

COVID-19 Protocols-Trinity United Methodist Church from TCAC

The Trinity COVID19 Ad Hoc Committee (TCAC) met on February 2, 2022, and engaged in a discussion of legal, health, and other issues surrounding COVID19, including the latest view of CDC data, with a particular focus on omicron variant data. Following discussion, TCAC, by unanimous consent, agreed to rescind the temporary measures which became effective on 1/5/22, with one exception: because the City of Springfield still has an indoor mask mandate, masks will be required inside Trinity at all times; however, anyone at the pulpit or lectern during the Sunday morning service will be permitted to remove his/her mask for purposes of speaking.

If You Don't Want to be on Camera

With our three new cameras up and running during worship, and the service being recorded and posted online, the Technology Team wants to remind members that if you come to in-person worship, you may be visible on the video. If you do not want to be recorded, please inform an usher so that they can seat you appropriately. Thank you.

Please Let the Church Office Know Your Updated Mailing Address, Phone Number, and Email

New England weather is unpredictable and occasionally the church has to close due to inclement weather. The best way for us to contact everyone at once is via our robocall system. Also, if you are new to Trinity Church and haven't given us your information yet please do so by email the church office at info@trinityspringfield.org. Thank you.

Honoring Black History Month

Every Sunday throughout February, the contributions to our shared faith made by Black thinkers will be honored. You are invited to ponder their words as we collectively express gratitude for the ways our understanding of God has been enhanced by the courage and spirituality of Black Christian siblings.

A Note from the Director of Music Ministries

Both the prelude and postlude this upcoming Sunday were chosen based on the scripture passage as well as to highlight African American composers during Black History Month. The prelude this weekend is "A Little More Faith in Jesus", a spiritual arranged by John W. Work III. The scripture this weekend encourages us to "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch" which reminds us all of our need for more faith in Jesus. The composer, John W. Work III (1901-1967), was the chairman of the Fisk University Department of Music where he conducted the Fisk Jubilee Singers for ten years. He was a gifted author, lyricist, choral conductor, educator, and ethnomusicologist.

The postlude this weekend is "Elegy" by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor. The selection reminds me of a sea voyage with the ship rocking back and forth, but still a heroic melody prevailing. This piece seemed like the perfect capstone for a liturgy with references to fishing and of course, being "fishers of people." The composer, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, was born in England in 1875. He achieved much success and was called the African Mahler. Coleridge-Taylor's greatest success was the cantata *Hiawatha's Wedding-feast*, widely performed in England during his lifetime (he died in 1912), and rivaled only by Handel's *Messiah* and Mendelssohn's *Elijah* in popularity. (Biographical information by James Abbingdon)

A Request From the Parkside Pantry

We are asking everyone who is able and feels moved to donate at this time to fill a bag with the following items: a box of cereal, a pack of toilet paper, a box of pasta, a jar or can of pasta sauce, a jar of peanut butter, a jar of jam or jelly, a can of tuna fish, a can of chicken, a bag of rice, a bag of beans. Thank you.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *(Thom M. Shuman, modified with UM liturgy)*

L: May the Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Beloved of God, lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to God who knows us and loves us.

L: Beloved of God, give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: Our praise is continually offered to our Hope, our Trust, our God.

In the beginning of time when there was only You, you walked in the midst of chaos, shaping all that is good and beautiful. In that place where there was only your Love, you stretched out your hands scooping up the dirt off earth's floors, shaping us in your image, breathing Spirit into our lungs. In that silence where there was only your Hope, you called us to be your people, God of glory and wonder.

But the world sang its seductions, sin called us to follow its despair, death blinded us to the life you offered. And so, putting and stamping our feet because you would not give us our way, we turned away going down another path. You would not pay attention to our foolish tantrums, nor would you leave us in the grasp of death and sin, trusting that if we encountered the grace wrapped in your holiness, we would turn to you in joy.

