soul need comforting?
Quick, then—open the door and fly on your heavy feet; the song
may already be drifting away.

interlude

The Occasion

by Mark Burrows

What if beauty is a substance
in this world of accident and remorse,
finite and particular and dispersed
like the sound of larks singing
frivolously into the morning silences,
regardless of audience or absence or
any other need? What if our single
purpose here is to seek what often
falls into the crevices of disregard,
gratefully reaching into the stream
with dry hands and parched lips?
And what if time is but the occasion
for gathering these shards of loveliness
into the heart's hungry vestibule?

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poetics, and an
award-winning
translator of
German literature.
He currently lives
Camden, Maine.

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What We're Made For

by Mark Burrows

Song opposes the power of distance.
—Jean-Louis Chrétien

There are at least three reasons to sing:
because we can, sometimes because we
must, and yes, because in the deep-down
truth at the heart of things, silence does
not deserve the last word, because after
all is said and done we're not made for
the clarities of prose alone, but for what
song can bring of solace and delight.

interlude

reflection

interlude

brief silent meditation

the candle lighting

While Krista plays, feel free to light a candle at one of the walls. Let's do so mindfully and one at a time, leaving space between you and the person in front. If you're lighting a candle at home, do so as if you were in a sacred space. You are.



closing prayer

Thank you, beloved Creator
for the abundance of your love.

When we ask, you respond.

When we seek, you guide.

When we knock, you show us that there never was a door.

Enable us, as we leave here tonight

to be loving guides,

courageous leaders,

and challenging servants.

amen

postlude

announcements

Eyewitness Bible: The Book of James On **Wednesday evenings @7pm** Tim Lane and Jeffrey Tooke are facilitating *The Book of James* from the *Eyewitness Bible* series. We will explore the Book of James and look at the major themes found there by watching and discussing video monologues of eyewitness characters from the book. On **Wednesday, June 1 @7pm**, we will explore James' discussion of wisdom, and we will look at the presence and role of wisdom in the early church and in our community today.

Join Tim and Jeff on Wednesdays @7pm using the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81668634672?pwd=eTVJZXFoNzVYdHZvSHZONG1NUUowZz09>

Meeting ID: 816-6863-4672 Passcode: trintalk

If you have any questions, email Jeffrey Tooke at jeffreytooke@outlook.com.

Helping our Afghan neighbors Trinity is collecting household items for Journey's End to distribute to Afghan evacuee families who have come to Buffalo. Since the families are setting up completely new lives, they need just about everything so the list is long. A short sample: sheets and blankets, pots and pans, cleaning materials, tea kettle, cutting board, etc. Please read the full list, which is available [online](#) and at the back of the chapel. You can bring your items on the next few Sundays and leave in a corner. Let the host or Matt know where they are. Thank you for your generosity!

Trinity Rochester, Trinity Buffalo & Justice for Migrant Families

Justice for Migrant Families (JFMF) promotes justice for migrant families by providing support to individuals in the federal detention facility in Batavia and information and resources to families in the community. Are you interested in learning more about immigration in WNY, JFMF, and their work in Trinity Church? And meeting parishioners from Trinity Episcopal Rochester? Join us **June 4, 10am-3pm** at Trinity Episcopal Buffalo for an event that includes community gathering, speakers, a walking tour, lunch, and discussion.

WNY is an immigration hub, a Northern Border area that holds a federal immigrant detention center, two immigration courts, a federal court, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) headquarters and US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). JFMF of WNY works with and for people impacted by immigration enforcement through direct support, advocacy and organizing. In this presentation, we will take a 30-minute walking tour around some immigration enforcement institutions in Buffalo, learn some of the context and history of local immigration issues, and hear about how immigration enforcement—prisons for immigrants, immigration courts, surveillance and check-ins—impact people in our communities. Esther and Carra Stratton of JFMF and Jim Morasco of Los Samaritanos will discuss immigration in our region and what you can do to support immigrants in your community! RSVP is required. Lunch will be provided, suggested donation \$30 to cover training; \$15 for lunch only for those who can cover it. Please email carra@jmfwny.org or info@jmfwny.org for more information and to RSVP.



Pride Parade Sunday, June 5, Trinity will be marching in the Buffalo Pride Parade. It's been too long since we last marched down the streets of Buffalo for the Pride Week Parade. Well, the wait is over... we're thrilled to announce that the Parade is back, and this year's theme, "Homecoming," reflects our excitement to come together again as friends and allies. Join Trinity as we participate in the spirit of love and inclusivity.

Chris Cuccia will be holding our place in line at the Buffalo State College parking lot. When you sign up to march, you will be given his phone number in case you have trouble finding him on the morning of the parade. Come represent Trinity and march! The parade steps off promptly at 11am and will travel down Elmwood Ave ending at Allen Street. Please [sign up here](#) or use the QR Code.



Trinity @7 this Summer Beginning next week, Trinity @7 will have a bi-monthly schedule. We will meet in person and on Zoom on the first and third Sunday of the month.

Our dear friend George Caldwell will play piano for us while Krista takes a summer hiatus. He has a completely different and great style so come check out his music. We think you'll like it!

Volunteers Needed for Allentown Join us in welcoming the return of Allentown Art Festival visitors to Trinity's beautiful historic and sacred space. We will greet and share conversation with visitors on June 11 and June 12. For more information contact Patti Nisbet at tudorspace@aol.com.

Sign up with SignUpGenius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4FAFA629A3F58-allentown1>) in 1-hour shifts. If you are able to volunteer for a 2 hour shift, that will also be very welcome!

Volunteers needed on either day: **Saturday, June 11 10am to 5pm**
Sunday, June 12 noon to 5pm



Trinity Spaces for Rent Our church has work spaces--large and small--available for rent at Trinity Center. We hope to rent to groups and individuals that share our vision of community betterment. If you know someone that would be a good fit, please share this QR code which links to <https://www.trinitybuffalo.org/trinity-center-rentals>.



Free Books, Please Take Some Home Please browse the bookshelf in the red carpet area and take home any books of interest. A new batch of books has replaced the old, so be sure to check out the bookshelves again.



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Thank you to Krista for the beautiful music.

Thank you to Matt Lincoln for bringing us together in every way he can imagine and then for being with us and reflecting from his heart.

Thank you to our host and readers.

Thank you to all the poets and musicians in the world who reflect life back to us in the most beautiful ways.

And of course, thank you.

Additional thanks to **Maria Geba** and **Jeff Wang** for allowing us to meet together on Zoom.

If you'd like to visit Trinity Church in person for some quiet contemplation or to view the stunning stained glass windows, you can schedule an appointment with the parish administrator Colleen O'Neill, coneill@trinitybuffalo.org.



Trinity has worked so hard during the pandemic to keep people's spiritual lives refreshed and engaged. We kept the whole staff on payroll. We learned how to make Trinity services available online, either with Zoom or Facebook live streaming or both. We've made a commitment to continue with our communities—online and in person. Your donation can be an expression of your gratitude for Trinity and all the blessings in your life and your hope for health in the world. You can [donate online here](#), or initiate an online donation by texting TRINITYBUFFALO to 73256, scan the QR code, or as you exit, you can make a contribution in the Big Blue Urn. Thank you for your participation and contribution. Peace.



All services are in person AND online:

Sunday @10:30am Includes communion at an open table

Sunday @7:00pm An encounter with God through poetry, jazz, and meditation

Wednesday @Noon Prayer and holy conversation

Thursday @7pm 12steps@Trinity, based on 12-step spirituality