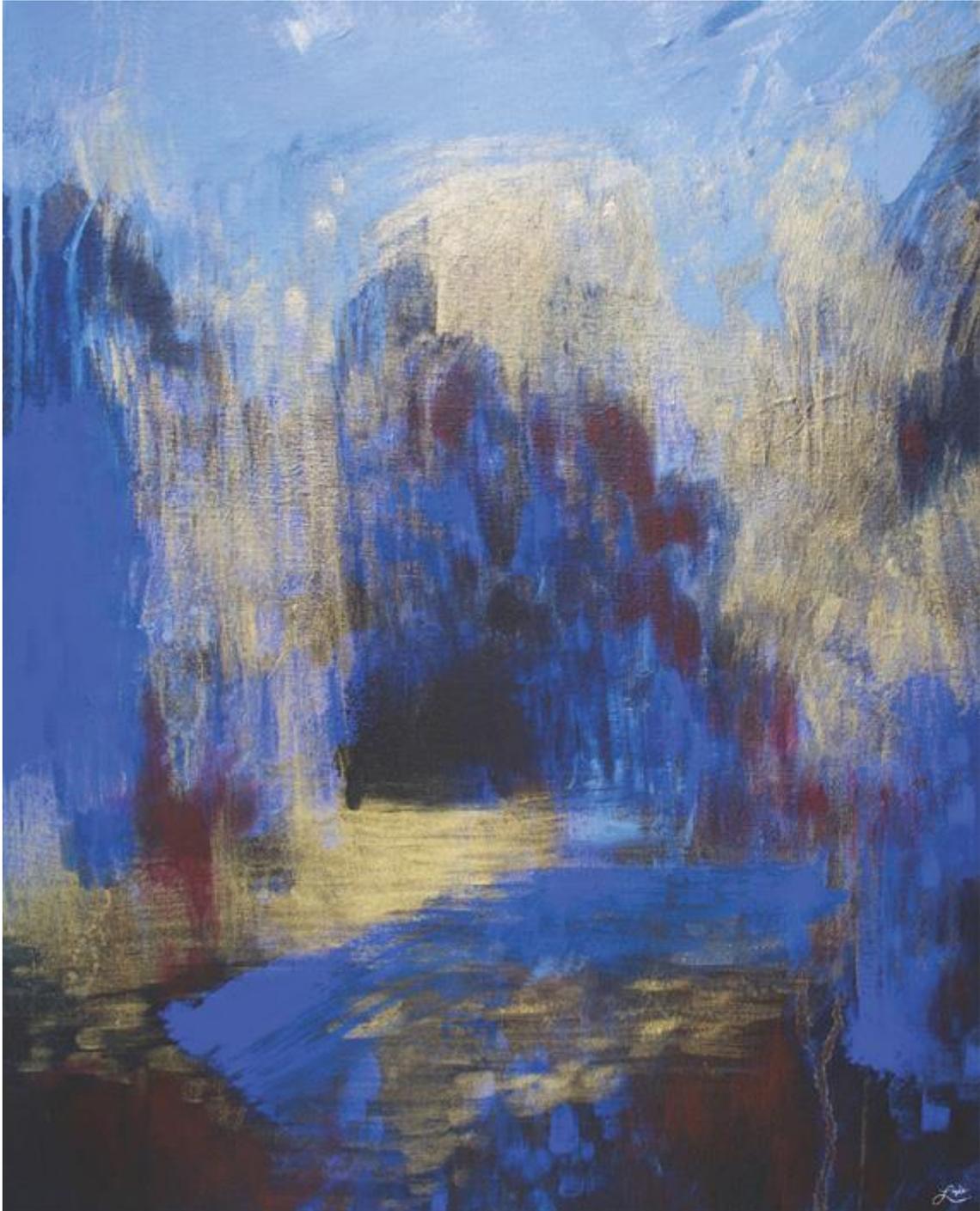


Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church
August 23, 2020



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=subscribe)

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: Wisdom is more than knowledge. God's wisdom is created and applied through the love and grace of Christ.

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 *Voluntary #1 in D* Dr. William Boyce

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

Come in from the night.

It is a new day, and this is where love lives.

Take off your coat, let the weight fall off your shoulders;

For here, you are known. Here, you are loved.

Come in from the rain.

We can do anything together. We can survive together.

When the world unravels from under your feet—come in.

Come in.

Come in.

God is here.

You are home. You will never be alone.

Let us worship the God who weaves us together. Amen.

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

Holy God,

We have been angry because we see suffering and we don't understand.

We have been skeptical because we know heartbreak that doesn't seem fair.

We have withheld love because sacrifice only feels real when it's our own.

Forgive us for forgetting that you created the heavens and the earth.

