



## **An Offering of Reflection, Prayer, and Music**

Second Sunday after Easter

04.18.2021

# Welcome to Trinity's online community!

**As you watch the Live Stream of this service, feel free to add comments, likes, etc. to the comment section at any time!**

**This service, streamed live on Facebook, is a complete offering in itself. Nevertheless, it is followed by an opportunity to participate in online communion via Zoom. A link to that Zoom meeting will appear in the comments on Facebook at the end of this service.**

When we don't have to practice social distancing, the people of Trinity Church gather around a table piled high with spiritual food, and there is a place for you and everyone at the table, whatever your religious practice may be. For now, this is a time of sharing and connecting with one another, knowing that we are bound together by God's love. Trinity Church is a metropolitan house of prayer, a community of worship and spiritual inquiry, welcoming all people. Recognizing our common brokenness, yet rejoicing in the reconciling love of God through Jesus Christ, we nurture one another in our spiritual life together.

Trinity Church is an Episcopal Church and a member parish of the Diocesan Partnership of Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania in the United States and is a part of the Anglican Communion, which is based in England, but found worldwide. If you would like to learn more about Trinity, see all our contact information on the last page.

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## PRELUDE

"LITTLE SUNFLOWER" BY FREDDIE HUBBARD

## CENTERING PRAYER

Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Let us pray together.

**We wake to the forgiveness of a new day.**

**We wake to the freedom to begin again.**

**We wake to the mercy of the sun's redeeming light.**

**Always new,**

**always gift,**

**always blessing.**

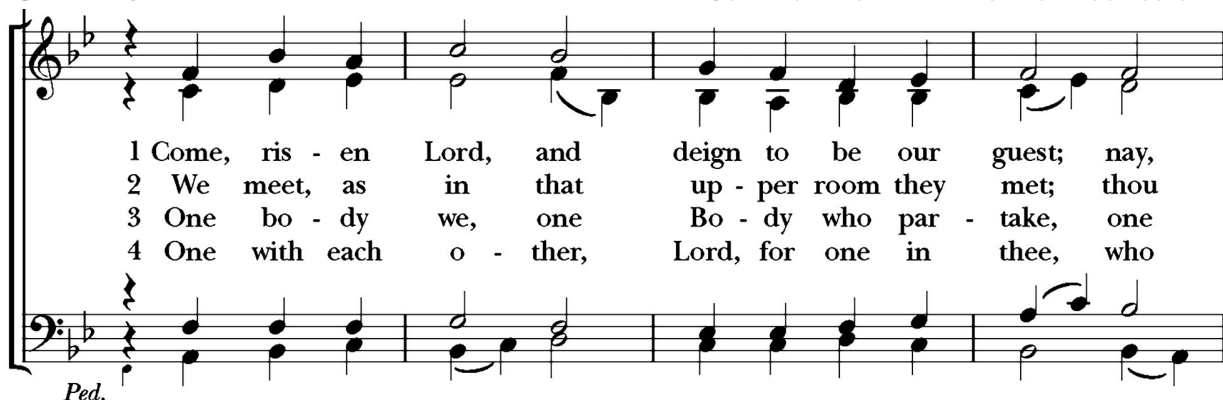
**We wake to the forgiveness of this new day.**

**Amen.**

*The centering prayer  
is a poem written by  
John Philip Newell  
and can be found in  
his book, Praying  
With The Earth.*

# OPENING HYMN

"COME RISEN LORD AND DEIGN TO BE OUR GUEST"



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,  
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou  
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one  
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

