

This Week @ Trinity

May 21, 2020

The Dean's Corner: The People of Trinity Carry its Mission to the World

This week we received guidelines on re-opening Episcopal churches in Ohio for public worship. Bishop Hollingsworth's staff joined with that of Bishop Breidenthal in Southern Ohio to offer permission to open as early as Pentecost Sunday, and if they choose to do so how to open safely. I will share more in the coming weeks, but for now I want you to know that we have already convened a task force on reopening the cathedral for worship, led by our Junior Warden Paul Herrgesell. This is a process and every church will open on a different schedule depending upon its unique situation.

Trinity is not ready to resume in-person worship quite this soon, but the working group is exploring how we will do so when it is time. We are also planning to continue online worship options for those who cannot safely gather in person.



[Read the dean's entire message here](#)

Gentleness and Generosity May 21 Video Reflections from Dean Owens

View Dean Owens's latest video reflections for Thursday, May 21. You can find

more video reflections from the dean and others at youtube.com/trinitycleveland.



This Sunday, May 24

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

[Click here for this week's scripture](#)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist on YouTube and Trinity's homepage

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, preacher

The Rev. Adrienne Koch, celebrant

[Download the service bulletin here](#)

Visit Trinity's [YouTube page](#) or [website](#) to watch and participate in this service. This service is prerecorded. That means that you can view the service at 10:00 a.m., or at any time thereafter, and not miss a thing.

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Congregational Life

Livestream Benefit Concerts Feature Cleveland Orchestra Virtuoso

Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral is proud to announce its upcoming concert series featuring Mark Kosower, principal cellist for the Cleveland Orchestra. He will perform all six of Bach's *Cello Suites* unaccompanied over two performances: Fri. June 5 at 7:00 p.m. (*Suites 5, 1, and 3*) and Fri., July 31 at 7:00 p.m. (*Suites 2, 4 and 6*). The concerts will be livestreamed on the Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral Facebook page. The third concert will feature director of music Todd Wilson, associate organist Nicole Keller and other soloists performing works of Boulanger, Brahms and Britten. The date for this September concert will be announced soon.



The livestreams are free with an opportunity for viewers to give a freewill offering. All proceeds go in equal portions to Arts Cleveland for their COVID-19 relief for local artists and Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral, a 501 (c)(3) arts organization providing free concerts and other arts programming for the community at large.

Kosower has been principal cellist of the orchestra since 2010 and solo cellist of the Bamberg Symphony in Germany from 2006-2010. These performances

are part of Kosower's *Bach for Humanity* campaign. Started in 2018, it is an initiative to share Bach's music through community outreach, educational performances and recitals in the greater Cleveland area.

The livestreams will be broadcast on [Music & Art's Facebook page](#). Contact Todd Wilson or Nicole Keller for more details at music@trinitycleveland.org.

Spiritual Formation

The adult formation committee offers spiritual formation content for home use each week. The current theme is "The Fruits of the Spirit." This week, the focus is on peace.

Poem: [The Peace of Wild Things](#) by Wendell Berry

Spiritual Practice:

Novena is the Latin word for nine. The term describes an ancient mystical practice of setting aside daily time for prayer for a specific concern over nine days. With the entire world in a pandemic, we invite all to enter into this novena as a way to come together while self-isolating for the greater good. The Abbey of the Arts hosted this live webinar: *A Novena for Times of Unraveling* with Christine and John Valters Paintner, March 17-25, and have made it available for anyone to take part at no charge throughout the pandemic: [Novena for Times of Unraveling](#). Sessions include silence, reflection, meditation, sharing, song, and poetry.

Zoom Bible Study: Philippians

This four-part series reconvenes for part two, this Sunday, May 24 at 11:15 a.m. Contact Janet Lechleitner at janetlech@gmail.com for the access link and/or more information. You don't have to have attended the first Bible study session to participate.

Join Dean Owens for Bible Study Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Take part in the discussion as Dean Owens leads Bible study each Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., using the Lectio Divina method. If you're interested, contact Doreen Hughes at dhughes@trinitycleveland.org for the Zoom login

information.



It's a Pentecost Party!

Cathedral Kids (from Pre-K to 5th grade) are going to play a big role in our Pentecost worship service. Children have been recording videos waving colorful streamers for the

Pentecost procession. If your child hasn't already recorded a video and would like to participate, please contact the Rev. Jo Owens at jdn Owens@gmail.com as soon as possible.

"What is Pentecost?" your child might ask. It's the the church feast day celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension, held on the seventh Sunday after Easter.

Do You Need and/or Can You Sew Facemasks?

The first batch of facemasks, sewn by our volunteer ministers, have been completed. We will be fulfilling orders for those members that have already ordered them in the coming days.

You can still order a facemask if you are in need. Please visit trinitycleveland.org/face-mask-order-form. Masks will go to Trinity members and hot lunch guests first with the remainder being donated to Hospice of the Western Reserve.

