



Announcements

for the week of

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

+ Are you connected? +



Please contact Tina Hogan at office@trinity-swarthmore.org to receive each week, by email or hardcopy, any or all of the following:

- + **The upcoming week's Announcements page**
- + **Sunday's 10am worship bulletin**
- + **Children's and Youth Ministry News**

Today

Holy Eucharist, online at 10 am

FROM OUR TRINITY CHURCH SANCTUARY!

To join the Zoom meeting on your computer, click on the above link or find the link on the website.

You can also call in by phone to the 10 am worship time:

- One tap mobile: 1-646-558-8656
- Dial-in number: 1-646 558 8656
- Meeting ID: 925 7318 5028
- Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/92573185028>

Trinity's Events This Week

Morning Prayer, Mon. through Fri., 8am (see below)

Sanctuary Yoga, Mon., Tues., and Thurs. (see below)

Monday - The *Centering Prayer* group is meeting by Zoom. *If interested, please contact the church office for details on how to get connected.*

Tuesday - Tuesday's "Little Group" continues to meet on-line only. *Questions?* Please contact the office.

Thursday - *Diocesan Conversation on Racism*. Please join DioPA companions on [Sept. 17](#) to start and sustain conversations about being white and embracing differences in our series, *Swimming While White*. Facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Bill Kondrath and Sarah Werkman of Visions, Inc. and sponsored by the Philadelphia Theological Institute, Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral, the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields and the diocese's Anti-Racism Commission. Pre-registration and a nominal fee are required.

Trinity office - The physical office is preparing to re-open for limited hours. Meanwhile, office work continues off-site. Calls to the office are forwarded to Tina's cellphone. Tina's regular (off-site) hours are Mon. - Fri., 9:30am to 4:30pm. Emails to the office received Sat.-Sun. will be answered on Mondays. In

case of pastoral emergency, please email Fr. Ted directly, at revted@trinity-swarthmore.org or leave a message on the pastoral emergency phone line by following the instructions in the office's outgoing message.

ALSO...

Daily Morning Prayer, Monday – Friday, 8 am – About 6-8 people are currently joining online to say the daily office of Morning Prayer from the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*. To join, [click here](#) or visit the website. For call-in, call the phone number as above for worship, and then use Meeting ID **993 6830 7304**. For more information, contact the church office.

Sanctuary Yoga – Sanctuary Yoga - In September, Sanctuary Yoga will nurture the embrace of stillness and quiet from within. Join this spiritual wellness ministry of free, 60-minute, on-line yoga classes led by Mary Thompson via Zoom. Zoom links to attend class are posted on the website. Visit this link, [Sanctuary Yoga](#), for class descriptions and information about this ministry.

- + Monday, 10am, Hatha Yoga
- + Tuesday, 7pm, Hatha Flow Yoga
- + Thursday, 2pm, Gentle Yoga

Update on Plan for Resumption of Activities in Common Space

We are happy to report approval of a plan for return to worship in our common space, the Trinity Church sanctuary, as well as the renewal of some programmatic ministries in person. The summary of Worship Plan is immediately below, followed by Children and Youth Ministry news. Please see Fr. Ted's parish email sent this past Tuesday for a pastoral message on how this plan was arrived at and notes on how it will proceed, or contact the office if you did not receive it. Hard copies will be mailed to those who have requested them.

Schedule and Limits for Return to Common-Space Worship on Sundays

Sept. 20

- 8am service in Chancel, 14 max (10 in choir seating, 2 clergy either side of altar, 2 ushers at entrances), no Zoom
- 10am service in Nave, Zoom only (no worshippers beyond essential persons)

Sept. 27

- 8am service in Chancel, 14 max, no Zoom
- 10am service in Nave, 32 max (28 in Nave pews, 2 clergy at altar, 2 ushers at entrances), carried by Zoom

Oct. 4

- 8am service in Chancel, 14 max, no Zoom
- 10am service outdoors, Blessing of the Animals, (limit TBD with physical spacing), carried Zoom

Oct. 11 *and following*

- 8am service in Chancel, 14 max, no Zoom
- 10 am service in Nave for 32 max in Nave
- *Expandable to 42 max Chancel and Nave seating after Oct. 11, if shared spaces can be cleaned*

Children's and Youth Ministries

- + **KIDS! Get Set for Fall Start Up!** While the exact details of our worship schedule for the fall are still yet to come, we have decided to move forward planning the start of our formation program. Kids' Club is for those entering Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades. Junior Youth are our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders.
- + **High School Youth Group** will begin meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wed. of every month, starting on *Wed., September 23 from 5:00 – 6:30pm* on the lawn of Trinity Church. Bring a blanket and get ready for some fun. We will have pizza and snacks, play some social distancing games, and get to know each other. Please email or text Pastor Sabrina to let her know if you plan to attend: 609-560-0003.

