Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church August 2, 2020

Welcome as we gather together in the name of God! Whether we are physically present with one another or gathering remotely, we know that Christ is truly present in our midst

Each Sunday, we will gather at 9:30am in our building as well as via Facebook Live. The service will be posted on our YouTube page

(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 (trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com) and/or her personal email (revjedyer1@yahoo.com).

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.

HYMNS: While we gather for in-person worship, we will not be singing any of the hymns. We will either speak the words responsively and/or listen to the accompaniment. All the words have been included for devotional use.

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: Jesus does not concern himself in the ways that we divide ourselves. When God looks upon each of us, he sees only his beloved children.

Holy Communion (bread only) will be offered for "drive thru" service (9am-9:20am & 10:15am-10:45am) as well as at the end of this worship service. If this time does not work, please contact Pastor Jen.

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.

PRELUDE Meditation on "Nettleton" Mark A. Radice

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. Please let us know that you are joining us online by commenting

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

We come here to draw water—

Thirsty for new life.

We come here to draw water—

Bringing our past and our present, our messy truths and our deepest scars.

We come here to draw water—

Carrying shame, and in need of grace.

Fortunately for us, God always meets us at the well.

So breathe deeply and drink up.

God is here. The water is clean.

Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We humbly pause in God's presence to lift up all those ways that we are bound by sin

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Like the woman at the well, we so often are unraveled by shame.

We carry shame for broken relationships.

We carry shame for being unable to balance

work and parenting,

tithing and bills,

productivity and Sabbath.

We get stuck in a comparison game and in critical self-monologues,

Consumed with the nagging feeling that we should be able to do more.

Forgive us for forgetting that we are made in your image.

Forgive us for forgetting that you see us and love us as we are.

Unravel the shame that unravels us.

Gratefully we pray, 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 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NjfTogk5w5g

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

(INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE)

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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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 life, Shower us in your living water, bringing us to new life, fresh and clean. Walk with us as we share the knowledge of your living water with others, so that all might live. **Amen.**

READING: Psalm 139:1-6

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

- ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
- ³ You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 4:1-29 | | The Samaritan Woman at the Well (Unraveled Shame)

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4th chapter Glory to you, O Lord

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, 'Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John'— ² although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized— ³he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

16 Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?'

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Just As I Am* (ELW 592) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CxA0TFe3-Uo

INSTRUMENTAL

1 Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,

and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, **O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

2 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

4 Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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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

(Pastor Jen will be adding our fabric 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.

Gracious God, we gather to experience your loving presence. Help us to know that you are with us always. Wherever we find ourselves, you are there. May we live as your beloved and treat others with the same love. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The world cries out in thirst for justice and peace, suffering from the effects of hatred, division and violence. Quench this thirst with your life-giving love and grace. Inspire leaders to seek the good for all people and not only the few. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we turn another page on our calendars and days blend one into another, we know that you are everlasting, O Lord. You come to us in the midst of this time with your steadfast grace, inspiring those who are seeking a cure for this illness. Bring strength and comfort to all who care for those affected by this disease. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your people, O Lord, yearn for relief from the struggles of body, mind and spirit. We seek your healing presence as a balm for body and soul. Be with all those who suffer this day, especially those that we name before you now ... (pause), for those who have no one to name them and for those who do not know Christ's name. God of mercy, **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 is 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 a sign of 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 be mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)

ANTHEM *"Fill My Cup, Lord"* Richard Blanchard https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4l2yY2r95g

OFFERING PRAYER

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion given through 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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor Jen will be at the door as you depart to share the body of Christ with you. Please wait to remove your mask and eat it after you are outside.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

Please maintain a distance of 6 feet between yourself and those who are not part of your household as you leave your pew and as you receive the Body of Christ. Also please keep your mask on and do not linger in the building.

SENDING HYMN *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* (Worship and Rejoice 439)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZ3UfQgQvgw

INSTRUMENTAL ONLY (you are invited to use the words as part of your devotional practice)

1 Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Savior, hide till the storm of life is past; safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

2 Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

3 Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee; spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

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(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"); Prayer of the Day (Working preacher website); Prayers of Intercession (Jennifer Boyd); Offering prayer (Mary Petrina Boyd, http://www.ministrymatters.com/)

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Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by Chris & Sandy Sciarra in celebration of their daughter Victoria's sweet 16th birthday which was on March 18th; and in celebration of their daughter Cassandra's 14th birthday which is on August 5th. Happy Birthday to you both and may God bless you always!

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 Thanksgiving

Prayers of Healing

Robert Peters (father of Stephen Peters)

Pastor Marv Henk

Diane & Frank Strittmatter (friends of Dorothy Kafalas)

Danielle Nestor (ankle surgery)

Mary Gerhardt (hip surgery)

Jill Russo's dad (cancer)

Maisa Tompuri (cataracts)

Danny Brooks (Carol Brooks' nephew)

Ursula Merolla (recently hospitalized)

Ralph DiNarte (friend of George O'Toole)

Brian (friend of Rosemary Gebhardt)

Lynne Caruso and Janna Kreps (friends of Holly Larocchia)

Ethan and Dina (friends of Georgina Marek)

Phyllis Land (friend of Pam Carlson)

Margaret, Elizabeth, Kathie, Larry, and Millie. (friends of Joanne Icken)

