

**Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church (online edition)**

**June 14, 2020**



*Welcome to this new way of gathering together! While we cannot be physically present with one another, we know that as we gather in God's name, Christ is truly present.*

*Each Sunday, we will gather at 9:30am via Facebook Live. It will later be posted on our YouTube page ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber))*

If you know of others who are in need of signs of God's love and grace, who are curious and/or questioning, who would like to experience the peace of Christ – please invite them to join us “live” and/or to visit our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

If anyone needs to talk to someone amidst this time of anxiety, please feel free to contact Pastor Jen via the church office and/or her personal email (see end of document for emails).

*Our weekly emails are also posted on our website <http://trinitybrewsterny.org/wordpress/>.*

*Listed here is the order of worship so that you are able to follow along. We have included links to the hymns and an anthem picked by Franklyn that you may listen to in addition to our online service*

*Congregational responses are in **bold**. You are invited to read aloud wherever you may be worshipping. Though I cannot hear you, we know that we are speaking together from where we all are for God's ears and attention.*

**Setting up:** Set aside some sacred space where you are to worship and prayer. Light a candle (or more), set out your Bible and/or a cross. Spend a few moments in silence before you begin.

**Unraveled:** This year's summer series is about the ways in which our lives are unraveled and the ways in which God weaves them back together again.

**Introduction:** Sarah first laughs in disbelief and then in joy at the ways in which God's promises are revealed. How do we respond to the impossibilities in our own lives?

***We will be going LIVE before beginning the service with time for reflection to allow time for people to join our live feed before the spoken portion of our service begins. (we will not be using Zoom for the service)***

**PRELUDE** “What God Hath Promised” William M. Runyan

## **WELCOME**

*You are invited to comment below the video if there are particular prayers that you would like to lift up and have others pray about during the week.*

## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Gracious God, we bring you the broken parts of ourselves.

**Hem us in before and behind.**

Creator God, we bring you the joyful parts of ourselves.

**Weave us together in hope and praise.**

God of new life, we bring you doubt and faith knotted up in our hearts.

**Unravel our doubt. Weave faith into our hearts.**

In hope and faith we pray

**Draw us together and point us toward you.**

In hope and faith we worship.

**May we be as welcoming as Sarah and Abraham, who were quick to serve the stranger.**

In faith, we unravel our hearts before you

**May we proclaim that nothing is too big for God.**

In moments of holy surprise,

**May we laugh with deep abiding joy.**

For God is in the holy surprise.

**God is in the winding path.**

And God is in our presence today.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We pause in our God’s humbling presence to lift up all those ways that we are bound by sin

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

God we confess—we are loose ends.

**You give us the gift of community,  
and we weave walls of exclusion and isolation.**

**You give us the gift of a new day,  
and we spend more time unraveling justice than sewing seeds of peace and unity.**

**You give us the gift of holy surprises and unimaginable beauty,  
and we shut off our hearts and our blindfolded eyes.**

**Forgive us for our frayed ends and self-centered hearts.**

**Unravel the sin in us and replace it with love.**

**Gratefully we pray to You, God of all goodness and mercy, Amen.**

God beyond all expectations revealed the fullness of his love and grace on the cross and through the empty tomb. Jesus Christ gave all for us that we might live the fullness of life that God has given us. May God's mercy and grace be woven into our lives as we receive the entire forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN** *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us* (ELW 358 (vs 1,2,3))

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRuMPyTLehA>

1. Great God, your love has called us here,  
As we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
Though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
Your call to hear, your love to find.

2. We come with self-inflicted pains  
Of broken trust and chosen wrong,  
Half-free, half-bound by inner chains,  
By social forces swept along,  
By pow'rs and systems close-confined,  
Yet seeking hope for humankind.

3. Great God, in Christ you call our name  
And then receive us as your own,  
Not through some merit, right, or claim,  
But by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
And find you kneeling at our feet.

