

## **A Service of Holy Communion**

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## Welcome to Trinity's gathered community! We are together on-site and online!

If you are at Trinity in person, please maintain appropriate distance and rest assured that this congregation supports anyone who wears a mask to reduce risk of infection. We continue to celebrate Holy Communion as we have been doing during the pandemic, with all participants holding their own bread and wine during the prayers and receiving communion in their seats. In this way, all participants on site and online will share the same practice. If you are not on site, rest assured that your presence online is felt and valued. **As you watch the Live Stream, feel free to add comments, likes, etc. to the comment section at any time! If you are on site, feel free to use your mobile device to join the Facebook Live Stream to connect with other worshipers in the comment section. Just make sure your volume is all the way down!**

**WiFi internet access is publicly available. Please feel free to log onto the "Trinity Open" network with the password "Welcome!"**

During the summer, worship is outdoors, and the nursery is not open. There are many ways for children to keep quietly occupied. Feel free to let your child explore and enjoy being outdoors, and do not worry about their activity being disrespectful or disruptive.

**Pick up a prayer stone as you come into the courtyard, and feel free to rub your prayers into the stone during the first part of the service. At the time of the community prayers, you will be invited to bring your stone and all your prayers to the altar.**

When we don't have to practice social distancing, the people of Trinity Church gather around a table piled high with spiritual food, and there is a place for you and everyone at the table, whatever your religious practice may be. For now, even though we are not standing shoulder to shoulder for communion, we are gathered in Spirit sharing the bounty of faith. Trinity Church is a metropolitan house of prayer, a community of worship and spiritual inquiry, welcoming all people. Recognizing our common brokenness, yet rejoicing in the reconciling love of God through Jesus Christ, we nurture one another in our spiritual life together.

Trinity Church is an Episcopal Church and a member parish of the Diocesan Partnership of Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania in the United States and is a part of the Anglican Communion, which is based in England but found worldwide. If you would like to learn more about Trinity, see all our contact information on the last page.

### CENTERING PRAYER

Let us pray responsively.

This church is a field where mustard seeds are planted.

**Oh, God, let our small faith grow.**

This church is a loaf leavened with your hope.

**Oh God, let our trust rise with your Spirit.**

This church is prepared for a banquet.

**Oh, God, let us come dressed in the garment of love,  
which holds all together in harmony. Amen.**

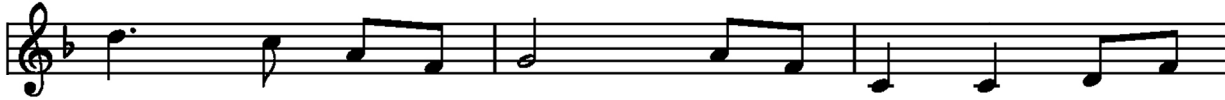
This centering prayer  
was written by Matt  
Lincoln, based on  
a quotation from  
Tirabassi & Grant,  
An Improbable Gift  
of Blessing.

## OPENING HYMN

"COME AND SEEK THE WAYS OF WISDOM"



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis - dom, she who  
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis - dom, cry - ing  
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture



danced when earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she  
in the mark - et - place. Hear the Word made flesh a -  
all who seek re - birth. Spi - rit - guide and close com -



teach - es, for her words are right and true. Wis - dom  
mong us, full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the  
pan - ion, bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us



clears the path of jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.  
word takes root and rip - ens, peace and right - eous - ness em - brace.  
to be - come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

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## FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 2:4-13

**H**ear the word of God, O House of Jacob,  
all you tribes of the house of Israel!  
Thus says God:

"What fault did your ancestors find in me,  
to make them wander so far astray?

They pursued hollow idols  
and became hollow themselves.

They did not ask, 'Where is God,  
who brought us up out from Egypt  
and led us through the desert,  
a barren and desolate country,  
a land of drought and darkness,  
a land no one passes through,  
a land where no one dwells?'

I brought you into a land of plenty  
to eat its fruits and other good things.

But once you entered my land you defiled it  
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests never asked themselves, 'Where is God?'

The administrators of the law ignored me.

The shepherds of the people rebelled against me.