Katherine Waldvogel (Dawn Morello's mother)

Lillian Eberhardt (hospitalized)

Loretta Christiano (back surgery)

Corey Pate (friend of Jeanette Baldanza)

Kathie Gibbs (sister in law of Jeanette Baldanza)

Jeff Brown (friend of Doug Noah)

Emile "VInny" Bellissimo (friend of Loretta Christiano)

Prayers for those serving in the medical community

Jeannette Baldanza (Putnam Co. Dept. of Health)

Michael Conroy (Putnam Hospital)

Dr. Lauren Icken (Resident @ Albany Med)

Eric Klammer (FDNY)

Holly Larocchia (Arms Acres)

Lisa Schuldt (Westchester Medical)

Jeff Von Bargen (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 Family of

Steve Bradley (Joan Bradley's husband)

Additional Prayers

Announcements

CLOTHING SHED CLOSED: ST. Pauli textile who collects from the clothing shed has closed our shed temporarily. Please discourage anyone from making further donations at this time.

Trinity reads: the church Council is inviting the congregation to join them in reading "Dear Church: a love letter from a black preacher to the whitest denomination in the US" by Rev. Lenny Duncan, an ELCA pastor. We have been Invited and challenged by both the Metro NY synod and the ELCA to be deliberate in anti-racism understanding and efforts. aA a part of these efforts, we are each encouraged as well to sign the ELCA anti-racism pledge (https://www.elca.org/racialjusticepledge). The book is available through our publishing house, Augsburg Fortress and other booksellers. If you need assistance in obtaining the book, please contact Pastor Jen. We will be hosting discussions of the book in September.

Altar Flowers: Since we are meeting in person for worship, if you would like to have flowers placed on the altar, please contact Kathie Ruhs.

Re-open Plans: We are now open for in-person worship. Please carefully read the **Procedures document** to detailed information about what plans are in place and the expectations for those who plan to attend. There are numerous changes that are being made. You can find the document on our website.

Please note: If you do not feel ready or comfortable to returning to in-person worship, please do not feel pressured or guilty about your decision. We will continue to offer worship on Facebook Live. In addition, if decisions are made by local or state governments regarding this status change, we will follow their guidance.

Bible Study: continues to meet Wednesday nights via Zoom (see link below) that will dovetail with our Sunday morning themes (see next announcement). We will not meet when Church Council meets.

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 stories of unraveled shame, identity, fear, grief, dreams, and expectations. These stories will frame our worship and be used in Bible study. A **study journal** and an intergenerational **prayer art project** will be a part of this series as well.

Upcoming readings:

August 9: JOHN 20:19-29 Doubting Thomas (When the Unimaginable Has Happened)
August 16: EXODUS 1:22; 2:1-10 Moses' Mother Gives Moses Up So He Can Live

(When Our Plans for Our Children Unravel)

August 23: JOB 28:12-28 Job's Lament & Loss (Seeking Understanding When Everything Has Fallen Apart)

August 30: MARK 5:1-20 Jesus Heals Legion, a Man Possessed by Demons (The Unraveling of the Mind)



"Essential Pets of Trinity": Check out our video now on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA

Faith Book Club will not be meeting in August, but will meet again on Monday, Sept. 21st (7pm) The next book is All are invited to join us; invite anyone else among family and friends that you think would like to be a part of our discussions as well.

Recycling efforts: Our Terracycle and returnables recycling efforts are on hold for the time being. We will let you know as soon as we resume them.

Newsletter: Since we are sending out regular updates, we will not have a newsletter sent out. If there is information that you need, please feel free to contact the church office (trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com) and/or Pastor Jen (revjdyer1@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

School supplies: Putnam CAP still plans to help children in the county with their school needs, but are unable to receive the actual items. They are asking for donations and/or gift cards to places like Target, Walmart, Staples and Office Max. They can be mailed directly to them at: 121 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509.

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 (revjedyer1@yahoo.com or call/text 518-231-4633)*

Weekly gatherings

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)

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4352630119?pwd=YXo0a241ZkJMMThKb1FSbm5ITEZgUT09

Offering

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

Artist's statement

YOU ASK OF ME?

(THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL)

by hannah garrity

inspired by john 4:1-29 | acrylic & ink on canvas

Why are you asking me? As a woman in a patriarchal society, I have been faced with subordination throughout my life. I mostly do not feel it. I have learned self control from a young age and I have been taught to appreciate what I have. These skills are the reasons that I have the extensive happiness and comfort that I enjoy on a daily basis. However, the patriarchy still exists. Along with the external blocks, the glass ceilings, I am finding that I stand in my own way, too. Despite the tireless efforts of my parents to teach us of a world of equality and opportunity, I have still imbibed the societal belief that I, as a woman, am lesser; that my skills do not measure up, that my salary should not be equal or more, that I work too much, that I spend too little time with my children, or that I will not succeed at the next challenge. None of these things are true, and yet I throw the roadblocks of patriarchy before myself anyway. The woman at the well had multiple levels of societal oppression standing like a wall between Jesus

and her. She was not of the same race or gender as he, and she was unwed, unprotected. I can understand why she questioned God's call for water. Why would he address her as an equal? Are you asking me? Are you sure you meant to do that? Are you sure that I measure up?