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## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of unending surprises, this life is a tapestry of moments woven together, and we long to be weavers of love. Today we gather and pray that you would unravel our bias. Unravel our assumptions. Unravel whatever it is that keeps us from you. And as you do, clear space in our hearts for your Word. We are listening. We are praying. **Amen.**

READING: **GENESIS 18:1-15; 21:1-7** (Sarah Laughs: *Unexpected Joy & Surprise*)

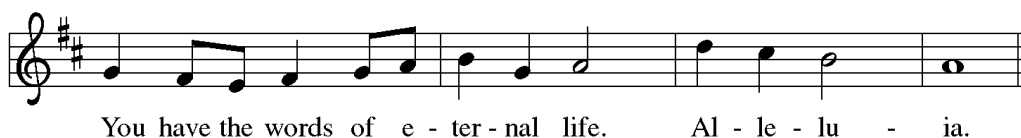
The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, 'My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' <sup>10</sup>Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup>Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup>And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup>Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup>Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' <sup>7</sup>And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

Word of God, Word of life **Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation



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### **HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:1-8**

The Holy Gospel according John the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You<sup>[d]</sup> must be born from above.’<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>8</sup> The wind<sup>[f]</sup> blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

### **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Give us laughter unexpected* (tune: Hymn to Joy)**

Give us laughter unexpected, mirth that mothers us to health,  
Bubbling up from deep within us, endless source of wondrous wealth.  
May our tears flow o'er our cheekbones, not of sorrow but of mirth,  
Freely flowing silly giggles, ones that mend this broken earth.

Though our grief can be so heavy - burdens break our brittle bones -  
There exists a salve that softens hurt amid the mournful moans.  
Laughter charges not a copay, needs no credit to obtain.  
All may gather at the fountain, for a moment, heal the pain.

When we think creation's over, when we think there is no more,  
Lead us to rethink our logic, help our joyous song restore.  
There's a cheerful balm that saves us from the sorrow and the sting.  
Laughter is the gift within us, sprouting up from joyous spring!

Blessed are you who weep with sorrow; soon the laughter comes to save.  
God, our joyful source of mercy, raises you up from the grave.  
Never cease to loose your chuckles, laugh out loud and let it fly.  
Hold yourself in holy humor, share God's joy in strong supply.

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**APOSTLE'S CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(You are invited to share in the comments, in your own gatherings and in your thoughts additional prayers. During the prayers, you are invited to write your prayers on strips of fabric to be woven into our art display. Pastor Jen will be adding prayers to our community prayer wheel during this time)*

Woven together as your whole Church, we lift our prayers before you, O Lord, for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of impossibilities, we are often overwhelmed by the uncertainties of life and our hopes wane in the face of them. Help us as your Church to see beyond our human expectations and find the ways in which You are doing a new thing among us. God of new life. **Hear our prayer**

God of new creation, these spring days remind us of the blessings of creation as we hear the songs of birds returned, see the beauty of flowers and trees and are awestruck by new life that appears all around us. Free our limited vision to see all that you have made that we may be faithful in our stewardship of your good creation. God of new life. **Hear our prayer**

God of all humanity, we are created in your image to reflect your goodness and love. As we join the whole of the ELCA to commemorate the Emmanuel Nine who were victims of hate and racism, lifting up: **Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson.** In remembering their lives, we pray that we may be moved to acts of justice in the ways that we speak out for the loving treatment of all your people. God of new life. **Hear our prayer**

God of restoration, You offer healing to all in body, mind and spirit. We are filled with sorrow for all those who have lost their lives to this virus as well as to hatred. We lift up all those who struggle daily and are need of comfort, peace and compassion. We pause to name those in our hearts before you as well as all those who have no one to name them... (pause) God of new life. **Hear our prayer**

God of eternity, we call to mind all those saints who have borne witness to your saving grace in their lives and in the world. May their testimony strengthen our faith to be bold in our witness to your love and peace for the whole world. God of new life. **Hear our prayer**

*Here other petitions may be offered.*

*Pastor:* In the face of our own uncertainties, we offer all these prayers before you, O Lord, for with you nothing is impossible as revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Christ be with you always **And also with you**

*(you are invited to share the peace with those who are with you, by commenting in the Facebook feed as well as by calling/sending a message of peace to someone)*

**OFFERING** *(You are invited to listen to this song as our “anthem” for this week. You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: [www.trinitybrewsterny.org](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org) )*

**ANTHEM:** *“Sarah Laughed”* Jan Seides  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQviz4-XwcQ>

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us. In the upside down world of the gospel, we measure our wealth not by what we have, but what we can give away. O Lord, accept these gifts that we offer generously to bless your church, your people, your whole creation in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **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 and ever. Amen.**



## MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

SENDING HYMN *Standing on the Promises* (from Lead Me, Guide Me 562)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lofNq0U2xk0>

