

Trinity Church:  
September 24, 2023

### **WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING**

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16](#) 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**

#### **Come, Thou Fount**

Come Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing  
Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest  
praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues  
above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy  
redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold  
of God  
He to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious  
blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to  
Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts  
above  
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### **COMMUNITY CONFESSION**

Leader: For all that separates our hearts from God and from all that closes our eyes to God's love...

*silence*

Leader: For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf...

*silence*

Leader: For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven...

*silence*

Leader: Together, we pray,

**ALL: Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us.**

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. We call upon the earth, our Mother and home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask that it

**ALL: Teach us and show us the way.**

Leader: We call upon the mountains and tundra, the high green valleys and prairies filled with wild flowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence, and we ask that they

#### **This Is Our God**

A refuge for the poor  
A shelter for the storm,  
This is our God.  
He will wipe away your tears  
And return your wasted years  
This is our God.

So call upon His name  
He is mighty to save  
This is our God

A father to the orphan,  
A healer to the broken,  
This is our God.  
He brings peace to your madness  
And comfort in our sadness  
This is our God.

This is the one we have waited for,  
This is the one we have waited for.  
This is the one we have waited for,  
Jesus, Lord and Savior  
This is our God.

A fountain for the thirsty,  
A lover for the lonely,  
This is our God.  
He brings glory to the humble  
And crowns for the faithful  
This is our God.

**ALL: Teach us and show us the way.**

Leader: We call upon upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask that they

**ALL: Teach us and show us the way.**

Leader: We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine, the cedar and the maple, we ask them to

**ALL: Teach us and show us the way.**

Leader: We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the waters, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish. We ask them to

**ALL: Teach us and show us the way.**

Leader: We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we call upon them to

**ALL: Teach us and show us the way.**

Leader: Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our heart soars, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. Amen

**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: Genealogy and Rahab**

*[Joshua 2](#) and [Matthew 1.5](#)*

- 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: We come to this table remembering the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We eat of the bread, praying that its grace might strengthen us so we would become as persistent as you in confronting injustices, challenging oppressive actions, and participating in the work of reconciliation. We drink from the cup, trusting that its hope will spill out from us upon all those that we encounter this day and in the days to come.**

Leader: The Table of the Lord is open for all who seek the life 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.

**Be Thou My Vision**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my great Father, I Thy true child;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our sermon series, *Uncoercive Seed***, will take us up to Thanksgiving weekend. The series is 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 - Sundays after the Gathering*  
*Fishers - Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm*  
*Midtown/Downtown - Wednesday evenings*  
*Queer Affinity Group (Irvington) - Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm*

**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](http://www.indytrinity.org/eldership). Any questions about the process may be directed to the Leadership Team ([contact@indytrinity.org](mailto:contact@indytrinity.org)). Your support and prayers are appreciated as we journey through this process as a congregation.

**Community Conversation** coming up on October 8th after the Gathering. The topic is Sankofa & Civil Rights. Please refer to your email for additional details. Questions may be directed to Melissa Millis ([melissa@indytrinity.org](mailto:melissa@indytrinity.org)).

## **THE BENEDICTION**

Leader: Creator God, send us anywhere you would have us go,

**ALL: only go there with us.**

Leader: Place upon us any burden you desire,

**ALL: only stand by us to sustain us.**

Leader: Break any tie that binds us,

**ALL: except the tie that binds us to you.**

Leader: And the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us; the Savior, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. Amen.

*(Some liturgies adapted from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com); University Episcopal Community at The Univ. of MN; Prayers of the People, The Church of the Four Winds, Portland Oregon; From Communion Blessing, Christopher Peters; The Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong)*

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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

October

1st: Broad Ripple

8th: North/Carmel

15th: Fishers

22nd: Midtown/Downtown

29th: Broad Ripple