If you would like to donate your time for mask delivery, please contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch at akoch@trinitycleveland.org. Also contact the Rev. Koch if you would like to sew or donate fabric, elastic, or thread to this project.

Pentecost Readings

We are looking for individuals to read the gospel scripture passage, in a language other than English, for our Pentecost Sunday video service being broadcast May 3. The reading is from Acts 2:1-6. If you speak another language, and would like to participate, please contact Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org, by May 24.

Trinity Receives Paycheck Protection Program Loan

The COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated many changes at Trinity Cathedral. The cathedral and the Commons are closed, the staff works from home, and we worship remotely. This new normal has had a tremendous impact on our finances. We no longer have parking lot revenue. We've had to cancel all revenue producing meetings and special events. We implemented a loan forgiveness program for our tenants. There are no Sunday or Brown Bag freewill offerings. We hope that those who are able will continue to honor their pledges, but we have to be prepared for a 2020 income shortfall.

In April, Trinity Cathedral was approved for a Paycheck Protection Program loan. The PPP is a loan program that resulted from the CARES Act—the federal government's legislation to provide financial support to companies, including non-profits, and individuals that are impacted by the economic downturn resulting from the pandemic. The PPP was designed specifically for organizations as a way to continue to pay staff. If a loan recipient meets the PPP's stated requirements, all or much of the loan will be forgiven.

Trinity and 29 other churches in the Diocese have received PPP loans. As of this writing, our administrative and clerical staff continues to work remotely, and our emphasis is on providing worship services, formation opportunities, Bible study, pastoral care and timely communications through various electronic means. We consider the PPP loan to be a bridge to an uncertain future. It was noted by Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) that non-profits were not disqualified from the PPP if they had "rainy day" funds. We believe that the PPP is the best way for us to guarantee that our staff can continue to receive

paychecks.

We are grateful that generous families who came before us had the foresight to establish our endowment. Each year we draw funds from it to pay for a significant portion of our operating expenses and capital repairs. Our endowment is a long term investment and we are mindful of finding the balance between serving our current needs and securing the cathedral's financial future. We continue to re-evaluate our financial realities, and the staff has been asked to cut ten percent from the 2020 expense budget. As the year progresses, we will continue to monitor our operations and finances and will keep the Trinity community apprised.

Patricia Roberts, Senior Warden

Paul Hergesell, Junior Warden

Tim Espy, Treasurer

Virtual Coffee Hour

Are you missing the faces of your Trinity friends? Join other Trinity members for Virtual Coffee Hour (via Zoom) this Sunday morning, May 17, from 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Drop in anytime. Bring your coffee or tea (or your pet) and visit with old and new friends prior to the 10:00 a.m. worship webcast. Associate for Congregational Life Ginger Bitikofer and others will host the scheduled coffee hours. There is a new link for this week's meeting. Get in touch with Ginger if you need the link or for any questions at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org, (216) 774-0407.



United Thank Offering

Trinity usually has a spring United Thank Offering (UTO) ingathering in May, but we will not collect offerings at this time, while the church is temporarily closed. Please save your

blue boxes for our next UTO ingathering, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. If you have a question about UTO, contact Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.

The Spirituality of the Enneagram

Last week, the Rev. Adrienne Koch kicked off a multi-week, in-depth exploration of the spirituality of the enneagram. This course will take place every other Sunday through September 6 at 11:15 a.m. Registration is required for the remaining sessions (the next one is May 31 at 11:15 a.m.) by Zoom at bit.ly/EnneagramClass. You can also join in by phone at (929) 205-6099. If you have questions or need more information, contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch at akoch@trinitycleveland.org.

In the meantime, check out the video recording of the first class held on May 17.



Stay in Touch with Trinity Friends

Stay in touch with and check in on fellow congregation members by using the directory in Trinity Connect and the Church Life app. Trinity Connect is the web-based link to our member directory and calendar. You can also use Trinity Connect to securely view your giving history. If you need a Trinity Connect orientation or a refresher, Ginger Bitikofer can send you information via email or offer help by phone. If you're a member, Ginger can also email you a church member directory (for the whole congregation, or just your neighborhood) in

Knitting Pearls Continue to Meet During Pandemic

Trinity's Knitting Pearls ministry is meeting (via Zoom) on Fridays, 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. The meetings are open to all who like to knit, crochet, stitch, and sew. Contact Beth Billings with questions or for more information at billings13@gmail.com.

Seeking Children's and Youth Staff

Trinity is hiring two part-time coordinator positions working with our children and youth. These positions will support families with young children and families with youth grades 6-12.

You can view the job descriptions for the [Children's Ministry Coordinator](#) and [Youth Program Coordinator](#). If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.



EPF May Action Items

Check out Trinity's Episcopal Peace Fellowship recommended actions for peace for May 2020.