- 1) Standing on the promises of Christ, my King  
Through eternal ages let his praises ring  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing  
Standing on the promises of God
  
- 2) Standing on the promises that cannot fail  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail  
By the living word of God I shall prevail  
Standing on the promises of God
  
- 3) Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord  
Bound to him eternally by loves' strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword  
Standing on the promises of God
  
- 4) Standing on the promises I cannot fall  
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all  
Standing on the promises of God

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### DISMISSAL

Go, in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God!**

*(The worship has ended, let the service begin)*

**Worship Notes:** Parts of today's worship are adapted by Pastor Jen Boyd from the following sources: Opening litany (*"Prayer by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org"*); *Prayers of Intercession* (Jennifer Boyd); *Offering prayer* (Rev. Quentin Chin <http://uccfiles.com/pdf/FeedmySheepEaster3April14.pdf>);

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### **In Our Prayers**

*We are particularly mindful of so many who are in need of prayers during this time. You are invited to contact Pastor Jen to add specific names to this list:*

### **Prayers of Healing**

John Reed (friend of Doris O'Toole)  
Michael Masucci (Lauren Baldanza's youngest son)  
Robert Peters (father of Stephen Peters)  
Pastor Marv Henk  
Stieg Cornell (Doris O'Toole's brother)  
Diane & Frank Strittmatter (friends of Dorothy Kafalas)  
Danielle Nestor

### **Prayers for those serving in the medical community**

Jeannette Baldanza (Dept. of Health)  
Dr. Lauren Icken (EMT, soon to be in Residence @ Albany Med)  
Eric Klammer (FDNY)  
Lisa Schuldt (Westchester Medical)  
Jeff Von Bargaen (Putnam Hospital)

### **Prayers for essential workers**

Justin Larocchia (Corrections)  
Kystal Langke (Postal worker)

### **Prayers of the Wider Church**

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (Presiding Bishop of the ELCA) and ELCA staff  
Bishop Paul Egensteiner (Bishop of Metro NY Synod) and synod staff  
Mother Gladys Diaz (deployed Asst. to Bishop for our area)

### **Prayers for families who have had loved ones die**

#### ***Families of***

Henry Link (friend of Larry & Kathie Ruhs)  
John Lyons (Peter Lyon's dad)

St Peter's Lutheran Church, Manhattan and Pastor Fabian Arias  
(Has had over 50 members who have died during the virus)

### **Additional Prayers**

For college students and professors as their semesters draw to a close  
For 2020 graduates that are unable to have commencements

## **Announcements**

**Emanuel Nine, martyrs, 2015:** On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

**Online commemoration:** Join Pastor Jen on **Facebook Live at noon on June 17<sup>th</sup>** for a time of prayer and reflection as we join the ELCA in this Church-wide commemoration.

**Re-open Plans:** We have put together a task force to look into what we need to have prepared related to precautions, changes and procedures. We will keep you up to date on what is being done. We are inviting you to do the online survey.

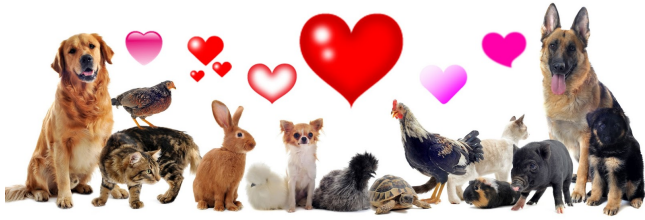
(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9HZSTK2>) or let us know your thoughts on the following questions:

- If we were able to hold in person worship during the month of June, how likely is it that you would attend?
  - And if so, how many from your household would attend with you?
  - Share any comments related to your answer

**Bible Study:** continues to meet Wednesday nights via Zoom (see link below). We are beginning a new study on June 10<sup>th</sup> that will dovetail with our Sunday morning themes (see next announcement)

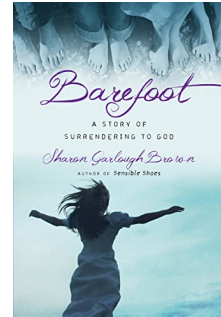
**Summer Worship Series: *Unraveled*** - What happens when our world falls apart? How do we press onward when our tightly-knit plans unravel into loose threads? What do we become when our identity—or the path we're on—comes undone? What if all of this is not the end we fear it will be? In our unraveling, sometimes life surprises us with unexpected joy, love, and hope—with a new beginning we couldn't have imagined. Sometimes we need God to unravel us, for we long to be changed.

