

Trinity Church :
February 12 , 2023

WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 119.1-18](#) 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

Oh the Deep, Deep love of Jesus

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me

Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of your love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To your glorious rest above

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus
'Tis heaven of heavens to me
And it lifts me up to glory
For it lifts me up to thee

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread his praise from shore to shore
How he loves us, ever loves us,
Changes never, nevermore

Continuously

I will hold your right hand
Right beside you
My word is true
I am continuously, continuously
With you

Though your flesh and heart may fail
I will uphold you beyond the veil
I'm continuously, I'm continuously
With you

Rest in my love as you sleep tonight
Rest in the song that mercy sings
Your shield and strength
All through the fire
I will be your covering

I'll be your shelter where'er you go
When you wander I'll bring you home
I am continuously, continuously with you

COMMUNITY CONFESSION

Leader: Which of us has not hurt someone this week? Which of us has not spoken (or thought) ill of a sibling in Christ? Which of us has failed to do good when given the chance? Which of us? All of us and each of us! But Christ came to save people just like us, so I invite you to join me as we offer our prayers to God, saying,

ALL: Although we believe we are experts at faithfulness, Holy God, we must confess we are unskilled workers at doing good for others. Too often, we ignore the cries of people we have judged to be fools. We easily scoff at those we believe have nothing to teach us or share with us. How foolish, Searching God, how foolish we are! Forgive us, and restore us to your goodness. Then, send us forth to search for all who sit in the shadowed corners of our world, yearning for someone to come and find them, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, came to find us.

Silence is kept

Leader: Our actions sometimes show we do not know God. Our words and lives show we do not understand God's hopes for us. But with utmost patience, God sets aside our foolishness, and fills us with mercy.

ALL: Mingled with faith and love, grace is poured into our sin-parched souls, giving us new life, restoring us as God's children. Thanks be to God. 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

Queering Identity

Light of the World - John 8.1-18 (FNV)

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

LORD'S TABLE LITURGY

Leader: Siblings in Christ,

If you will to love God before, in, and above all things,
in the power of God's holy and living Word, then let us say:

ALL: We will.

Leader: If you will to love your neighbors
and to serve your neighbors with deeds of love
then let us say:

ALL: We will.

Leader: If you will to practice mutual admonition toward your siblings,
to reconcile yourselves with those whom you have offended,
to abandon all envy, hate, and evil will toward everyone,
and to also love your enemies, and do good to them,
then let us say:

ALL: We will.

Leader: If you desire publicly to confirm before the church this pledge of love,
by eating bread and drinking wine,
the living memorial of the suffering and death of Jesus our Lord,
then let us say:

ALL: We desire it in the power of God.

Leader: Let us eat and drink with one another in the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May God give to all of us the strength to carry out our pledge.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Siblings in Christ, by eating the bread and drinking the cup in memory of the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, we have fellowship with one another, and all become one loaf and one body. Since Christ is our Head, we should become conformed to our Head and as his members follow after him—love one another, do good, give and receive counsel, serve our neighbors, and even love our enemies.

ALL: The grace of God be with us all. Amen.

*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 offering basket.

It is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,

let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Conversation. We will hold a community conversation TODAY after the Gathering. Please see your emails for details as we'll have a special guest join us in conversing.

Our sermon series, *The Book of John: Queering Identity & Composting* that will take us through Easter is [posted online](#). **Additionally, resource papers** have also now been posted to the www.indytrinity.org/resource-papers page. 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](#)

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).

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a season of reflection which prepares us for Easter Sunday. On Feb 22nd, join us for an Ash Wednesday service at COhatch Broad Ripple at 6:30 p.m. If you aren't able to join us in person, you may also join via [Zoom](#).

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 and is the greatest need. The hosting checklist is in the Trinity office. Thank you!

February

5th: Midtown/Downtown
12th: Broad Ripple
19th: North/Carmel
26th: Fishers

March

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2023 Trinity Retreat. One of the congregational renewal activities supported through the Clergy Renewal Grant is a retreat. Mark your calendars for August 25-27, 2023 and check your emails for the invitation to RSVP. Please indicate on the form if you're interested in serving on a small planning team in the spring and summer to help finalize retreat details.

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: We leave, our hearts filled with God's love.

ALL: We will go to offer the wonders of laughter

and hope to everyone we will meet.

Leader: We leave, following Jesus into the world.

**ALL: We will serve alongside him in the brokenness
of our neighbors and our communities.**

Leader: We leave, having heard the whispers of the Spirit.

**ALL: We will speak justice to those
who would hoard it only for themselves.**

(Some liturgies adapted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)

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). 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 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](#))