And so, believing that you have reached out and called us to service with you, and touched our lips with songs of hope, we join our voices with those who, in every time and in every place sing of your ways forever:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, Sanctuary of our hearts, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Word of joyous grace. In that time when we had lost our way, he called to us, so we could follow him into your joy. In that time when all hope had died, he touched our lips with the bright fire of your love. In that time when death's cold grip wrapped tightly around our hearts, he came to surround us with your love.

While we cannot understand the mysteries of your wonder and grace, when we are called to Christ's side we can only cry, 'here we are; we will follow' even as we hope for that faith which was his. So, it is in faith that we remember that on the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. In this time of silence, Spirit of God, may this bread which is broken become our wholeness. In this time of grace, may this cup which is poured out touch our lips with healing. In this time when we feel the brush of your fingertips caressing us, may we believe that your justice and peace are to be shared with all people; that our hearts can bear the burdens of others; that we may bring joy to the lonely and suffering.

Then, when our journey has ended, and we have followed you into eternity, we will gather around your Table and feast in your grace. Holy One, Holy Three. All glory may be yours. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

All are invited to share in this Holy Meal. It doesn't matter if you are a member of this church or not, if you are Methodist or not, or if you are Christian or not. No matter your age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, preferred language, or where you find yourself on this journey of life and faith; you are welcome to share in this Holy Meal.

We commune using Holy Communion kits, which contain both a wafer and cup of juice. If you do not have one yet, they are available near the ushers' station by the main entrance of the sanctuary. Feel free to pick one. There is a gluten-free option with a separate juice. Please ask the ushers if you need assistance.

Welcome to Worship!

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here! If you have any questions, ask one of the ushers. They can be found near the rear entrance of the sanctuary. Large-print Bibles and hymnals, and hearing devices are available from any usher. Following the worship service, we invite you to join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment in Asbury Hall.

NEW TO TRINITY CHURCH?

We would love to reach out to you! Scan the QR code with your phone's camera app and a staff member will contact you. Welcome to Trinity.

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SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

The Children's Table offers coloring pages and other materials to help children feel welcome and comfortable in church. The table is located in the rear of the sanctuary. Please return supplies to the table after the service.

Trinity's Nursery is open, under the caring direction of Shaylee Geier, every Sunday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., for children ages birth to 4. The nursery is located on the lower level of the building. An usher can direct you.

Trinity Offers Christian Education Classes for All Ages at 9 a.m. on Sunday Mornings: LIGHT@9 (Living in God's House Together at 9 a.m.), for age 4 years -through grade 5, **usually meets** downstairs in Vincent Hall. Our youth classes meet upstairs, middle school in the Youth Room and high school in the classroom down from the church office. Our adult class meets in the Hale Room, downstairs.

Chapel Kids is a worship service designed for children ages 7–12. It is offered during the worship service, Sunday, September to May **except the first Sunday of the month which is Communion Sunday and Easter Sunday. It begins at the beginning of the middle hymn, and ends after the benediction.** Chapel Kids is located in the chapel, which is on the same level as the sanctuary, and can be reached by going through the side door on the right of the sanctuary.

Sunday Afternoon Programming: If you would like to join any of these activities, please reach out to Michael Carney (mcarneymusic361@gmail.com), Rob Powell (directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org) or Amelia Hays-Rivest (amelia@dramastudio.org) for more information. All are welcome!

12-12:45 p.m. Dance/Movement Choir

12:50-1:40 p.m. Choristers

12:50-1:40 p.m. Youth Fellowship

1:45-2:30 p.m. Chamberettes

This church is committed to providing a safe place for our children & youth.

Our Safe Sanctuaries Policy requires that parents (or an adult they have designated) bring & pick-up their children 5th gr. & under from church-sponsored programs. Please escort your child to/from the restrooms during worship. Thank you.

Wi-Fi Guest network password: TrinityGuest7476!

Want to learn more? Scan the QR code with your smart phone.



Attendance Sunday, January 30: Adults 49, Children 10, Total 59