

Trinity Church:  
September 10, 2023

**WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING**

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 98:1-5](#). This is the word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Trinity is fostering a haven of belonging where wanderers and wonderers gather to discover and embody the love of Jesus in the world.**

**COMMUNAL SINGING**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously  
reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises  
before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him.

**God Our Mother**

God our Father  
Giver of daily bread  
Blessing our hands and covering our heads

God our Mother  
Leading us into peace  
Drawing and comforting all those in need

Hallowed, hallowed be thy name  
Hallowed, hallowed be thy name  
Hallowed, hallowed be thy name in all the earth

Jesus, brother, guiding our every step  
Deliver us and grant places of rest  
Jesus, savior, grabbing us from the grave  
Cheating the fall and bringing the light of day

**COMMUNITY CONFESSION**

Leader: What is confession?

**ALL: An unburdening, a letting go, truth telling.**

Leader: To whom do we confess?

**ALL: We confess to the One we call God, our Creator, our Redeemer,  
We confess to the One who loves us.**

Leader: What do we confess this day?

**ALL: We confess the wrong we have done and the hurt we have caused.  
We confess the good we have not done, and the sin we have not claimed.  
We confess that we live more like ourselves and less like Christ.**

Leader: Let us now make our silent confession.

*Silent Confession*

Leader: Let us come before God with the whole of our lives, the good, the bad, and the holy. Let us pray together:

**ALL: On this day, we remember the violence that struck towers and buildings.  
The destruction of lives, loved ones and neighbors lost.**

**We lament that the collective trauma unleashed hate across the land  
that continued to inflict harm, through words and actions.**

Leader: Jesus shows us another way - a way that embraces the stranger  
and dismantles fear. Christ binds us to one another, building one  
another up in love, making way for peace. May our lives be patterned  
not by the oppressive nature of supremacy,  
but by the liberating nature of wonder and beauty.

**ALL: Holy God, at times we have delusions of grandeur,  
and we forgot to see what is small –  
the falling leaf that holds the beauty of creation;  
the kind word that is a testament to grace;  
the child who is vital not only for the future but for the present.**

**Help us to remember our place in this world you made, to give thanks for things great and small, to be humble and hopeful. And hear us now as we open our heart to you.**

Leader: Friends, this is the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! And we are not only forgiven, we are also freed. Let us greet the world as people made new in Christ.

## **BLESSING AND PASSING THE PEACE**

**Adults: The Lord be with you!**

**Children and Kids Ministry Leader: And also with you!**

*During this time we greet one another, recognizing that we are all a part of the body, as PreK-5th grade children are led to their ministry space. Younger children and youth remain, and are welcome, in the Gathering. Materials for toddlers are available and we understand that their presence means they will be heard, no need to worry about their vocal contributions.*

## **SERMON NOTES**

**Uncoercive Seed: Intro & Ancestors**

[Lev. 26.45](#): *but I will remember in their favor the covenant with their ancestors whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, to be their God: I am the Lord.*

- What is being awakened in us?
- What do our bodies know about the generative forces we hear coming through this particular text?
- How might that give way to life that is being passed down to us as we come to the table of the Lord?

\*[For additional discussion prompts visit the series page here.](#)

## **LORD'S TABLE LITURGY**

Leader: As we remember God's persistence in offering grace to us, and celebrate the joy of following Jesus, we speak of the mystery we know as faith:

**ALL: Christ died for all our sins; Christ was raised for all; Christ comes, to lead us into God's presence.**

Leader: We ask you to send your Holy Spirit to us, to bless the gifts of your love and to transform your gathered people.

## **RESPONSE & OFFERING OF WORSHIP**

The [Offering Basket](#)

Prayer requests may be posted in the Zoom chat (Zoom participants) or written and placed in the offering basket.

### **Wounded Healer**

Image of the Invisible  
In our pain we feel you near  
God of Heaven in flesh and bone  
By your wounds we shall be healed

Arms stretched out not to part the seas  
But to open up the grave  
Blood poured out not for war, but peace  
And to show us God's own face

Wounded healer  
We give our hearts to you  
Wounded healer  
We give our hearts to you  
Till all things are right

No fire, no fury  
Just death into life  
Over and over

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our new sermon series, *Uncoercive Seed*, starts September 10th and will take us up to Thanksgiving weekend. The series is now posted online [here](#). Additionally, **seasonal small groups are coming this fall!** Watch your email for more details.**

**Where the Money Went Q2 2023.** The financial report for the second quarter of this year has been made available via email and in Church Documents on the website. If you need access to either of these, please let us know ([contact@indytrinity.org](mailto:contact@indytrinity.org)). Any questions about numbers may be directed to Matthew Pierce at [finance@indytrinity.org](mailto:finance@indytrinity.org) and questions about the investments may be directed to Jay Howard at [jay@indytrinity.org](mailto:jay@indytrinity.org).