[Review EPF Actions Here](#)

Urban Farm Blessing

Take part in the annual urban farm blessing next Saturday, May 30 at 11:00

a.m. Join volunteers and the Rev. Adrienne Koch in asking God for seasonable weather and a bountiful harvest to benefit our hungry neighbors.

Volunteers are always welcome every Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The farmers hope to harvest and donate 3,500 pounds of food this year, so join them in pursuing this goal. You don't need to stay for the whole time, even a half hour helps. For questions or more information, contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org.

Sunday School

The Rev. Jo Owens is leading Sunday School each Sunday at 9:30 a.m for kids in preschool through 5th grade. Please contact her at jdnowens@gmail.com for more information and for the Zoom link to participate.

Trinity Youth Group & Compline

Join the Rev. Anna Sutterisch, Canon for Christian Formation for the Diocese, at 7:15 p.m. every Sunday night for youth group, which includes grades 6–12. Experience community, games and prizes, followed by Diocesan compline. You can join in at Zoom.us/j/2167742230.



Compline welcomes students grades 6 and up (including college students!) It takes place at 8:00 p.m. each Sunday at the same Zoom link.

Music & Art at Trinity

Todd's Picks – Choral Evensong – November 6, 2019

Each week, we'll be highlighting a different choral evensong service and/or concert from years past (including the recent past). Music Director Todd Wilson will provide commentary on all of his *Todd's Picks* selections.

[Listen to the service here](#)

This week's featured Evensong is from Nov. 6, 2019 and was sung by the high voices of the Cathedral choir. The Rev. Adrienne Koch was homilist that evening as we commemorated Archbishop William Temple, one of the towering figures in the history of the Anglican communion. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis are the *Second Service* by Phillip Moore (b. 1943), former organist of Guildford Cathedral and York Minster. The anthem is a recent composition by our own Dr. Judith Eckelmeyer, a highly effective setting for sopranos and altos of Robert Frost's famous poem "The Road Not Taken."

Todd Wilson
Director of Music

In the Diocese

A Message from the Bishop

Earlier this week, Bishop Mark Hollingsworth, Bishop Thomas E. Breidenthal from the Diocese of Southern Ohio and the rest of the bishops in the two dioceses sent a letter regarding guidelines and directives for a physically regathered church. [You can view Bishop Hollingsworth's cover letter](#) and follow a link to the joint letter.

In the Episcopal Church



Join the Agrarian Ministries Facebook Group

The [Agrarian Ministries Facebook Group](#) is a place for all interested and involved in agrarian ministries in the Episcopal Church. Agrarian ministries relate to cultivated land or the cultivation of land, like gardening and farming. You can join to exchange ideas, ask questions, share stories, provoke action as part of the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus movement. The group represents a variety of agrarian ministries of the Episcopal Church.

National Council of Churches to Hold Virtual Service to Mourn Lives Lost to COVID-19

The [National Council of Churches USA](#) (NCC) will hold a public online memorial service on Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. ET to mourn the more than 300,000 people worldwide who have lost their lives to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 90,000 of whom were in the United States. The NCC is comprised of 38 member communions ranging from mainline Protestant to historic African American and Orthodox churches.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will join other faith leaders in remembering those who have died in global pandemic. For more information, [visit The Episcopal Church's website.](#)

In the Community

Member Moment – Sabine Kretschmar

Sabine Kretschmar recently published a video on the Cleveland Museum of Art website. She serves as Education Art Collection Manager at CMA, and she shares her thoughts with us:

"How do you facilitate engagement, connection, and wonder with the artworks at the Cleveland Museum of Art virtually? We, like our colleagues around the world, have been wrestling with this question since mid-March. The CMA launched 'Home is Where the Art Is,' which spotlights existing digital resources and features a variety of new offerings, mostly created on smart phones and cameras in private homes. [This video](#) about Albrecht Durer's *Melencolia I*, is part of the "On My Mind" series, where CMA staff reflect works of art that seem to speak to our current situation. They can all be found on cma.org."

"On a personal note, art is my portal to the wisdom of the past. This is very much a product of my struggle to rebound. Adaptability. Resilience. Compassion. Trust. Patience. Faith. Music. Art. Love. These have been my holds when I climb out of whatever pandemic-induced hole I've fallen into. Durer was a man of faith who lived through outbreaks of plague. I'm looking for experienced wisdom where I can find it."

Submit Your News for Publication

The deadline to submit program updates or events for *This Week @ Trinity*, is the Tuesday before each Thursday publication date. Please send news to sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org

Deadline for items to be included in the June Cathedral Connections newsletter is Fri., May 22. You can read the current issue of [Cathedral Connections online](#), or pick up a printed copy available throughout the Cathedral. Please contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org to receive a printed copy at home.

The mission of Trinity Cathedral is to proclaim in word and action God's justice, love and mercy for all creation.



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