*The Bible readings  
are taken from  
The Inclusive  
Bible:  
The First  
Egalitarian  
Translation by  
Priests for Equality.*

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*Nobody set out to write The Bible. The Hebrew Scriptures were created over many centuries by many people to record the Jewish People's experience of God. The same is true of the Christian Scriptures, some of which were letters written to a specific audience in response to specific needs—and were then found to be helpful to the faithful even after fulfilling their original purpose.*

The prophets prophesied in the name of Ba'al and pursued the Worthless One.  
 So once more I accuse you," says God.  
 "I accuse you and your children's children!  
 Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look closely,  
 send envoys to Kedar and examine carefully.  
 See if there has ever been anything like this:  
 Has a people ever changed its gods,  
 even though they aren't gods at all?  
 But my people exchanged their Glory  
 for Worthlessness.  
 Be appalled, O heavens, at this,  
 be shocked and stupefied!" says God.  
 "For my people committed two sins:  
 they abandoned me, the fountain of living water;  
 and they dug deep cisterns for themselves,  
 broken cisterns that hold no water."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ECHO

"Take, O take me as I am"

Take, O take me as I am; — sum - mon out what I shall be; —

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me. —

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## MIDDLE READING

"HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW" BY ROSALIND C HUGHES

Have you walked through the market  
 or the big box store,  
 caught from the corner of an eye  
 an omen resting in the rafters?  
 They used to say a bird  
 in the house meant death.

*The Middle Reading fills the role of a Bible reading, but it doesn't come from the Bible. It is our way of trying to listen for God's ongoing word as it is spoken outside the limits of the Bible. Most often, we turn to contemporary poets for this reading.*

Lies that sculpt us,  
the scaffold of supremacy,  
the conduits and pipework of racism  
criss-cross the structure of a day;  
but the sparrow refuses to recognize  
the artifice by which we divide  
and re-order creation.

That one,  
heir to the earth  
in the fluorescent heavens  
of the grocery hall:  
the sparrow cannot fall,  
it will not fall uncaught  
by the eye of God.

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## GOSPEL READING

LUKE 14:1, 7-14

**O**ne Sabbath, when Jesus came to eat a meal in the house of one of the leading Pharisees, the guests watched him closely.

Jesus addressed a parable to the guests, noticing how they were trying to get a place of honor at the table. "When you're invited to a wedding party, don't sit in the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished has been invited. Otherwise the hosts might come and say to you, 'Make room for this person,' and you would have to proceed shamefacedly to the lowest place. What you should do is go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your hosts approach you they'll say, 'My friend, come up higher.' This will win you the esteem of the other guests. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Then Jesus said to the host, "Whenever you give a lunch or dinner, don't invite your friends or colleagues or relatives or wealthy neighbors. They might invite you in return and thus repay you. No, when you have a reception, invite those who are poor or have physical infirmities or are blind. You should be pleased that they can't repay you, for you'll be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

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## SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Rosalind C. Hughes is a priest and author living near the shores of Lake Erie. After growing up in England and Wales, and living briefly in Singapore, she is now settled in Ohio. She serves an Episcopal church just outside Cleveland. Rosalind is the author of A Family Like Mine: Biblical Stories of Love, Loss, and Longing, and Whom Shall I Fear? Urgent Questions for Christians in an Age of Violence.*

*The four Gospels hold the core of Christian spiritual wisdom, reflecting the earliest stories and images of Jesus. Like all Scripture, they are not definitive prescriptions but narrative stories requiring endless interpretation.*

*The sermon invites your curiosity and thoughtfulness about the theme of worship, and is intended to evoke your thoughts rather than direct them. A recording of the sermon is posted to the parish website each week, usually by Tuesday.*

*This affirmation comes from the Church of South India, which, along with the Episcopal Church, is a member of the Anglican Communion. Like the Nicene Creed that it reflects, it is an expression of faith intended as a symbol of solidarity with other Christians throughout history but not as a pledge of allegiance required for membership.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We affirm our faith in one God -**

**Source of all life,  
greater than all names and forms,  
source of our being,  
closer than any.**

**Upon this one God**

**we depend for all we are  
and for all that ever will be.**

**And we affirm our faith in Christ -**

**Who has shown us the way to true Life  
by breaking the chain of human bondage,  
through his self-giving life and death  
and by his rising again,  
he has given us hope for a new humanity,  
hope for the healing of earth's life.**

**And we affirm our faith in the living Spirit of God -**

**Through whom we awaken to God's purpose for the world,  
and share in the freedom, joy and peace of the children of God.  
For by his Spirit God's love has flooded our lives,  
shaping us into a community of forgiven and freely accepted  
brothers and sisters set apart for God's service,  
and risen with Christ we share in his work for God's world  
of everlasting life, justice and peace. AMEN.**

## COMMUNITY PRAYER

Now that we are outdoors, we can use a prayer practice that has been much loved by the Trinity community over the years. As these prayers are offered aloud, feel free to bring your prayer stone to the altar and leave it there as an act of intercession.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love,  
**Hear our prayers for the church.**

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, and unite the human family in bonds of love. God of freedom,  
**Hear our prayers for the world.**

*This version of community prayers was created as part of the ongoing work of liturgical revision in the Episcopal Church.*



