

With COVID cases on the rise in Massachusetts, now is the time to be vigilant. That means keeping your mask over your nose and mouth, maintaining at least a 6 ft. distance between you and those around you, and leaving the sanctuary promptly after the postlude as directed by the ushers. If you wish to stay and talk with others, you are welcome to do that outside. If you would like to speak with one of our pastors or staff members, please make an appointment. Thank you for doing your part. This is important as we endeavor to provide an in-person worship option that is as safe as possible during this time.

Thank you to those listed in the bulletin who participated in today's service. We also thank:

Altar Guild: Vera Baker

Attendance Taker: Nicole Baker-Cooley

Bulletin Cover & Stewardship Display: Chad Thompson

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Coordinators for Online Worship: Clara Lee and Jim Sharrard

Liturgist: Jacob Bakowski

Ushers: Head Usher, Margo Sweetland, **Asst. Sheila Womble, Ushers:** Lisa Bakowski, Donald Cushing, & Nate Olin

Videographer: Nic Odell

Reminders:

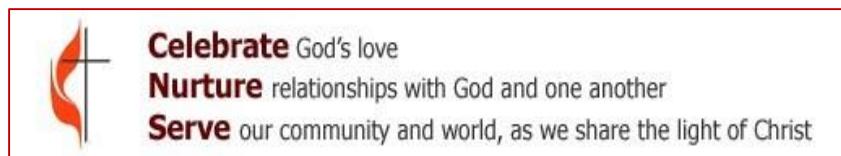
Adult Sunday School: Every Sunday - 9-10 a.m.

We are meeting every Sunday in the Hale Room - socially distanced - wearing mask which will stay on the whole time. Contact Erica Weida if you have any questions.

Angel Tree Goes Virtual: Trinity is participating in the **Virtual** Angel Tree Prison Fellowship Program this year. Sponsor a child of a prisoner for \$22 and they will receive a Christmas package shipped by the Prison Fellowship on behalf of their incarcerated loved one. The package will include a \$20 gift card to Walmart, the prisoner parent's message, a Gospel presentation, and an opportunity to receive a free Adventure Bible. Visit <https://vat.angeltreetool.org/a6da9eee-cffa-4767-adba-839655ce15f0> to sponsor a child. Enter Trinity's access code: **R6VPA**, select a child online, pay securely.

BHF 2021: The Twelve Days of Boar's Head

We need your skills and gifts to make this a reality. Trinity is an amazingly creative and dedicated congregation. Please go to the website <https://www.trinityspringfield.org/boars-head-2021/twelve-days-of-boars-head/> and read more about this exciting project. Scroll down the page for the survey to join in. Don't miss out!



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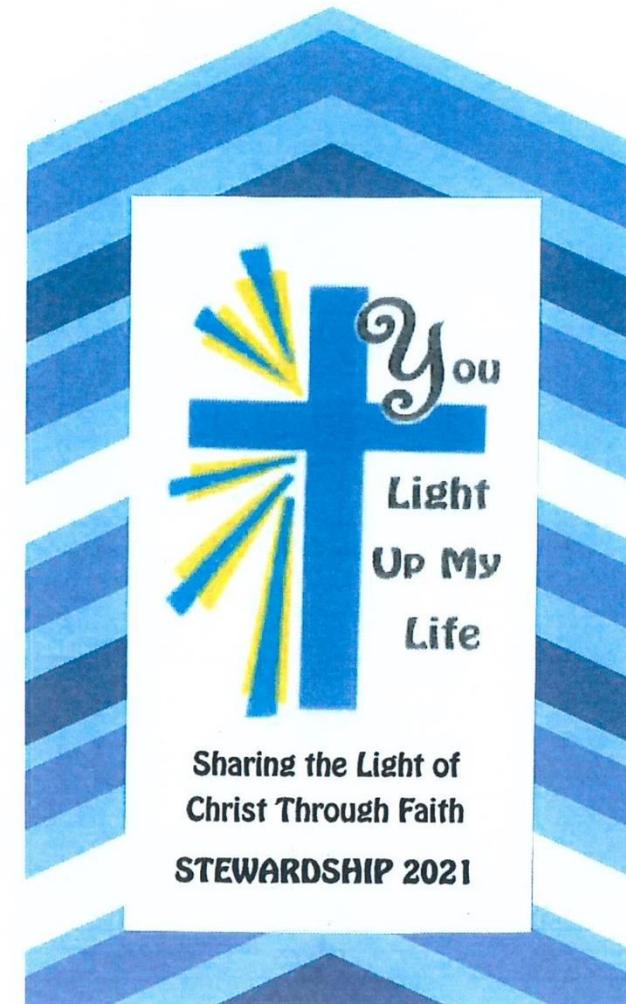
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Director of Music Ministry, Becky Rosendahl Isaacson