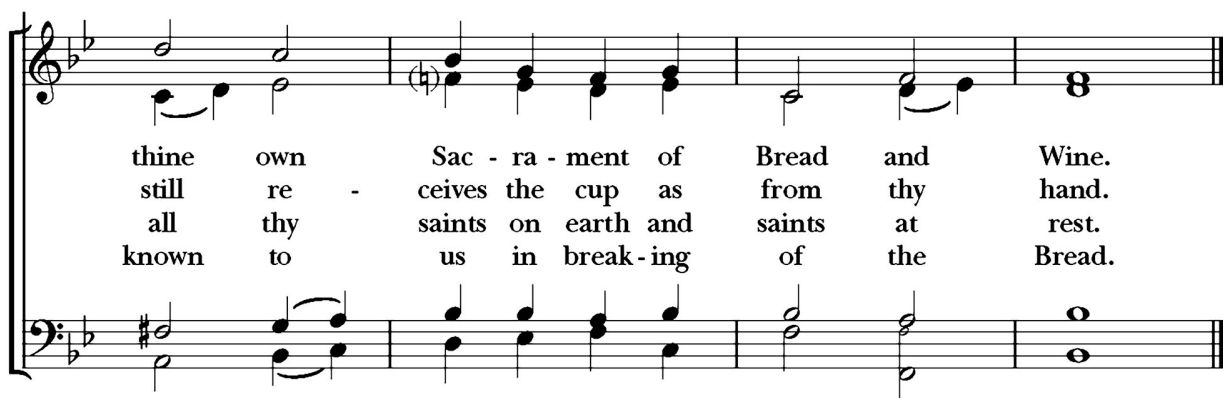
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let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
 at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:  
 Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;  
 art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;



thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in  
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: faith  
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with  
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be



thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
 still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
 all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
 known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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*Nobody set out to write The Bible. The Hebrew Scriptures were created over many centuries by many people to record the Jewish People's experience of God. The same is true of the Christian Scriptures, some of which were letters written to a specific audience in response to specific needs—and were then found to be helpful to the faithful even after fulfilling their original purpose.*

*The Bible readings are taken from The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation by Priests for Equality.*

*The Middle Reading fills the role of a Bible reading, but it doesn't come from the Bible. It is our way of trying to listen for God's ongoing word as it is spoken outside the limits of the Bible. Most often, we turn to contemporary poets for this reading.*

*Denise Levertov (1923 – 1997) was English born and emigrated to the US in 1947. Here she published more than 20 volumes of poetry. In the 1960s, Levertov was active in the anti-war movement in the United States. Additionally, she worked as a poetry editor the The Nation in the '60s and for Mother Jones in the '70s.*

## FIRST READING

ACTS 3:12-19

When Peter saw this, he addressed the people as follows: “Why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if we had made this person walk by our own power or holiness? You are Israelites, and it is the God of Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca and Isaac, Leah and Rachel and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified Jesus - the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. You disowned the Holy and Just One and asked instead for the release of a murderer. You put to death the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead - a fact to which we are witnesses. It is the name of Jesus, and faith in it, that has strengthened the limbs of this one whom you see and know well. Such faith has given this beggar perfect health, as all of you can see.

“Yet I know, my sisters and brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did. God has brought to fulfillment by this means what was announced long ago by the prophets: that the Messiah would suffer. Therefore, reform your lives! Turn to God, that your sins may be wiped away.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MIDDLE READING

“O TASTE AND SEE” BY DENISE LEVERTOV

The world is  
not with us enough.  
O taste and see

the subway Bible poster said,  
meaning The Lord, meaning  
if anything all that lives  
to the imagination's tongue,

grief, mercy, language,  
tangerine, weather, to  
breathe them, bite,  
savor, chew, swallow, transform  
into our flesh our  
deaths, crossing the street, plum, quince,  
living in the orchard and being

hungry, and plucking  
the fruit.

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## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 24:36-49

**W**hile they were still talking about this, Jesus actually stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." In their panic and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. Jesus said to them, "Why are you disturbed? Why do such ideas cross your mind? Look at my hands and my feet; it is I, really. Touch me and see. A ghost doesn't have flesh and bones as I do." After saying this, Jesus showed them the wounds.

They were still incredulous for sheer joy and wonder, so Jesus said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" After being given a piece of cooked fish, the savior ate in their presence. Then Jesus said to them, "Remember the words I spoke when I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the psalms had to be fulfilled."

Then Jesus opened their minds to the understanding of the scriptures, saying, "That is why the scriptures say that the Messiah must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day. In the Messiah's name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of all this. Take note: I am sending forth what Abba God has promised to you. Remain here in the city until you are clothed with the power from on high."

