

Trinity Church:
October 29, 2023

WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 32.1-7](#) 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

Nothing Else

I'm caught up in Your presence
I just want to sit here at Your feet
I'm caught up in this holy moment
I never want to leave

Oh, I'm not here for blessings
Jesus, You don't owe me anything
More than anything that You can do
I just want You

I'm sorry when I've just gone through the motions
I'm sorry when I just sang another song
Take me back to where we started
I open up my heart to You
I'm sorry when I've come with my agenda

I'm sorry when I forgot that You're enough
Take me back to where we started
I open up my heart to You

I just want You
Nothing else, nothing else, Jesus
Nothing else will do

I'm coming back to where we started
I'm coming back to where we started
When I first felt Your love
You're all that matters, Jesus
You're all that matters
I'm coming back to what really matters
Just Your heart
I just want to bless Your heart, Jesus

Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst
We worship you, we worship you
You are here, working in this place
We worship you, we worship you
Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, Light in the darkness
Our God, That is who you are

You are here, touching every heart
We worship you, we worship you
You are here, healing every heart
We worship you, we worship you

You are here, turning lives around
We worship you, we worship you
You are here, mending every heart
We worship you, we worship you

That is who You are
That is who You are
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That is who You are

Even when we don't see it, you're working
Even when we don't feel it, you're working
You never stop, you never stop working
You never stop, you never stop working

COMMUNITY CONFESSION

Leader: Every week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we do not always live as we are called. In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love. Let us pray, first in silence.

Silent Prayer

Leader: Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer.

**ALL: We come before you in need of healing:
The healing of our bodies and souls,
The healing of our relationships,
The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.
We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing,
Not even the restoration of the whole world.
We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,
So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,
As Christ calls us. Amen.**

SPOTLIGHT

[Faith in Indiana/Faith in Action](#)

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: Manna

[Exodus 16](#)

- 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 discussion prompts visit the series page [here](#).*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S TABLE LITURGY

Leader: God you have been with us throughout the ages. You have bore witness to the ways in which the story of us – of all that has come into being – has been woven together piece by piece, life by life.

ALL: We recognize, today, that it is because of the saints who have gone before us, that we are. Those who have struggled for justice, who have given so that others may live more freely – we would not be, if not for them.

Leader: In remembrance and gratitude, we name the saints who hungered for righteousness and whose sacrifices have contributed to a more just society:

(community names individuals)

Leader: Because of those who have loved us – those who have nurtured us, embraced us, celebrated us, or supported us. We are because they were. In remembrance and gratitude, we name the saints who have shaped our lives and being.

(community names individuals)

Leader: We also hold in remembrance the ones whose lives were taken by injustice, the ones who never knew their own belovedness, the ones who passed on our faith, the ones who gave us art, gave us song, gave us poetry. We are because they were.

ALL: Like us, we know they were imperfect too. There is no life that is not messy and contradictory, often betraying the very justice and love we seek to embody. And yet, you, O God, promise that our labor to Love is never made in vain.

Leader: Help us to lean on the witness of those who have gone before us, drawing on the love, justice, community, and faith that weaves us together, generation after generation – past, present, and future.

ALL: With gratitude and in remembrance we pray, Amen.

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.

Amazed

You dance over me
while I am unaware
You sing all around
but I never hear the sound
You paint the morning sky
with miracles in mind
My hope will always stand

For You hold me in Your hand
Lord, I'm amazed by You
Lord, I'm amazed by You
Lord, I'm amazed by You
How you love me.
How wide
How deep
How great is Your love for me

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Candidate Presentation and Process. We are well into the process! Candidates are being presented this weekend. Please check your emails for details and join us in prayer through this discernment process. Congregants have 2 weeks to engage with the Leadership Team regarding any elder candidate by providing affirmations and/or hesitations by Sunday, November 12th. Please email the Leadership Team at contact@indytrinity.org. Additional details about the process may be found online at www.indytrinity.org/eldership. The intent is to bring on new elders in December. At that time, Mike Yordy will also be rolling off the Leadership Team after completing his three year term.

Equity Funds. Rolling submissions for 2023 Equity Funds will be accepted in phases: done May 7th and **now again through November 5th**. This [form](#) is to be used to submit proposals and **taken to Community Conversations scheduled for November 12th**. After those conversations, more solidified proposals (discerned through the larger group conversation) will then be taken to the Leadership Team for final disbursement requests. We ask that you use this form to prepare for presenting at a Community Conversation or if you are unable to attend those Equity Funds conversations the proposal will be taken to the group in your absence. Please refer to your emails for additional information. If you didn't receive an email and would like to be on the list, please send an email to contact@indytrinity.org.

As the holidays near, Christian Park School 82 in IPS (Where Anna Hill works) looks for donors who can help support families by providing gifts that parents can give to their children. The normal suggestion is that donors purchase a toy, a book, and a warm set of pajamas or an outfit. But it is really up to the donor what they want to purchase. Students' parents are asked for a variety of sizes and requests so that donors can make it work for their budget. Gifts can be pre-wrapped, but we also like to give families wrapping supplies so that they can wrap their own gifts. If you are willing and able to sponsor a family, please fill out the Google form attached and Anna will be in touch with you. Please plan to either drop donations off at Christian Park School (4700 English Ave, Indianapolis) or give them to Anna Hill at the gathering on December 10. [Christian Park 82 Donor Link](#)

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

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: In days filled with uncertainty,
we hold fast to the truths that ground us.

ALL: We keep our hearts set upon all that is just.

All that is freeing.

All that deepens our connections and commitments to one another.

Leader: If we choose to follow, Love will lead us.

May this be our prayer and our practice, today, this week, and all of our days.

Go in peace!

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

COMMUNAL CONNECTION

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) 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.

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

22nd: Midtown/Downtown

29th: Broad Ripple

November

5th: North/Carmel

12th: Fishers

19th: Midtown/Downtown

26th: (Brunch) Broad Ripple