

Trinity Church:  
October 8, 2023

**WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING**

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 66.1-12](#) 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**

**For the Beauty of the Earth**

For the beauty of the earth  
For the glory of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies.

Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale and tree and flower  
Sun and moon and stars of light.

Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the church, that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love.

Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thyself, best gift divine  
To the world so freely given  
For that great, great love of Thine  
Peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.

**COMMUNITY CONFESSION**

Leader: Holy God, Author of life and Source of all hope,

**ALL: Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier: hear our prayer.**

**We know that the blank slate of this new day seems so promising –  
We haven't done anything too awful, not yet.**

Leader: And we know that the blank slate of each new day is also an illusion;  
Time continues, and our lives flow from one day to the next, from one year to the next.

**Sing a New Song (Beautiful)**

Praise the one who made the sunrise at the break of day  
Praise the maker of the autumn's colorful display  
Praise the great creator who churns the deepest seas  
Praise the beauty of the earth that brings me to my knees

Sing a new song  
Beautiful

For the beauty of the earth, the water, and the skies  
I praise the beauty maker for opening my eyes  
I offer up my hands and heart to humbly recreate  
An offering of beauty, a sacrifice of praise

Sing a new song  
Beautiful

In this time, we know we are sometimes remarkable and generous, bearing light to the shadows, and we know we are sometimes full of despair and selfishness, hoarding light and goodness for ourselves.

**ALL: We invite you on our journeys, O God.**

**We seek your presence with us**

**In our remarkable moments and our awful ones.**

**We seek your presence, and bask in your love, through Christ. 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: Where are you going? / The Advocate**

**[John 16.1-7](#)**

- 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: Lord, as we remember Jesus' stories of your realm, as we seek to care for him in our siblings, we seek to live that mystery we call faith:

**ALL: Jesus died, so we might know your justice; Jesus was raised, so we might know your love; Jesus will come, so we will be gathered to you at last.**

Leader: You have searched for us, Steadfast Love, and gathered us in the sacred space, where your Spirit is poured out upon the gifts of the bread and cup, and on your children gathered from every place where we strayed.

**ALL: You feed us on the broken bread so, that strengthened we would go to care for the hungry and needy, to welcome the stranger and straggler, to bring healing to the hurting. You offer the cup of grace so, nourished with your love, we would go to offer the parched your living waters, to visit those held captive by fear, to offer a warm heart to the lonely.**

Leader: The table of the Lord is open to all who seek to follow Jesus.

*\*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.

#### **Lord, I Need You**

Lord I come, I confess

Bowing here, I find my rest

Without You, I fall apart

You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You

Every hour, I need You

My one defense, my righteousness

Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more

Where grace is found is where You are

And where You are, Lord, I am free

Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You

Every hour, I need You

My one defense, my righteousness

Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You

When temptation comes my way

And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You

Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You

Every hour, I need You

My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You  
You're my one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Updated: Guide and Service Dog Training.** As we welcome Guide/Service Dogs at Gatherings, please familiarize yourself with resources under on these two websites <https://www.guidedogs.com/resources/blindness-and-guide-dog-etiquette> and <https://www.guidedogsofamerica.org/best-practices-when-around-a-service-dog/> and discuss main points with those in your household. If you or anyone in your household has severe allergies or any fear of dogs, etc. please contact us ([contact@indytrinity.org](mailto:contact@indytrinity.org)) so we can do our best to keep Gathering spaces welcoming for all.

**New Covid Guidelines:** We are in a season of preparing for possible gathering changes due to the resurgence of Covid. Gatherings may look a little different according to the needs of our leaders if Covid affects them or their teams. We ask that everyone remain flexible if and/or when this is the case. **If a gathering is going to be virtual, we will send an email by 8am on Sunday**, or earlier. We are also asking that those who have tested positive or develop symptoms not attend the gathering in person, but join online via Zoom. If you have been exposed, you can follow the guidelines from the CDC by using this [calculator](#) to determine what are your best precautions to take.

**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*

**Community Conversation** TODAY 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)).

**Bylaw Changes.** Please refer to your emails regarding potential bylaw changes. The Leadership Team welcomes any feedback, questions, or concerns that anyone may have about these changes. Please feel free to contact the Leadership Team at [contact@indytrinity.org](mailto:contact@indytrinity.org). The current President of the Elders, Steve Edinger, can be reached at [steve@indytrinity.org](mailto:steve@indytrinity.org). Please provide any comments by October 15th, 2023. After that date, the Leadership Team will determine whether additional conversation pertaining to these proposed changes is warranted. In any event, the next steps in the process will be communicated to the Congregation before any changes are finalized.

**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.

## **THE BENEDICTION**

Leader: The Spirit sends us to be living testimonies to the power of God in the midst of struggle.

**ALL: May we be reminders of liberation past.**

**May we be sources of solidarity and companionship.**

**May we be witnesses to futures still possible.**

Leader: Through our words, our relationships, our actions, may it be so. Go in peace!

*(Some liturgies adapted from [enfleshed.com](http://enfleshed.com) and *Communion Blessing*/Christopher Peters and [enfleshed.com](http://enfleshed.com))*

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## **COMMUNAL CONNECTION**

**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!

### **October**

1st: Broad Ripple

8th: North/Carmel

15th: Fishers

22nd: Midtown/Downtown

29th: Broad Ripple

### **November**

5th: North/Carmel

12th: Fishers

19th: Midtown/Downtown

26th: (Brunch) Broad Ripple