This series will explore **12 stories** of unraveled shame, identity, fear, grief, dreams, and expectations. These stories will frame our worship and be used in Bible study. There will also be **a study journal** as well as an **art project**. A separate email will be sent out with more details. Our first story is "**Sarah's Laugh**: (portions of Genesis 18 & 21)



**“Essential Pets of Trinity”:** Watch for its release coming to a computer near you soon!

**Faith Book Club** will meet again on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> (7pm), The next book is “Barefoot: a story in surrendering to God” by Sharon Garlough Brown. This is the third book in this series. All are invited to join us.



**2020 Graduates:** Please send the name of the graduates in your household so that we may honor them and celebrate with them. Please send their names as well as the place that they are graduating from and what degree (as applicable) to Pastor Jen (please send even if you think she already knows)

**Graduation Pictures:** Pastor Jen would like to have put together a video of past and present graduation pictures from those who are a member of Trinity. She is also looking for someone who would be willing to make the video from all the stills. Please contact her.

**Recycling efforts:** Terracycle has discontinued the cereal bag collection so we will not be collecting them anymore at Trinity. Unfortunately, these are not allowed in your regular recycling bins and must be put in the trash. We will continue to collect the beauty products and dental products.

Also, for those of you with returnable bottles and cans, you can go to Carmel Beverage on Rt. 52 in Carmel which is open for returnables, or to Quick and Easy Bottle Returns on Old Route 6 in Carmel. You can find them on FaceBook. They are currently closed for a few days due to the overwhelming volume of returns they have gotten. They are open with the following guidelines:

### [Quick & Easy Bottle Returns](#)

[May 27 at 9:34 PM](#)

Due to overwhelming volume, as of Monday June 1st all bottles and cans MUST BE pre counted. We ask that you try to put them in light colored bags. We will not be able to accept uncounted bags. Same rules apply, glass separate and also we have A LOT of broken glass due to people

loading plastic bags with glass, then dragging them across the parking lot. So also as of Monday all glass MUST be in boxes. I don't care what kind of box but in boxes. Please make sure everything has a NY 5 deposit on it and everything is clean. Thank you, Q & E Management THERE ARE NO DEPOSITS ON ICED TEAS OF ANY KIND, ORANGE JUICE, GATORADE ALSO BEER CIDERS. WE ARE ALSO GETTING A LOT OF POLAND SPRING WITH A RED LINE AROUND THE BAR CODE. THOSE DO NOT HAVE A DEPOSIT

**Newsletter:** Since we are sending out regular updates, we will not have a newsletter for May. If there is information that you need, please feel free to contact the church office (trinelutheranoffice@yahoo.com) and/or Pastor Jen (revjdye1@yahoo.com)

**Food Pantry:** As the need grows for those in our community, you are invited to drop off items for Putnam CAP's food pantry. You may either drop them off here at Trinity or at the CAP office on Main Street in Brewster. You can find an updated list of their current needs on their website:

<http://putnamcap.org/index.html>



**Zoom Gatherings:** Each of the gatherings use the same password (410002) except where indicated, but different meeting ids; see below for each of the links. *If you need the links at any time, please contact Pastor Jen ([revjedye1@yahoo.com](mailto:revjedye1@yahoo.com) or call/text 518-231-4633)*

#### **Weekly gatherings**

**Monday (5pm) Praying together** (Meeting ID: 785 777 354)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/785777354?pwd=NnJsNmZLQzJDVk1iWHBNdlRCdEJYdz09>

**Wednesdays (7pm) Bible study** Meeting ID: 346 900 784)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/346900784?pwd=RnBtMEo4QUhQOG9veEZjRVNwMkd2QT09>

**Fridays (10am) Thread & Yarn group** (Meeting ID: 890-6099-7152)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89060997152?pwd=cW15NThGVzA5YUdsYWdKVGJYdVBkUT09>

#### **Sundays**

10:30 **Coffee Hour/Fellowship** (Meeting ID: 435 263 0119) **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4352630119?pwd=YXo0a241ZkJMMThKb1FSbm5ITEZqUT09>

#### **Offering**

You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: [www.trinitybrewsterny.org](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org). Please note that we are not depositing offerings every week, but about once a month.