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**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

THE REV. MATT LINCOLN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

**We are not alone, we live in God's Creation.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**Amen.**

*The four Gospels hold the core of Christian spiritual wisdom, reflecting the earliest stories and images of Jesus. Like all Scripture, they are not definitive prescriptions but narrative stories requiring endless interpretation.*

*The sermon invites your curiosity and thoughtfulness about the theme of worship, and is intended to evoke your thoughts rather than direct them. An audio recording of the sermon is posted to the parish website each week, usually by Tuesday.*

*This creed comes from the United Church of Canada. Like the Nicene Creed that it reflects, it is an expression of faith intended as a symbol of solidarity with other Christians throughout history but not as a pledge of allegiance required for membership.*



## COMMUNITY PRAYER

Today's invitation to pray for each other, the church, and the world is based on the prayers of Walter Brueggeman and several others. Words will alternate with music, giving you a chance to listen to the still, small voice only you can hear, and to respond in the comment section if you wish.

The Lord be with you.

### **And also with you.**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Loving God, you have set us in families and clans, in cities and neighborhoods.

Our common life began in a garden, but our destiny lies in the city.

You have placed us in and around Buffalo. This is our home.

Your creativity is on display here through the work of human hearts and hands.

We pray for Buffalo today—for the East Side and the West Side, North Buffalo and South Buffalo.

#### *Musical Response*

We pray for our poorest neighbors and for powerful people in banks and businesses downtown.

We pray for people from the First Ward and the Fruit Belt.

We pray for neighboring communities from Olcott to Olean, from Angola to Albion, and a thousand other cities connected to our own.

#### *Musical Response*

In all our neighborhoods this day there will be crime and callous moneymaking; there will be powerful people unable or unwilling to see the vulnerable who are their neighbors.

There will also be beautiful acts of compassion and creativity in all these places—forgiveness and generosity; neighbors working together for a more just community.

Help us see this place as something other than a battleground between us and them, where our imaginations are limited by win/lose propositions and endless rivalry.

Show us a deeper reality, God: Show us your Beloved Community.

#### *Musical Response*

We pray for the protection of all people around the world from the coronavirus, and for those who care for the sick, for those who are helping us all get vaccinated, for those who have taken great personal risks to maintain the well-being and safety of others throughout the pandemic. We pray also for all others who are sick or lonely, all who are overwhelmed by difficult circumstances, or trapped in harmful relationships. We pray for all who grieve, and all who live in fear. We pray for all who are dependent on the compassionate care of others, and for those who work tirelessly to care for the ones who are in need.

Prosper our city, and help us to trust that you are God, we pray in the name of the one who wept over the city.

### **Amen.**

#### *Musical Response*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

### **And also with you.**

*Now would be a great time to add a comment to the Live Stream!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Your financial support** is not only a practical necessity. It can also be a very meaningful symbolic gesture, expressing your gratitude for the blessings in your life and your hope for health in the world. While the church is not open, Trinity has made a commitment to keep staff on the payroll. Plus, all the Trinity services are available online, either with Zoom or Facebook live streaming. You can [donate online here](#), or initiate an online donation by texting the word "give" to (716) 221-8580

*This version of the Lord's Prayer was written by the Rev. Jim Burklo in 2010. He is the Associate Dean of Religious Life at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. An ordained United Church of Christ pastor, he is the author of several books.*

*We are following a pattern of using an alternative interpretation of the Lord's Prayer for a few weeks and then using the traditional Prayer Book version for a week or two, and then going to a different interpretation for a few weeks, etc.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"AND WE'LL ALL SING HALLELUJAH" BY HAROLD STOVER

And let this feeble body fail and let it faint or die,  
My soul shall leave the realms of earth and soar to worlds on high.

And I'll sing hallelujah and you'll sing hallelujah when we arrive at home.

I'll join the disembodied saints and find my long-sought rest,  
The happiness for which I long and life among the blest.

O what are all my sufferings here compared to life above,  
With all the glorious heavenly host to live with God in love?

Give joy or grief, give ease or pain, take life or friends away,  
But let me find them all again in that eternal day.

And I'll sing hallelujah and you'll sing hallelujah when we arrive at home.

## CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Dear One,  
closer to us than our own hearts,  
farther from us than the most distant star,  
you are beyond naming.**

**May your powerful presence become obvious  
not only in the undeniable glory of the sky,  
but also in the seemingly mundane processes of the earth.**

**Give us what we need, day by day,  
to keep body and soul together, because  
clever as you have made us,  
we still owe our existence to you.**

**We recognize that to be reconciled with you,  
we must live peaceably and justly with other human beings,  
putting hate and bitterness behind us.**

**We are torn between our faith in your goodness  
and our awareness of the evil in your creation,  
so deliver us from the temptation to despair.**

**Yours alone is the universe and all its majesty and beauty.  
So it is. Amen.**

*The prayer of St. Chrysostom is found in both Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer.*

#### PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

**Gracious God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

*This blessing is based on the words of Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881).*

#### BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and may the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who animates and guides us be with you now and always.