God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation which you entrusted to our care. Move us to protect the earth and all its resources, that we may leave the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us. God of justice,

**Hear our prayers for the earth.**

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders and our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Help us to be instruments of peace, beginning here at home. God of peace,

**Hear our prayers for this community.**

God of mercy, we pray for all in any need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and the whole human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons. God of mercy,

**Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Inspire us to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. God of grace,

**Hear our prayers for those who have died. Amen.**

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O

*This chant comes from the monastery in Taizé, France.*

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## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Now would be a great time to add a comment to the Live Stream!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# OFFERTORY HYMN

"ALL WHO HUNGER GATHER GLADLY"

1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a  
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see that God is good.  
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 Taste and see that God is good.

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*This Eucharistic Prayer is adapted from Steven Shakespeare's Prayers For An Inclusive Church.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life. **You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world;** he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us; **his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.** Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not



rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

*Sanctus from  
Lift Every Voice  
and Sing*

*At the following words, everyone lifts their communion elements into view.*

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that they may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: **“This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”**

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*We are following a pattern of going back and forth between using an alternative interpretation of the Lord's Prayer for a few weeks and then using the traditional Prayer Book version for a few weeks.*

*This version of the Lord's Prayer was written by Monica Furlong (1930-2003), a British author, journalist, and activist.*

*Jesus revealed a new, personal sense of relationship with God by addressing God as something like "Papa." Always feel free to use your most meaningful name for God in saying the Lord's Prayer.*

*The Prayer for the Road is from Prayers for an Inclusive Church by Steven Shakespeare.*

*This blessing is based on the words of Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881).*

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: **"This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."**

Therefore we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

**Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.** We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Author of blessings, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**God, who cares for us,**

**The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.**

**Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.**

**Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.**

**Give us the food and the hope we need for today.**

**Forgive us our wrongdoing**

**as we forgive the wrongs done to us.**

**Protect us from pride and from despair**

**and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.**

**In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,**

**while worlds come and go.**

**Amen.**

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

**Were not our hearts burning within us as we walked along the road?**

## RECEIVING COMMUNION

*During a moment of quiet, all receive their bread and wine while remaining where they are. In a few minutes, someone will come by with a tray to collect your cup.*

## PRAYER FOR THE ROAD

Let us pray:

**Loving God,**

**we give you thanks**

**for restoring us in your image**

**and remembering the body of Christ,**

**which has been broken for the life of the world.**

**Now give us grace to trust that we are**

**a people forgiven, healed, renewed.**

**Give us the courage to proclaim your love to the world,**

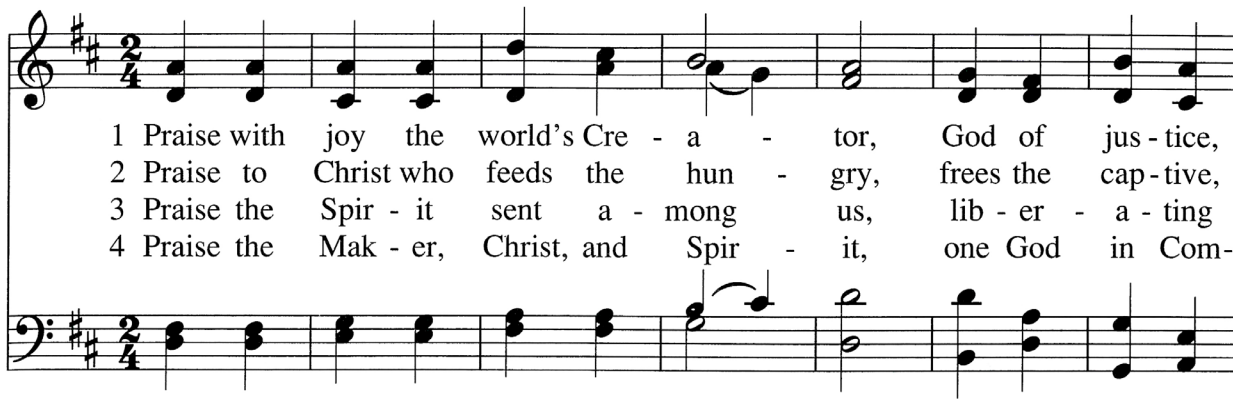
**and to continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BLESSING

