

Trinity Church:  
January 22, 2023

**WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING**

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 27:1, 4-9](#). 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**

**Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

Wonderful, merciful Savior  
Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
Could rescue the souls of men  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost our way  
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way

You are the One that we praise  
You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

Almighty, infinite Father  
Faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

You are the One that we praise  
You are the One we adore  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for

**Amazing Grace/ My Chains are Gone**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love  
Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, who called me here below  
Will be forever mine

**COMMUNITY CONFESSION**

Leader: When we seek God's mercy, we draw close the mystery of faith: love that cannot be undone by our sin. Trusting that God is grace, let us offer to God the truth of our lives, first in silent prayer.

*Silent Prayer*

Leader: Holy Lord, God of Life, hear our prayer:

**ALL: Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life,  
That lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear,  
Paths that lead to dread and death.  
Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life,  
Life that is abundant and eternal,**

**Life that began at the creation of all things.**

**Forgive us, turn us to the right path,**

**and let your love and grace flow over us and the world.**

**We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake.**

Leader: Amen, amen. God of Life extends forgiveness, love, and belonging to us that we might truly live. We are forgiven!

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

### **SPOTLIGHT**

Nou Hope - [www.nouhopehaiti.org](http://www.nouhopehaiti.org)

### **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**

#### ***Queering Identity***

Living Water & Woman at the Well - John 3-4 (FNV)

*\*For discussion prompts visit the series page here.*

### **PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S TABLE LITURGY**

Leader: Loving God, we pause to breathe you in - to welcome you among us.

**ALL: We welcome you into our homes, into our lives, into our hearts, asking that you would make your presence known to us both today and throughout the coming week.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for another day of life, for this new year, for the promise of a miraculous, persistent, "won't-abandon-us-no-matter-what" eternal hope, despite the chaos, the disorder, the destruction we face.

**ALL: Gracious God, we humbly offer prayers of support to the many suffering and hurting in our world.**

Leader: For the lonely and heartbroken,

**ALL: we pray for your comfort and your peace.**

Leader: For the sick and the tired,

**ALL: we pray for your grace and your strength.**

Leader: For the persecuted and defenseless,

**ALL: we pray for your stamina and your justice.**

Leader: For the confused and the disoriented,

**ALL: we pray for your wisdom and guidance.**

Leader: Mysterious Creator, we often stand on the brink of being overwhelmed - emotionally, physically, financially, spiritually. There are moments, dear Lord, when many of us feel as if we're left with nothing. No more patience, no more energy, no more fight, no more hope and even sometimes no more love.

**ALL: And God we need you to sustain us, to revive us, to hold us, to reorient us, to call us to your marvelous service in love of neighbor and in bringing about your kingdom which knows no sickness, no suffering, no delusion, no injustice, no end.**

Leader: Patient God, in troubling times of division or uncertainty, we ask that you would teach us to listen.

**ALL: Teach us to listen to those far from us - the whisper of the hopeless, the plea of the forgotten, the cry of the anguished.**

Leader: Teach us to listen, O God, to ourselves.

**ALL: Help us to be less afraid to trust the voice inside.**

Leader: Teach us to listen, Holy Spirit,

**ALL: for your voice — in busyness and in boredom, in certainty and doubt, in noise and in silence.**

Leader: Now, as we come to your ever-expanding table, teach us, oh Lord,

**ALL: to listen, to hear, to live the words that Christ himself taught us when he prayed...**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.*

Leader: Here at the table, we are reminded that you are the Bread of Life, pouring out love upon all Creation. The table of the Lord is open to all who seek the life Christ offers us.

## **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.

### **How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

How vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son

To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss

The Father turns His face away

As wounds which mar the Chosen One

Bring all of us to glory

Behold the man upon a cross

My sin upon His shoulders

Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice

Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there

Until it was accomplished

His dying breath has brought me life

I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything

No gifts, no power, no wisdom

But I will boast in Jesus Christ

His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward?

I cannot give an answer

But this I know with all my heart

His wounds have paid my ransom

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our sermon series**, *The Book of John: Queering Identity & Composting* that will take us through Easter is [posted online](#). In conjunction with the sermon series, we'll be gearing up for **seasonal small groups around the book *This Here Flesh* by Cole Arthur Riley and beginning part of our congregational renewal activities!** The following seasonal small groups are starting. Please RSVP to your chosen group's facilitator for exact details or with any questions pertaining to that group.

[Broad Ripple - Every other Friday night with pitch-in dinner starting January 20th](#)

[Queer Affinity Group \(meeting in Irvington\) - Wednesday nights starting February 8th](#)

[Midtown/Downtown Group - Wednesday starting February 8th](#)

[Zoom/Fishers - Mondays at noon starting February 13th](#)

**2023 Budget has been approved by the Leadership Team.** You will notice a few changes in the budget compared to last year. If you have questions about the 2023 budget and any changes, you may contact any member of the Leadership Team or go straight to the Treasurer - Michelle Bell ([michelle@indytrinity.org](mailto:michelle@indytrinity.org)). If you have questions about accounting, please contact Matthew Pierce ([finance@indytrinity.org](mailto:finance@indytrinity.org)) who handles the finances.

**Equity Funds.** Rolling submissions for 2023 Equity Funds will be accepted in phases: through May 7th and then again through November 5th. This [form](#) is to be used to submit proposals and taken to Community Conversations scheduled for May 14th and 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](mailto:contact@indytrinity.org).

**We've been invited to the private soft opening of The Avenue Coffeehouse.** RSVP's are appreciated. Please see the flyer in your emails. If any accessibility issues arise in opening the invite, please contact Melissa ([melissa@indytrinity.org](mailto:melissa@indytrinity.org)).

The next **Civic Action meeting** will be held Sunday, Jan 29th after the gathering (11:15am-ish) at CoHatch and virtually (Google Meet). During this meeting we will discuss the legislative session, the May primary, and what we can do in our communities. This meeting is open to anyone who would be interested in Civic Action in our communities and how to do it. More Info: <https://www.indytrinity.org/civic-action> Questions? Contact Joel at [joel@indytrinity.org](mailto:joel@indytrinity.org).

**2022 Year End Financials and Where the Money Went 4Q 2022** are now available. If you have questions about general financial matters at Trinity, you may contact any member of the Leadership Team or go straight to the Treasurer - Michelle Bell ([michelle@indytrinity.org](mailto:michelle@indytrinity.org)). If you have questions about accounting, please contact Matthew Pierce ([finance@indytrinity.org](mailto:finance@indytrinity.org)) who handles the finances.

### **THE BENEDICTION**

Leader: We go now, as people of God.

**ALL: To take the word of love to those from whom it has been far away.**

Leader: We go now, as followers of Jesus.

**ALL: To be the word of justice to all from whom it has been taken away.**

Leader: We go now, as companions of the Spirit.

**ALL: To offer the word of peace in all the places from which it has disappeared.**

Leader: Go in peace!

*(Some liturgies adapted from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com) and <https://www.fapc.org/prayers-of-the-people>)*

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### **COMMUNAL CONNECTION**

Remain on the Zoom or Gathering space for general connection and prayer.

**Guide Dog Training.** With 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 the Myaamiaki people of the sovereign Miami Nation, 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. (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!

#### January:

1st (Brunch): Fishers

8th: Midtown/Downtown

15th: Broad Ripple

22nd: North/Carmel

29th: Fishers

#### February

5th: Midtown/Downtown

12th: Broad Ripple

19th: North/Carmel

26th: Fishers