- + **Middle School Youth** will begin meeting in person on the first Sunday of every month beginning Oct. 4 at 12:00pm. Outreach opportunities will also be provided for middle school youth each month. Stay tuned for details and location information.
- + **Summer Youth Trip 2021:** A service trip for next summer is being organized to **Niagara Falls, NY**. The trip will involve numerous service projects, such as building, painting, and working with young children in need. The trip will take place **June 20 - 25, 2021** and is open to all middle school and high school youth. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Sabrina. Registration and an initial deposit of \$50 is due by October. **Register** on Trinity's website [HERE](#) or through the Children and Youth Ministry News emails.

ECS is offering a virtual open house event! *BEHIND THE SCENES: Seeing Youth Succeed*. Find out how this program for teens enables them to discern and build confidence in their futures with an empowering curriculum and a cohort of peers. Thursday, Sept. 24, 10:30am to 11:20am. To enroll, click [HERE](#).

The Book Group will meet virtually on Wed Oct. 7th at 10:30 am to discuss *How Jesus became God* by Bart D Ehrman. *New York Times* bestselling author and Bible expert Bart Ehrman reveals how Jesus's divinity became dogma in the first few centuries of the early church. The claim at the heart of the Christian faith is that Jesus of Nazareth was, and is, God. But this is not what the original disciples believed during Jesus' lifetime—and it is not what Jesus claimed about himself. *How Jesus Became God* tells the story of an idea that shaped Christianity, and of the evolution of a belief that looked very different in the fourth century than it did in the first. A master explainer of Christian history, texts, and traditions, Ehrman reveals how an apocalyptic prophet from the backwaters of rural Galilee, crucified for crimes against the state, came to be thought of as equal with the one God Almighty. But how did he move from being a Jewish prophet to being God? In a book that took eight years to research and write, Ehrman sketches Jesus' transformation from a human prophet to the Son of God exalted to divine status at his resurrection. Only when some of Jesus' followers had visions of him after his death did anyone come to think that he, the prophet from Galilee, had become God. And what they meant by that was not at all what people mean today. Written for secular historians of religion and believers alike, *How Jesus Became God* will engage anyone interested in the historical developments that led to the affirmation at the heart of Christianity: Jesus was, and is, God. Please contact Linda Sauer at lindasauer@aol.com for more information. All are welcome!

THANKSGIVINGS, GIVING BACK, AND MORE

Other News on Returning to Common Space

- + *PLEASE SIGN IN!* – As people begin to return to space use, we will need to sign in. Please look for the hard-copy clipboard page inside the double-door entrance, at the base of the steps to the office.
- + *Trinity Thrift Shop* – Planning is underway to conduct outdoor sales. Stay tuned! Please be aware, however, that the Thrift Shop is not currently accepting any donations.
- + *AA at Trinity (Tuesday's "Little Group")* – Alcoholics Anonymous and other such support groups, as essential activities, fall under a special category in the diocesan Covid-19 plan, and as such are already welcome to use Trinity's facility space. This is just to let you know that the AA group which has met on Tuesday at Trinity has been invited to return to space, but for now wishes to continue in an online-only format.

More on Responding to Racism and Becoming Beloved Community

- + *Trinity Church, Swarthmore*
 - o Trinity Church will be offering an evening series based on the Episcopal Church's *Sacred Ground: A Film-based Dialogue Series on Race and Faith*. Led by the Rector, schedule upcoming.
 - o Some of us are reading Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited*. Interested? Contact the office or Fr. Ted directly (revted@trinity-swarthmore.org).
- + *Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania* – The Loving Presence group has collaborated on a document to ground our work as the Episcopal Church in sacred relationship with short-, medium-, and long-term goals toward becoming a nonracist church and region. The document will be made available to all from the Bishop's office in coming weeks.

- + *Implementing the SSCA Directory of Black-Owned Businesses in Delaware County, Helping All Our Neighbors!* We are living in a time that offers us great opportunities to learn and grow into the nation that our forebears imagined, in which all people are free to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The SSCA compiled a [directory of Black-Owned Businesses in Delaware County](#) to promoting these businesses so that a thriving community can continue to prosper.