Associate Pastor, Rev. Erin Newcomb-Moore

Senior Pastor, Rev. René Perez



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

Sunday, November 15, 2020

* Stand if you are able ** See words to the right

(A Time of Gathering: 10:20 a.m.)

Organ Prelude: “Toccatina in d minor” (Dorian) J. S. Bach

Introduction & Prayer Updates

(Livestream Begins: 10:30 a.m.)

Prelude: “What a Friend We Have In Jesus” M. McDonald
Chad Thompson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: “A Jubilant Song” A. Pote
Men’s Quartet: Andrew and Jacob Gilbert, Glenn Benson-Lewis, and Don Evans

*Call to Worship: **

Special Music: “Walk By Faith!” J. Raney

Prayer of Confession & Silent Reflection: **

Words of Assurance

The Lord’s Prayer: **

Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11-19; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NRSV)

Hymn: “Blessed Assurance”¹ M. Hayes

Sermon: “Thanksgiving Embodied”

Offering of Music & Dance: “You Light up My Life” J. Brooks
Alyssa Guerin and Rev. Erin Newcomb-Moore, violin

Blessing the Pledges

Closing Response: “Precious Lord” J. Schrader

Benediction

Postlude: “Hymn to Joy” A. Travis

WORDS TO FOLLOW ALONG

- **Bold Items Are the Congregation’s Part**

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Maren C. Tirabassi)

May God’s peace rest on our busy lives so that we are quieted into prayer.

May God’s love flow through our worship words so that we are awake to opportunities for service.

May God’s grace embrace every need and may the restless Gospel set our hearts afire.

Amen and Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & SILENT REFLECTION: (Nancy C. Townley)

Lord of mercy and justice, you have given us so many talents and gifts to be used in your world. You have given us these gifts because you trust us to use them well — and you will be with us in all our work. But we disappoint you when we denigrate the value of the talents or become so fearful of failure that we don’t believe that we are capable of helping in this world. Lord, forgive us. Help us to trust in the gifts you have given to us and to trust in your guidance in using them. Forgive us when we are fearful, stubborn, apathetic, indifferent to the needs around us. Give us hearts for serving you all our days. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (Nancy C. Townley) (Non-Responsive)

Rejoice and celebrate! God has placed God’s trust and love deep within your hearts. You have been called and trusted to serve God. Alleluia! 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.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

¹ A favorite hymn recommended by both Vera Baker and Shirley Furey. Shirley writes, This hymn has been a favorite for many years! No matter what challenges I faced it has always been comforting to know Jesus was always by my side holding my hand!

Vera writes, This is a beautiful hymn with words by Fanny Crosby, who became blind at an early age. She wrote the lyrics to 7 other hymns in the Methodist Hymnal. The hymn focuses on Christian perfection, encouraging us to become "filled with His goodness" and "lost in His love". It was written in the 19th century when one of the only ways for a woman to claim the authority to be heard was by personal revelation from God. Fanny Crosby influenced several US presidents including Van Buren, Tyler, Polk, and Cleveland, and addressed Congress on the topic of education for the blind.