**Elder Nominations.** The process timeline, qualifications, and nomination form were shared and you will find those online at [www.indytrinity.org/eldership](http://www.indytrinity.org/eldership). The Vision Oriented Leadership document provides more details about how we align our Leadership Team to better support our mission and vision of the church. The 2023 Elder Process and Qualifications documents outlines the timeline. The nomination form is what we ask you to fill out in nominating elder candidates (you can return it via email as well). Please carefully read the nomination instructions - you must get explicit permission to nominate! Check out the documents to learn more. Nominations are due by Sunday, September 10th. As we prayerfully seek out additional Leadership Team members, our hope is to bring on up to 3 Parish Elders (only one from each parish: Fishers (already represented), Broad Ripple, Meridian Hills/Carmel/NW, and Midtown/Downtown) and 1 Administrative Elder (who can serve in an officer role if needed). If you are unclear about which parish you belong to, please contact us ([contact@indytrinity.org](mailto:contact@indytrinity.org)). Your support and prayers are appreciated as we journey through this process as a congregation. Additional pertinent documents for eldership, including the Leadership Team Covenant, Elder Job Description and Trinity Church Bylaws, can be found on Trinity's website as well: [www.indytrinity.org/eldership](http://www.indytrinity.org/eldership).

## **THE BENEDICTION**

Leader: We are not sent from here to simply rejoin the ordinary patterns of the world.

**ALL: The task of radical love calls us to a different way.**

Leader: As prophets break silences that oppress,  
righteous anger cracks open holy possibilities,  
and saints who went before us cry out from the past,

**ALL: let us go and declare the nearness of the Kingdom,  
and offer ourselves faithfully to the labors of liberation.**

*(Some liturgies adapted from [enfleshed.com](http://enfleshed.com) and <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>)*

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## **COMMUNAL CONNECTION**

**Guide Dog Training.** As we welcome a Guide Dog at Gatherings, please familiarize yourself with resources under "[Blindness and Guide Dog Etiquette](#)" and discuss main points with those in your household. Additional FAQs may also be found [here](#). If you or anyone in your household has severe allergies or any fear of dogs, etc. please contact us so we can do our best to keep Gathering spaces welcoming for all.

**Gathering Guidelines leveled and by metrics.** Guidelines are [linked on the homepage](#) of Trinity's website ([www.indytrinity.org](http://www.indytrinity.org)). Please be prepared to adhere to the guidelines by metrics outlined by the CDC Covid Dashboard for [Marion County and Hamilton County](#). Additionally, we'll do our best to communicate with visuals (on the doors of COhatch) and with verbal announcements when we shift between levels (and therefore adjustments to Gatherings tighten or loosen). Questions? Email us at [contact@indytrinity.org](mailto:contact@indytrinity.org).

**Land Acknowledgement.** We acknowledge that the land on which we gather for worship was stolen from Native peoples, who were driven out of the area and of their native lands by genocide, force (through broken treaties and laws imposed upon their nation), and systematic dispossession. The Myaamiaki, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo peoples\* and their sovereign Nations have cared for, and are deeply a part of, this land - past, present, and future. (ref: [Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery, Trinity Church](#))

**Gathering Hosting Schedule.** As an act of service and care, please join staff, leaders, and others from your parish in hosting Sunday Gatherings. These are great times to connect and welcome others to converse while serving as well. Arrival at 9:45am is great, 9:30am is super helpful for assisting with audio equipment and/or indoor set up. Cleaning up on the back end should only take 10-15 minutes. The hosting checklist is in the Trinity office. Thank you!

September

3rd (Brunch): Broad Ripple

10th: North/Carmel  
17th: Fishers  
24th: Midtown/Downtown

1st: Broad Ripple  
8th: North/Carmel  
15th: Fishers  
22nd: Midtown/Downtown  
29th: Broad Ripple

October