Preparing meals for the hungry –THANK YOU to the Shore/Bockman, Steinke and Graham families who prepared and delivered dinner for the Connect by Night shelter in Upper Darby! Your time and generosity in keeping this vital ministry by our Youth are truly appreciated. If you can help in for future months, please go to [sign up](#). Please contact Kelly Anne at kellyannefitzpatrick@gmail.com with any questions.

Thanks to Trinity’s Ann Hubben for an enlightening Zoom pop-up yesterday! Fun with Fall Planters, celebrated autumn with planter ideas for your porch or patio. Zoom Pop-Ups are casual online social gatherings organized by Trinity’s Newcomer’s Committee.

Trinity Connects. . . Zoom Pop-Up movie discussion will be held on Wed. Sept. 23rd at 7:30pm. Join the conversation of the film *The Biggest Little Farm*: https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/the_biggest_little_farm. Documentarian John Chester and his wife Molly work to develop a sustainable farm on 200 depleted acres outside of LA. The film may be accessed through Prime Video and the Delco Library System and should be viewed in advance of the discussion. For more details and Zoom link information, please visit the Trinity website. See you at the movies! Join in the Fun!

Help wanted...good places to donate to relief efforts...and more

- + Help wanted! Our new **AV system** provides great opportunities to learn new skills and hone old ones. Join our new AV Ministry to learn to manage the cameras during services, run Zoom for services, edit audio, make and edit videos and post to YouTube. Training is available, and youth are especially encouraged to get involved. Contact Bella Englebach (bella.englebach@gmail.com)
- + **Trinity’s team serving St. Mary’s Food Cupboard invites new teammates!** Trinity's team at St. Mary’s Food Cupboard is severely depleted due to constraints of Covid-19. Can you spare an hour and a half one Thursday afternoon a month? Ladies, please call Lois Johnston at 610-566-6018 and gentlemen, please call Dick Koelle at 610-566-4087 for more information, or if you can help out. The clients and the Trinity team thank you!
- + The [Seamen’s Church Institute](#) supports men and women merchant seafarers who often work on-ship for a year or more at a time. In “normal” times, being away from their family and friends is difficult enough; Covid enhances this isolation and SCI finds itself busier than ever. Seafarers become stranded in foreign ports with no income due to expired contracts, and have no way to get home. Yet the pandemic strands them on their ships, and they cannot shop for even basic personal items. They rely on organizations such as SCI for help. Along with pastoral care and legal services, SCI provides holiday ditty bags that so many of us have come to know. These contain small articles of clothing and basic toiletries, and are often the only gift seafarers receive. This year, Trinity Church will accept monetary donations via a PayPal button on our website, or via check. Please make sure to designate your donation for the ‘Seamen’s Church Institute’ when donating electronically or by writing ‘Seamen’s Church Institute’ or ‘SCI’ in the memo line on your check. A volunteer will then shop for the necessary items and deliver them. Donations of home-knit scarves and hats will also be accepted. Please contact Agnès Wozniak at agnes.wozniak@gmail.com or (610) 220-8021 to arrange contact-free pick-up. Donations will be accepted through Oct. 25th. The seafarers arriving at Delaware River ports, who transport the food and goods that we use every day, are grateful for your generosity. Thank you!
- + **Thank you from ChesterEastside:** Programs like Camp Phoenix and the Phoenix After School Program, are the critical work of Chester Eastside. This summer, because of support from friends like you, we provided our campers with in-home access to Chromebooks. Ensuring our kids are in step when the school year begins – whether in person or online – takes the support of our donors and friends. [Gifts to Chester Eastside, Inc.](#) guarantee our children have the tools they need to succeed. The pandemic has reminded us how much we miss interacting with one another, while we are still deciding whether the fall will be in person or online. Thanks to everyone who made Virtual Camp Phoenix such a success! Enjoy the closing ceremonies on [YouTube](#) or [Vimeo](#). And thank you for your

continued financial and volunteer support. Rev. Zuline Gray Wilkinson, M.Div., MSW, Executive Director.