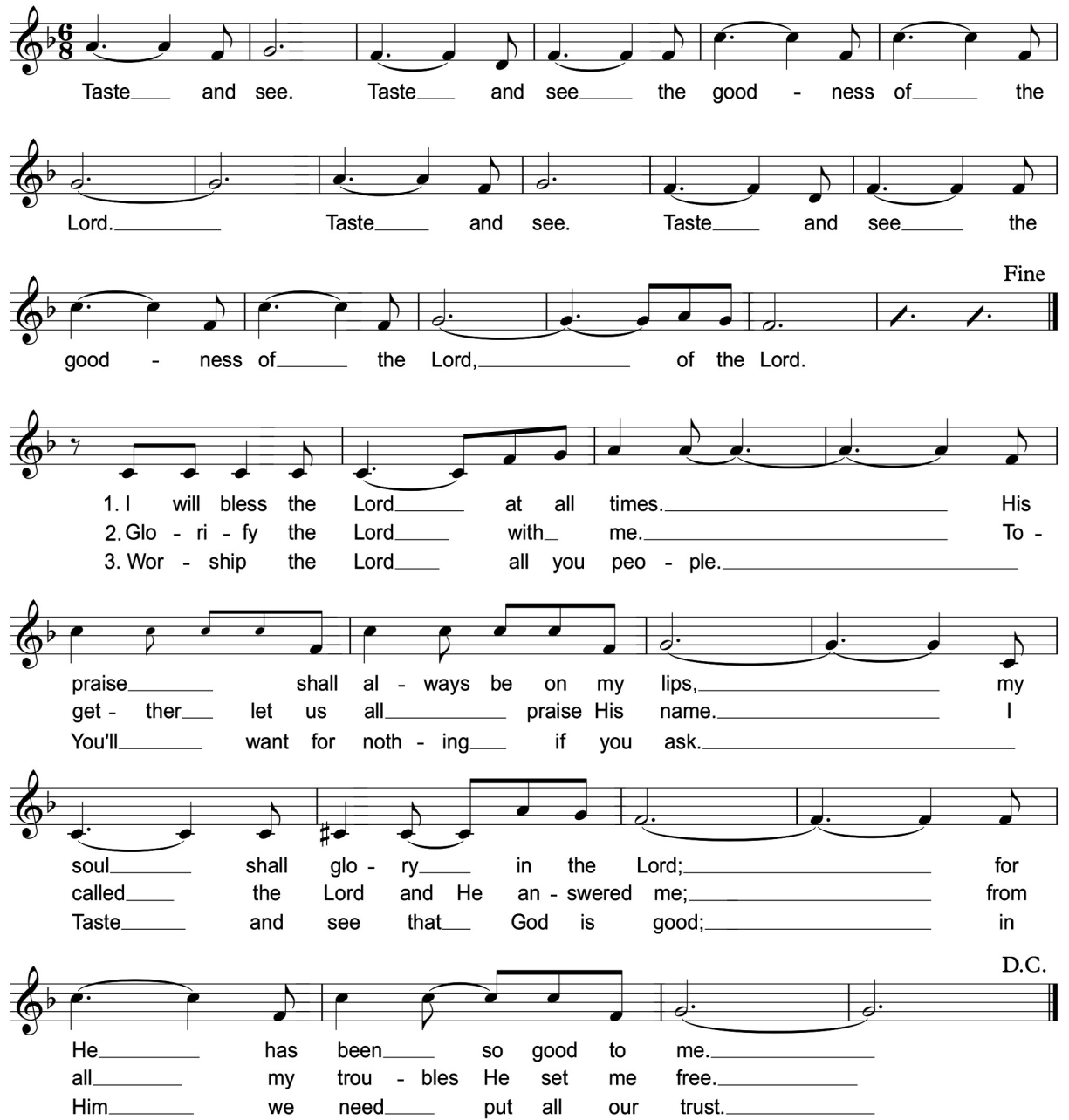
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## CLOSING HYMN

