

Trinity Church:

September 17, 2023

WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 113](#). 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

Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above every other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none besides You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

COMMUNITY CONFESSION

Leader: Why is it so easy to boast of our achievements, yet so hard to humbly come to God with the mistakes we make? This is the place where we stand in the presence of the One who longs to shape us into new people.

ALL: Forgive us, patient God, for looking at those around us with human eyes, and not seeing each person as created in your image. We judge people instead of seeing each person as your loved child. As you shape us into new people, give us new eyes, new hearts, new lives to follow Jesus.

Leader: This is the good news: Christ has come to transform our old ways and to fill us with new life.

ALL: We are forgiven and free to live as God's beloved. Thanks be to God!

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: God's Covenant with Abram and Sarai

[Genesis 15](#)

- 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

ALL: Pour out your Spirit of rest and shalom upon this bread and this cup, that these gifts might nourish us. As we find our rest in you, may we become restless in service to your children; as we engage with you in solitude, may we build a community of justice and righteousness; as we listen to your silence, may we speak out for all whose voices are ignored by the world. Then, when we gather with all who have found their rest with you at the Table of the Lamb, we will sing your praise for all eternity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Leader: The Table of the Lord is open for all who would seek and accept the forgiveness Christ offers us.

**communion elements are gluten free, not allergen free*

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.

You Say

I keep fighting voice in my mind that say I'm not enough
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?
Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
When I don't belong, oh You say that I am Yours
And I believe, oh I believe
What You say of me
I believe

The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet
You have every failure God, and You'll have every victory

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!** We'll be holding [Jubilee Table Talks](#). If there is a location you'd like to join, please contact the location host to RSVP and gain additional details.

Broad Ripple

Fishers - Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm

Midtown/Downtown - Wednesday evenings

Queer Affinity Group (Irvington) - Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Elder Process. The process has begun! The timeline, qualifications, and nomination form have been shared and you will find those online at www.indytrinity.org/eldership. Any questions about the process may be directed to the Leadership Team (contact@indytrinity.org). Your support and prayers are appreciated as we journey through this process as a congregation.

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: Beloveds, though there is much in this world we cannot control,

ALL: the power we have is Sacred and True.

Leader: In partnership with God,
through practices of honesty and confession,
through extensions of mercy,
through resistance that heals and transforms,

ALL: we glimpse the heavens and the Kingdom draws near.

**In the company of the Spirit,
we are sent to join the menders of the world.**

Leader: Go in peace.

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

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). 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.

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

October

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