- + **Financial donations in support of food for the hungry** – Outreach continues to prioritize supporting St. Mary's Food Cupboard and Chester Eastside's food cupboard during the pandemic. Donations are much reduced, and this is an immediate need. We are asking for cash/check donations (payable to Trinity Church) or via PayPal on the church website (add a note for food cupboard). We will purchase the food and deliver to St. Mary's and Chester Eastside. If you prefer to make a large grocery purchase and need help with delivery or information on how to do so yourself, please contact Cathy Gardner at cgardner119@gmail.com
- + **Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)** aided Americans in the gulf coast last week after Hurricane Laura, as it has helped worldwide communities less equipped to deal with coronavirus. If you can help, please [Donate today](#) and ERD will provide the partners and the communities they serve with the support it takes to respond to natural disasters as well as the Covid-19 pandemic.
- + **To support California Episcopal Dioceses** affected by wildfires: Diocese of El Camino Real: [REAL](#): Bishop Lucinda asks that donations be sent to the COVID-19 discretionary fund, which now also includes wildfire relief. Diocese of NorCal Disaster Relief Fund: [NorCal](#) and the Diocese of Los Angeles: [LA](#). Thank you!
- + **Thank you to all who are using our Trinity Amazon Smile account:** This quarter's donation was our biggest ever! Since mail order is the new normal, we remind parishioners that our Amazon Smile account dollars go towards Trinity Youth programs. The link is [here](#). Happy shopping, and thank you!
- + **Join St. James School** virtually for an uplifting Evensong and special 10th anniversary reflections from our campus and The Church of St. James the Less. The evening begins with prayer and song led by members of our school community. Hear from school leaders, students and families who have been with us from the start. Learn what's next for St. James — as we continue to break new ground this year and into the future. We are a faith-based Philadelphia middle school in the Episcopal tradition, committed to educating students from a under-resourced neighborhood, providing a challenging academic program and encouraging the development of the moral, spiritual, intellectual, physical and creative gifts in its students. Three easy ways to join us for Evensong: StJamesPhila.org; [Facebook.com/StJamesPhila](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesPhila) or [YouTube.com/StJamesPhila](https://www.youtube.com/StJamesPhila).
- + **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** – Swarthmore Senior Citizens' Assoc. has raised over \$18,000 to help pay for the food that Doug and Theresa Richardson of Occasionally Yours, have donated to local shut ins and shelters. This endeavor helps not only those who are struggling during these difficult times, but it helps the Richardsons retain their employees, as well as cooks from other Swarthmore restaurants, working. If you can help them out, please donate [here](#). SSCA forwards the entire amount of your donation, including transaction fees, to buy food. If you would prefer to mail your donation and not incur any transaction fees, please mail it to SSCA, P.O. Box 306, Swarthmore, PA 19081. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
- + **The Episcopal Church in Navajoland is coping with the coronavirus pandemic**, with infections and death rates among the highest per capita in the U.S. Keep the Episcopal Church in Navajoland in your prayers as staff continue to do the work that God is asking. **For more information, Visit the [Episcopal Church in Navajoland](#) to learn more about Church's work and current needs of the Diné.**

Covid-19 News and Alternatives

- + **Beware of phishing emails**—Because of the quarantine, fraudsters are more aggressive and prevalent than ever. Many clergy have had their emails plundered and their names used towards these ends. Please be aware that Fr. Ted would only contact you by email from his church email address, ending in trinity-swarthmore.org, and not by using any personal Gmail account.
- + **Swarthmore College Campus to be Closed**—Effective Monday, August 31, Swarthmore College will close the campus to visitors until further notice. This restriction includes College grounds, the Crum Woods, playing fields, and tennis courts. Please [read the letter from Swarthmore College President Valerie Smith](#) to neighbors in the Borough of Swarthmore and beyond.

- + **The Jazz Sanctuary** has made a new video: *The Jazz Sanctuary Live*. Since we cannot come to you we thought that a video, was just the thing to help you through these times This video replicates, as best as possible, the feeling of a Jazz & Joe event with no post engineering! The link is [HERE](#), or video can also be accessed via our website: www.thejazzsanctuary.com and then to Music Events. Thanks to Bishop Gutierrez for his help and support without which the Jazz Sanctuary would be sorely at a loss.
- + **Sunday Evenings on the Lawn:** Swarthmore United Methodist Church extends an invitation to their free Sunday evening gatherings on the lawn on Sunday nights. Join your neighbors tonight at 7:00 p.m. on their lawn at 129 Park Avenue. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, snacks and beverages of your choice, and your mask, and please practice physical distancing guidelines to protect you and others.