"TASTE AND SEE"



Taste\_\_\_ and see. Taste\_\_\_ and see\_\_\_ the good - ness of\_\_\_ the

Lord.\_\_\_\_ Taste\_\_\_ and see. Taste\_\_\_ and see\_\_\_ the

good - ness of\_\_\_ the Lord,\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. Fine

1. I will bless the Lord\_\_\_ at all times.\_\_\_\_ His  
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord\_\_\_ with\_\_\_ me.\_\_\_\_ To -  
 3. Wor - ship the Lord\_\_\_ all you peo - ple.\_\_\_\_

praise\_\_\_ shall al - ways be on my lips,\_\_\_\_ my  
 get - ther\_\_\_ let us all\_\_\_ praise His name.\_\_\_\_ I  
 You'll\_\_\_ want for noth - ing\_\_\_ if you ask.\_\_\_\_

soul\_\_\_ shall glo - ry\_\_\_ in the Lord;\_\_\_\_ for  
 called\_\_\_ the Lord and He an - swered me;\_\_\_\_ from  
 Taste\_\_\_ and see that\_\_\_ God is good;\_\_\_\_ in

D.C.  
 He\_\_\_ has been\_\_\_ so good to me.\_\_\_\_  
 all\_\_\_ my trou - bles He set me free.\_\_\_\_  
 Him\_\_\_ we need\_\_\_ put all our trust.\_\_\_\_

## DISMISSAL

Take your leave, trusting that we are made one in Christ, to shine in the world with God's light.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

"RECESSIONAL" (BOUREE) BY RAYMOND H. HAAN

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### **NOT YOUR GRANDMA'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP DISCUSSION**

On **Tuesday evenings @7pm** starting **April 27**, Tim Lane and Jeffrey Tooke will be facilitating a 6 week group discussion called "Not Your Grandma's Bible Study: Devised Scripture" in which we will devise Scripture collectively from the Old Testament. Each evening we will read a narrative from the Old Testament, explore its components, and then reconstruct the narrative with an awareness of its meaning for us today.

Click [here](#) for the zoom link for the discussion group on Tuesdays @7pm.

Meeting ID: 816-6863-4672

Passcode: trintalk

If you are interested in joining the discussion group or have questions about the group, please send an email to Jeffrey Tooke at [jeffrey@bayharboradvisors.com](mailto:jeffrey@bayharboradvisors.com) for more information.

### **SERVICES @TRINITY**

In the interest of staying connected and sharing what we can of our spiritual life together, here's our service lineup:

**SUNDAY MORNING @10:30** Live streaming on Facebook. The Sunday online Live Stream service remains accessible as a video recording on Trinity's [Facebook](#) page and [YouTube](#) page after the service is over.

**TRINITY @7** Zoom gatherings on Sunday night @7pm featuring poetry and jazz.

**WEDNESDAY @NOON** Zoom gatherings offering prayer and holy conversation.

**THURSDAY @7** Zoom gatherings @7pm offering the wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step recovery.

**THURSDAY @NOON TO 2PM OR BY APPOINTMENT** The church will be open for private prayer or meditation. You can chat quietly with one of the volunteers, or if you need, you can ask them to pray with you. Please wear a mask. You are required to sign a registry at the entrance to be used in the event contact tracing is necessary.

This plan will be in place for the foreseeable future. It's clear we will not have any sizable groups for many months to come. If you have ideas about safe ways to use our building for spiritual enrichment, please contact the church office to share your ideas and plans for implementation. Please continue to read the newsletters to stay informed.

Click here to [find the readings](#).

Email your request for a [link to the Zoom worship services here](#).



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## TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

*Vocalists:* Laura Munson, Suzanne Fatta, John Clayton, Brandon Mecklenburg  
*Guest Musician:* Matt Harris, saxophone  
*Readers:* Anna Salvamoser-Goldberg, Julie Keller Rizzo, Erickson Contreras

**Sunday @10:30am** Reflection, prayer, and music

**Sunday @7:00pm** An encounter with God through poetry and jazz

**Wednesday @Noon** Prayer and holy conversation

**Thursday @7pm** 12steps@Trinity, based on 12-step spirituality

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