Forgive us for withholding our pain from you.

Forgive us for thinking that we know everything.

When the world falls apart around us—

When love unravels and life slowly fails—

Draw us in.

Show us grace; for you gave the wind its weight and you gave our bodies life.

Forgive us for forgetting that. 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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (ELW 834)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIbnP4_yj18

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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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

In this moment draw us to yourself, Lord and make us aware not so much of what we've been given as of all we have received and so have yet to share. Send us forth in power and gladness and with great courage to live out in the world what we pray and profess, that in sharing, we may do justice, make peace, grow in love, enjoy ourselves, other people and your world now, and you forever. **Amen.**

READING: JOB 28:12-28 || Job's Lament & Loss

(Seeking Understanding When Everything Has Fallen Apart)

- ¹² 'But where shall wisdom be found?
And where is the place of understanding?
- ¹³ Mortals do not know the way to it,
and it is not found in the land of the living.
- ¹⁴ The deep says, "It is not in me",
and the sea says, "It is not with me."
- ¹⁵ It cannot be bought for gold,
and silver cannot be weighed out as its price.
- ¹⁶ It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,
in precious onyx or sapphire.
- ¹⁷ Gold and glass cannot equal it,
nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold.
- ¹⁸ No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal;
the price of wisdom is above pearls.

¹⁹ The chrysolite of Ethiopia cannot compare with it,
nor can it be valued in pure gold.

²⁰ ‘Where then does wisdom come from?
And where is the place of understanding?

²¹ It is hidden from the eyes of all living,
and concealed from the birds of the air.

²² Abaddon and Death say,
“We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.”

²³ ‘God understands the way to it,
and he knows its place.

²⁴ For he looks to the ends of the earth,
and sees everything under the heavens.

²⁵ When he gave to the wind its weight,
and apportioned out the waters by measure;

²⁶ when he made a decree for the rain,
and a way for the thunderbolt;

²⁷ then he saw it and declared it;
he established it, and searched it out.

²⁸ And he said to humankind,
“Truly, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;
and to depart from evil is understanding.”

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 15:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes^[a] to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed^[b] by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become^[c] my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants^[d] any longer, because the servant^[e] does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my

name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Boyd

HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Word of God, Incarnate* (ELW 514)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxsA3n01z2s>

INSTRUMENTAL

1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

2 The church from you, dear Master,
received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.

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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.

God of eternal grace, you enter into our midst to bring the wisdom of your love that looks foolish to the world. May we know the strength and power of your wisdom as we seek to live faithfully each day. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Creating God, who forms the mountains and set the boundaries of the seas. We marvel at your never-ending creating power. Inspire us to be faithful stewards of all that you have placed into our care. May we be wise in our decisions, knowing that what we do ripples out to the world around us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Wise beyond our comprehension, you, O Lord move amongst us with peace and grace. Empower your Church to see you as the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Move us beyond that which

divides us today to see the unity of living in our midst. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Nurturing God, you reach out in compassion and care through your people. We give thanks for all those in the medical and caring professions as they bring healing and comfort to those entrusted to them. We pray especially this day for..... (pause), for those who have no one to name them and for those who do not know Christ's name. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Amidst the uncertainty and the ever changing world, we seek the steadfastness of your insight and wisdom, O Lord. Be with school administrators, teacher, parents and teachers as they seek to discern what is best for this school year. Grant patience and calm to all. Lord in your 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 by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org*)

ANTHEM: “Where Is Wisdom to Be Found?” William Boyce
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOZDWzbTmYc>

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 *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* (ELW 684)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= | LT9ZX3M>

*1) Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space
Let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise
your might*

*2) Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's myst'ries known or yet
untold;
Let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care*

3) *Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race
Let peace descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.*

4) *Indwelling God, your gospel claims one family with a billion names
Let every life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.*

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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* (Ted Loder, *Guerillas of Grace: prayers for the battle*); *Prayers of Intercession* (Jennifer Boyd); *Offering prayer* (Mary Petrina Boyd, <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>)

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Music Notes: William Boyce (1711 –1779) was an English composer and organist. Boyce was born in London. He was admitted by his father as a choirboy at St Paul's Cathedral in 1719. After his voice broke in 1727, he studied music with Maurice Greene. His first professional appointment

came in 1734 when he was employed as an organist at the Oxford Chapel in central London. He went on to take a number of similar posts before being appointed Master of the King's Musick in and one of the organists at the Chapel Royal in 1758. His work as a composer began in the 1730s, writing songs for Vauxhall Gardens. In 1736 he was named as composer to the Chapel Royal and wrote the oratorio David's Lamentation over Saul and Jonathan. He was engaged as conductor to the Three Choirs Festival in 1737.

