

Trinity Church:
April 30, 2023

WELCOME AND LITURGY OF GATHERING

Leader: Reading of [Psalm 150](#). This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Let every creature and creation rejoice!

ALL: All who know the power of Love cry, "Alleluia!"

Leader: Let us share every story of coming alive again.

ALL: And testify to all that brings peace and justice.

Leader: No spirit of destruction can silence us.

ALL: Let everything that has breath praise 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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh, praise Him, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh, praise him
Oh, praise him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
Oh, praise him, Alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
Oh, praise him
Oh, praise him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh, praise him, Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One
Oh, praise him
Oh, praise him
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

COMMUNITY CONFESSION

Leader: God longs to take delight in us, but too often we disappoint with our hurtful words, the rejection of those around us, the love we hoard only for ourselves. Let us come to the One whose love is constant and true, as we pray together, saying,

ALL: Holy God, called to walk with the vulnerable, we run to catch up with the powerful. Asked to pray constantly for others, we are too busy bragging about ourselves. Challenged to notice and to care for those tossed aside by the world, we rush by with our to-do list in our hands. Have mercy on us, God who loves us completely. May we be the grace that a lonely person needs this week; may we be the hope the forgotten are looking for; may we be the peace that the broken in spirit long for in every moment, even as Jesus, our Lord and Savior, has been our peace, our hope, our grace, and so much more in our lives.

Silence is kept

Leader: Today, in this moment, the word is very near to us. The word of forgiveness, the word of hope, the word of our God for all of us.

ALL: God's heart is open to us, pouring mercy, wonder, and peace into our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

SPOTLIGHT

[Community Food Box Project](#)

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

The Ease of Sowing Together

Familiar Voice - John 10.1-10

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

LORD'S TABLE LITURGY

Leader: As we have the love of God made known at the Table, we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

ALL: Walking to his death, Christ entrusted his life to you; raised from the grave, Christ glorified in your love for him; standing in our midst at the end, Christ will gather us at your Table.

Leader: See what love God has for us as we are gathered around this Table of grace, and the Spirit of joy is poured out upon us in the gifts of the bread and the cup.

ALL: As siblings we take the broken bread and share it, that we would reach out to those who might otherwise be called strangers. As we share the cup of community, we would stand beside the lonely, the longing, and the forgotten, to pour God's gladness into their hearts.

Leader: Eat and drink – the Spirit of joy is poured out upon us in these gifts - the body of Christ broken for you and the cup of the new covenant shed for you.

**Communion elements are gluten 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.

Oh Lord, You're Beautiful

Oh, Lord, You're beautiful
Your face is all I seek
For when Your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me
Oh, Lord, You're beautiful
Your face is all I seek
For when Your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me

I wanna to take Your word and shine it all around
But first help me to just to live it, Lord
And when I'm doing well

Help me to never seek a crown
For my reward is giving glory to You

Oh, Lord, please light the fire
That once burnt bright and clear
Replace the lamp of my first love
That burns with holy fear
I wanna take Your word
And shine it all around
But first, help me just to live it, Lord
And when I'm doing well
Help me to never seek a crown
For my reward is giving glory to You

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our new [sermon series page](#) is now posted. Check it out to see where we're headed.

Baptism and Family Covenants. We plan to hold any baptisms this year at the retreat in August. Family Covenants will be held on Sunday, May 7th as a part of the Gathering. If you are interested in either or have questions, please contact Britney Yount at britney@indytrinity.org.

We are thrilled to announce the award of **our first Community Grant recipient of 2023, [Community Food Box Project \(\\$500\)](#)**. Since 2016, Community Food Box Project has refurbished newspaper distribution boxes and turned them into little pantries for people to take food when they need. To date, CFBP has installed 74 boxes around the state of Indiana.

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.

Renewal Year. New resources posted! Please see the newly revised, renewal webpage on Trinity's website: www.indytrinity.org/renewal-1 for resources with culture building, a copy of the grant narrative, and the timeline of events. If you need the password, please check your email. If you've not received emails about our clergy renewal grant and congregational renewal activities, please let us know (contact@indytrinity.org) so we can add you to the email list. In April & May, we will transition into more group work/facilitation/activities that coincide with the themes in Tricia Hersey's book "**Rest is Resistance.**" **You are encouraged to read this book during this season.** If you need financial assistance to acquire this resource, please contact us (contact@indytrinity.org).

Special Gathering on Sunday, June 25th. Mark your calendars as we prepare for a special Gathering to include the Irvington Walk and Talk with Sampson Levingston at Through2Eyes, Sunday, June 25th at 10am. More details to come! Rain date is scheduled for Sunday, August 13th.

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: God's Breath of hope has torn open the shutters of our hearts,

ALL: So that we may love God with all our hearts and open them to all who long for grace and life.

Leader: Justice is the strong wind poured into us by the One who is Sibling to the forgotten.

ALL: We will go into the streets of our neighborhoods to serve.

Leader: A new community is being shaped by the Holy Spirit, made up of those from every place, every tongue.

ALL: We will join hearts with those we meet, we will learn songs of joy in new languages.

Leader: Go in peace.

(Some liturgies adapted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com and enfleshed.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 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 and is the greatest need. The hosting checklist is in the Trinity office. Thank you!

April

2nd: Midtown/Downtown

9th: Broad Ripple

16th: North/Carmel

23rd: Fishers

30th: Midtown/Downtown

May

7th: Broad Ripple

14th: North/Carmel

21st: Fishers

28th (Brunch): Midtown/Downtown