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Notice:

Let's Re-connect Virtually

Many of us are missing fellowship and social contact with our Trinity Family. Some members of the Publicity and Communications Committee have come up with an idea to try to re-connect members of Team Trinity. This will be a grassroots effort and will require people to step up to make it happen.

Who do you really miss? Is it your fellow choir members, other members of the softball team, the folks who sat near you in church, the Lenten Luncheons team, or those who share the same hobbies. Do your children miss their church school classmates or fellow choir members? Perhaps you would like to reminisce with folks who remember the old Baker's Dozen skits such as Motorcycle Mama, the Volga Frogmen, or Miss Mary Magic-Time. The list of fellowship opportunities goes on and on.

We are proposing small Zoom social gatherings to be hosted by volunteers. If you would like to be included in this prototype experiment, please email Clara Lee Sharrard and let her know of your interest, your willingness to either host or attend a gathering, and which group of people you would like to meet with first. It doesn't have to be one of the groups listed above. Those are only suggestions to get you thinking about who you would like to check in with for a virtual visit. We aim to keep the groups small so everyone has a chance to visit.

This is an experiment. It may work or not, but at least we're trying something to keep us connected during the months ahead. You can contact Clara Lee at publicity@trinityspringfield.org

Remember these are NOT meetings. No business will be conducted. It's purely a social gathering to bring us back together in the only way we can currently safely do so.



Celebrate God's love
Nurture relationships with God and one another
Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

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Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday After the Epiphany ~ January 24, 2021

** See words to the right

Prelude: "When We Are Living" J. Raney
Janet Dixon-Metcalf, flute

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: **

Introit: "Tell Me More" H. Hinnant
Hannah and Leah Rosenman

Opening Prayer & Silent Reflection: **

The Lord's Prayer:

Scripture: Mark 1:14-20 (CEB)

Special Music: "Fishers of Men" D. Reilly

Sermon: "Beginnings"

Closing Response: "Follow Me" R. Nagy

Benediction

Postlude: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Lasst uns Erfreuen

¹ From *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship, Updated*, edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi (Cleveland, OH: The Pilgrim Press, 2012), 192.

² Ted Loder, "Hover Over Us," in *My Heart in my Mouth* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2000), 24-25.

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

Call to Worship: (M. Enid Watson ¹)

Jesus said, "Follow me." We don't always know what that means. We are on a journey of discovery. We are here because we want to be God's people; we are here because we are broken and want to be whole again; we are here to celebrate our lives, and God's presence in this life. Let us worship God with great thanksgiving.

Opening Prayer & Silent Reflection: (Ted Loder, adapted ²)

God of passionate patience and lively waiting, in whatever way you choose, be with us in our eagerness and in our uneasiness as we balance on the edge of a newness disguised as familiar, a mystery lurking in the taken-for-granted, a discovery waiting in the common, a love fevering to be expressed, a hope waiting to be born out of pain, and the wonder of it all as it hushes our hearts and disquiets our certainties. We pray that your Spirit lift us and encourage us to keep getting up and going on, no matter how many times we have tripped up and fallen crying down. We pray that your Spirit empower us to crack the smothering crust of deadening habits and goad us to set out after fresh dreams. We pray that your Spirit liberate and lead us in laboring for healing for the broken, justice for the exploited, chances for the oppressed, peace for the violated and the violent of the earth. So move in and among us that we may grow in your Spirit, rejoice in your kingdom, and live with passion this amazing life. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven

Hallowed be thy Name

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.