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given by Jeannette and Joe Baldanza in honor of their forty-fifth wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary and blessings 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)
Burt Pelletier (friend of Peter Gebhardt)

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 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

Family of

Additional Prayers

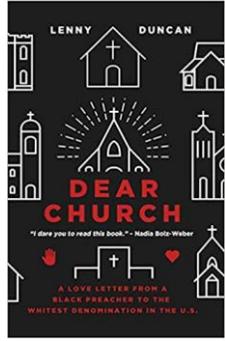
Announcements

Pastoral coverage: Pastor Jen is taking a couple of weeks of vacation (Aug. 24-Sept. 6th). In case of any pastoral emergencies, please contact the Church office. We thank Charlie Germain and Dawn Morello for leading worship over the next two weeks. The services will still be on Facebook and YouTube but there will not be communion offered.

Special Congregational meeting: *Sunday, Sept. 20th (10:30am)* regarding BESP which is being restructured. We are looking at the possibility of being one of the sleeping sites (transportation is being arranged). A letter with more information will be coming soon.

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. 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.



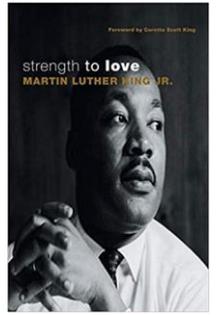
Altar Flowers: Since we are meeting in person for worship, if you would like to have flowers placed on the altar, please contact Kathie Ruhs.

Blood Drive: We will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, Sept. 29th (12:30pm-6:30pm – note time change). It will be by appointment only and have additional precautions in place. We will include additional information as it gets closer. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to be present in the building during the drive (you will not be working directly with the drive, but be available for any questions. If you are able to help, contact Carol Fendt or Pastor Jen.



Bible Study: is on brief hiatus; it will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 9th (7pm). We will be using the theme: “Love is greater than... We will be using some of the themes in the graphic like: fear, grief, money, etc

Faith Book Club will not be meeting in August, but will meet again on Monday, Sept. 21st (7pm). The next book is “Strength to Love’ by Martin Luther King, jr. It is a series of short essays that reflect on how his faith informed his work for justice. 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.



Summer Worship Series: *Unraveled* - 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 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>

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=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 . Please note that we are not depositing offerings every week, but about once a month.

Artist's statement

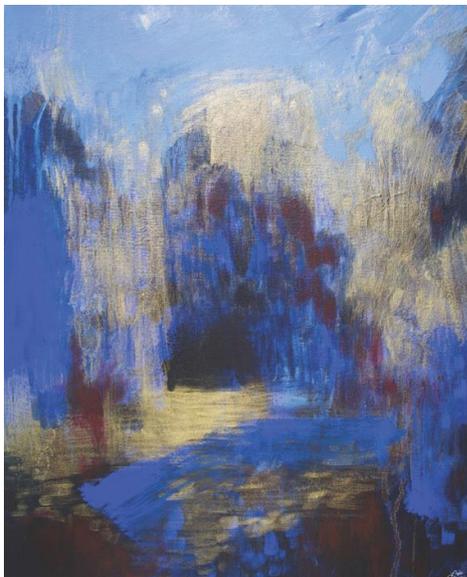
THE WAY TO WONDER

(JOB'S LAMENT & LOSS)

by lisle gwynn garrity

inspired by job 28:12-28 | acrylic on canvas

Everything Job holds dear—his property, his family, his wealth, his physical health—has been taken from him. His life has unraveled in every way imaginable. How can we possibly



make sense of the pain we endure, especially the pain we don't cause or deserve?

Much of Job's journey requires him to untangle the punitive, quid pro quo theology he has absorbed. *If I do good things, God will reward me. If I do bad things, God will punish me.* On a cerebral level, I disagree with the logic of these words. But I remember how easily I can fall into the trap of feeling these words viscerally and bodily in moments of pain, especially in suffering that is so awful and unfair.

When I first began this painting, I hoped to render Job's hymn to wisdom visually. I imagined being stuck in the deep, as if my body was anchored underwater and I was looking up to the surface. I imagined textures and symbols emerging in the swirl of the dark to portray Job's search for meaning, his grasping to find a way out. But as the painting came together, it was all wrong. The strokes and symbols were too literal, too formulaic. I almost scrapped the canvas altogether, but decided to keep going, to add more layers, more depth, more gold.

A window, doorway, or portal emerged in the middle of the painting. I felt a release and realized that, while I started with lament, I ended with awe. "To fear God is wisdom" (Job 28:28). The Hebrew word for "fear," *yirah*, literally translates to "awesome." True wisdom lies in breathless reverence for God's mystery and expansiveness—for God's presence that is beyond what we can control, or reason, or make far too small.

— lisle gwynn garrity