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For Those Celebrating their Anniversary: Kathy Taylor and Jon Sprogell

For Those Celebrating their Birthdays: Bill Fox, Ethan Cardi, Alexander Sanchez and Lynn Lundmark

For the Episcopal Church: Michael, Our Presiding Bishop; and in the Diocese of Guatemala: Iglesia Episcopal San Felipe, (Saint Philip's Church), San Felipe de Lara, The Rev. Marben Juarez;

In our Diocese of Pennsylvania: for Daniel, our Bishop; Diocesan Programs: the Finance Committee; and for the Merion Deanery The Very Rev. Barry Harte, Dean;

For parish families of the week: Eve Buckley and David Stockman, Oliver, Caspar and Henry; Wallace Stroud; Tracy and Johnny Sturgis, Carter, Jacob and Mason; Mel Sutherland; Barb Swartz; along with Ted, our Rector; Sabrina our Associate Rector, and Paula Lawrence-Wehmiller and Bill North, our clergy associates; and the vestry and staff;

For healing and comfort: Lois Johnston, Alla, Sherry Moore, Anne Abel, Steve and Mary Laxton, Jennifer, Chris and Nicholas Cardi, Nancy and Lin Urban, Cindy Bourassa, Dick Koelle, Vicki, Patrice Kenna, Joan, Courtney, Noah, Megan Griffith, Bridgette, Connie, Charlie Gearing, John, Louise Poole, Lisa and Kay McCallister, Ruth Ziegler, David Edwards, Constance Gorman, Katie Egan, Martha Millett, Mark Pugh, Thomas Hill, Peggy Ferrari, Andrew Laverty, Patrick Diggins, Judith, Chuck Prudhomme, Peter Kane, and all who are fighting Covid-19;

For the homebound: Anne Abel, Barbara Salom, Nancy and Lin Urban, Alma Keech, Wallace Stroud, Marguerite Izbicki, Don Solenberger, Ed Harris, Suzanne Keer, Barbara St. John, Ellen Belk, and Catherine Jenkins;

And for others for whom prayers are requested, including: Ruth, Mike Parry, Lou Volpe, Eva Boudreau, Marcy Holquist, Wes Vogel, Katie, William & Susan Hicks, Lucy Messick, the Harris Family, Andy, Skip Werley, Christine Watson, Elizabeth, Ron Koch, Ellie, and Leo Fox.

More Episcopal resources can be found [here](#) for spiritual support during the pandemic, and [here](#) in support of the Church's work on racism, justice and reconciliation.

Special Prayers and Other Resources for Our Times

A prayer for victims of the California Wildfires:

Almighty God, who alone created the beauty and the bounty of our land, who cares and loves everyone—from the workers in the field to the owners of the field—be with your people in California now in the midst of the fires.

Bring an end to the loss of lives and the loss of homes. Bring aid to the firefighters who, by serving others, serve you. Give them courage and strength to persevere, to find the ability in their bodies and souls to keep working for another day or hour or minute. Ease the winds that spread the flames and disperse the smoke that covers the sky.

Bring hope to the displaced and the homeless. Keep alive inside their minds and hearts memories, the physical traces of which may be lost. Remind us that you are the promise of a new tomorrow.

Bring rest and peace to those who have been lost, and let their souls find eternal life with you. Be a comfort and relief to the grieving.

As the cities are rebuilt, may no one be left behind. May all be remembered as you remember all. As you led the Hebrew people through the desert, lead your people now, God. From immigrants who face unique obstacles to farmworkers who continue to labor in the fields despite dangerous smoke to families who have lost loved ones to those who have lost everything they have built over a lifetime, may all be included and cared for as we rebuild, guided by your Spirit. May our hearts never turn away from you or from each other in our time of need. May we see you in the faces of those in need. May we see your work in the hands of all those who reach out to help and in the green—the life!—that will soon return, by your hand, to our land. **Amen.**

Antonio De Loera-Brust

Prayers from the Corrymeela Community

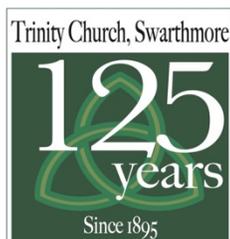
God of the spaces between us, God of the fractures within us: in the gap between what is and what should be there is room for empathy and learning. There are truths that we don't yet see, but could come to understand if we care enough to ask, if we imagine the reality of others, if we have the courage to change. May we enter that space knowing well you are there, waiting for us to join you in a recreation of what was empty into a garden full of life. **Amen.**

God of form and frame, God of tension and resistance: to grow we need something to push against. We need conflict to reveal what we think, how we feel, and for whom we're willing to fight. We need conflict to train us how to be kind when we really don't want to; how to make room for others because we simply have to, and because it makes a better space for us all. As we struggle and strain, may we hold our own but always in connection with others. **Amen.**

God of new lessons, God of old truths: this faith of ours is in what lies beyond us, not just within. As we release ourselves from the trap of thinking we have it all figured out, and turn to you and others for help, for the strength and insight we don't possess, may the fear of not being in control be replaced by the assurance of never being alone. **Amen**

.~ 2019 Youth Pilgrimage site, Northern Ireland

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