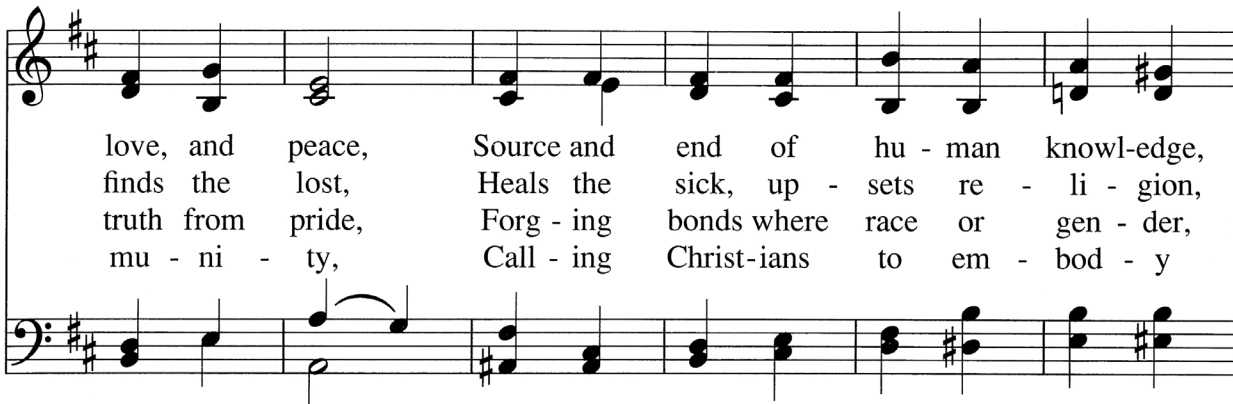
Life is short. We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who animates and guides us be with you now and always. **Amen.**

# HYMN

## "PRAISE WITH JOY THE WORLD'S CREATOR"



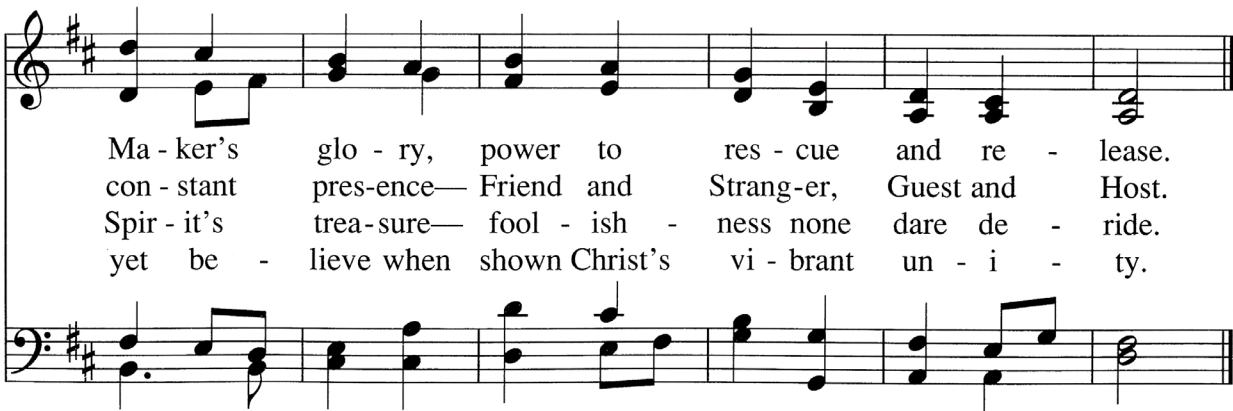
1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,  
 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,  
 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - a - ting  
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in Com -



love, and peace, Source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,  
 finds the lost, Heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,  
 truth from pride, Forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,  
 mu - ni - ty, Call - ing Christ - ians to em - bod - y



grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the  
 fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's  
 age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the  
 one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall



Ma - ker's glo - ry, power to res - cue and re - lease.  
 con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Strang - er, Guest and Host.  
 Spir - it's trea - sure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.  
 yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant un - i - ty.

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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*Our spiritual practice is renewed as we leave here and begin again to work the promises of the covenant.*



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\* The choir takes a break during the summer.  
They will return after Labor Day.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

**Greeters:** Chris Cuccia, Dan Galley  
**Readers:** Elaine Lodick, Carol Case Siracuse, Sara Merritt  
**Guest musicians:** George Caldwell, piano; Matt Harris, saxophone  
**Counter:** John Alduino

## All services are in person AND online:

### Sunday @10:30am

In-person worship while live streaming on Facebook and YouTube. The Sunday online Live Stream service remains accessible as a video recording on Trinity's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages after the service is over.

### Sunday @7:00pm

Featuring poetry and jazz, in person in the Chapel and on Zoom on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays from now through Sept. We meet next on September 4.

### Wednesday @Noon

Prayer and holy conversation, in person and on Zoom.

### Thursday @7pm

The wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step recovery, in person and on Zoom.

Email your request for a [link to the Zoom worship services here](#).