Trinity Church: May 17, 2020

*This song list can be found on Indy Trinity Worship Playlist on Spotify (click any song to get there) COMMUNAL SONGS

<u>Holy Spirit</u> <u>Steadfast</u> Mercy Mercy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read <u>Psalm 66.8-20</u>. This is the word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNITY CONFESSION

Leader: Do we really want God to dwell within us, or are we only willing to 'rent out' space for a brief visit? Our actions, our words, our silence, our fears all show our attentiveness or non-attentiveness to God's presence in our lives. Let us empty ourselves of all which burdens us, and welcome the One who lives with us forever. Please join me as we pray,

ALL: Steadfast God, we confess that we have created you in our image, erecting idols that vie for our worship and adoration. In bowing to that which is not you, we have busied ourselves by putting up walls between you, ourselves and others, leaving us unable to see that you are embracing everyone as your child. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like us, and you throw open your doors to the stranger, the alien, in our midst. Forgive us.

Leader: Do you remember? At one time, you were without Christ; you were the stranger, the outsider, and the alien. But now, in Christ, you have been brought home, living in God's household of hope and peace. We have been forgiven. The idols we've created no longer have power. God is with us!

ALL: God, in all mystery and beauty is with us; God's covenant with us is everlasting; God's steadfast love is forever; God's forgiveness makes us new and whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING & PRACTICE INTRO

Acts 17.22-31 (MSG)

LORD'S TABLE LITURGY

Leader: Lord, as we remember Jesus' stories of your realm, as we seek to care for him in our sisters and brothers, 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 even this strangely 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. Eat and drink. Christ's body broken for you and the cup of the new covenant shed for you.

RESPONSE & OFFERING OF WORSHIP

The <u>Offering Basket</u> Breathe on Me, Breath of God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Weekend Brunch Liturgy

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: Day by day, God will lead us: ALL: to those pools of peace where we can care for our friends and strangers even from a safe distance. Leader: Day by day, Jesus will call us: ALL: to give ourselves in service, to anoint others with hope, to stay in the safe places for the good of all of God's people. Leader: Day by day, the Spirit shows us: ALL: the people we might be, the community we might become.

REFLECTION & PRACTICE

<u>Communitas: The Spirit of Community – Communal Healing</u> <u>Acts 17.22-31</u> (MSG)

*For discussion prompts and prayer guide, visit the series page here.