The Dean's Corner:
A Sunday of Celebration

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure. -BCP, p. 234

This comes from the collect (opening prayer) from this past Sunday, and those of you who observe the daily office will also have heard it repeated each day this week. It is one of my favorite prayers and one that I especially need in the time of pandemic and uncertainty. Do not be anxious about earthly things, but love things heavenly.

While this may call to mind saints and spiritual masters who despite great adversity look heavenward through it all (yet another image of perfection that I’ll never live up to) I believe that that call to live free from anxiety does two things. One, it reminds us to breathe out and remember that God is present and will see us through. Trust God, and know that we will survive and grow despite hardship.

Read the dean’s entire message here

Guiding Our Conversation on Racial Equity

View Dean Owens's latest video reflections for Thursday, September 24. You
This Sunday, September 27

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Click here for this week's scripture

10:00 a.m. Outdoor (and Livestream) Service of Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens preaching
The Rev. Adrienne Koch celebrating

The service will be held on the lawn behind Cleveland State's Center for Innovation in Medical Professions. You can catch the livestream broadcast by visiting our homepage or our Facebook page.

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Children and youth who attend the 10:00 a.m. outdoor Eucharist service can participate in the Blessing of the Backpacks. Children can sit with their parents during the service; youth will gather under the trees with their leaders. The Blessing of the Backpacks (postponed from Sept. 13 due to rain) will take place during the service; bring your backpack, computer, planner or whatever is important to making school successful for you.

Children & Youth Fall Kick-Off

We're excited to kick off fall programing for youth and children on Sunday. New Youth and Children's Program Coordinator Shannon Smoot and Youth Program Assistant Delaney Ryan will meet with the youth and children outside on Sunday. After the service, youth will tie dye masks and enjoy a treat in the Cathedral Garden at 11:15 a.m. Kids in grades pre-K through 5 can stick around the green space for some post-service fun.
In the face of great difficulty, Trinity's ministry has continued throughout the pandemic: through livestream worship services, world-class concerts, adult formation classes of many kinds and ministries including our Urban Farm, A Place at the Table, the Wall of Love and Becoming Beloved Community, just to name a few. But most of all, your generosity has carried us through.

Be sure to stop by the table set up at Trinity, after the outdoor worship service on Sunday. Stewardship committee members have prepared a gift to help grow your roots of faith at home—pick one up as you head back to your car. If you have any questions about this year’s stewardship campaign, please contact a member of the committee (Beth Billings, Ginger Bitikofer, Scott Blanchard, Melvin Jones, Janet Lechleitner, Linda Lee, Pam McKee, Cynthia Ries, Ron Ross).

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**The Day of the Lord – a BrownBag Bible Study**

The Day of the Lord—is it a day of gloom or a day of hope and justice? Did you know that the belief in the second coming of Jesus is connected to a genre in scripture known as apocalyptic literature? Beginning this Sunday, join the Rev. Adrienne Koch in an exploration of genres in scripture, including apocalyptic literature and the book of Revelation. The class will run weekly through November 20 on Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join us using this Zoom link. We'll take a break one Sunday each month for the Trinity Forum.

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**Outdoor Services Scheduled Through November**

There will be several more opportunities to attend an outdoor service before winter. Each live service is held on the lawn at CSU's CIMP building across E. 22nd St. from Trinity. We also livestream the service for those who cannot attend. You can use the links below to reserve a spot for this Sunday,
September 27 as well as Sunday, October 11. The other reservation links will be published at least two weeks before each service. In case of inclement weather, visit our website or our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram posts.

- Sunday, Sept. 27 (baptism)
- Sunday, Oct. 11
- Sunday, Oct. 25
- Sunday, Nov. 8

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**Racial Equity Training**

As we grow in awareness and understanding of the sin of racism, Trinity has put together a racial equity training plan. We pray it will serve as a path forward for us to have a racial audit of our own congregational history.

Trinity has long served as an advocate, organizer, and convener of social justice in Cleveland. That history is both our pride and our strength. Continued commitment to justice work requires continued scrutinization of our practices, and a willingness to reexamine our own history with receptivity to the places we may have unintentionally or unknowingly failed to be the beloved community we seek to be.

The first chapter in this curriculum begins with a 3-hour one day program rooted in Racial Equity Institute’s Groundwater training and contextualized for our Cleveland community by ThirdSpace Action Lab. This program will take place on Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Due to a generous donation from a private donor and grant funding from the
diocese, this class will be offered at a greatly reduced cost. Register here: bit.ly/RacialEquityTrinity.

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**Third Livestream Benefit Concert a Success**

Music & Art at Trinity held a well-received benefit concert this past Friday, Sept. 18. The concert featured staples of the chamber music repertoire (chamber music is a form of classical music that is composed for a small group of instruments—traditionally a group that could fit in a palace chamber or a large room.)

The concert received a strong review on clevelandclassical.com. Note that the review contains 2 other concerts that took place last week.

Did you miss the concert? No problem, it was recorded and can be viewed here and at trinitycleveland.org, bit.ly/TrinityConcerts and youtube.com/trinitycleveland. Donations are still being accepted and benefit both Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral and Arts Cleveland's COVID relief efforts for local artists.

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**Volunteer Opportunity: Ushers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help serve as ushers at our upcoming outdoor services. Ushers serve a number of different hospitality roles: greeting worshippers, giving directions, checking in attendees, and seating guests. If
you'd like more information or want to sign up, contact Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.

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**Spiritual Formation: Finding Peace in These Uncertain Times**

Each week, the adult formation committee will share a poem, scripture and a spiritual practice for meditation and reflection.

**Poem:** Reconciliation Poem From The Cure at Troy, a version of Philoctetes translated by Seamus Heaney

Human beings suffer,
The torture one another,
They get hurt and get hard.

History says, Don't hope
On this side of the grave.
But then, once in a lifetime
The longed for tidal wave
Of justice can rise up,
And hope and history rhyme.

So hope for a great sea-change
On the far side of revenge.
Believe that a further shore
Is reachable from here.
Believe in miracles
And cures and healing wells.

**Scripture:** Psalm 139:22-23 (BCP)

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts
23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.
**Spiritual Practice: Daily Examen: Find God in Your Day**

The Daily Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God’s presence and to discern his direction for us. Take a few minutes to reflect on your day with these five questions.

1. *Become aware of God's presence.* Find a comfortable place where you can secure ten or fifteen quiet minutes. Close your eyes and relax your body.
2. *Review the events and experiences of the day* with gratitude to understand how God is acting in your life. Move through the day as if you were watching it on video.
3. *Pay attention* to the feelings that your experiences evoke. Ask what God is saying through these feelings.
4. *Choose one feature of the day, reflect upon it, and pray from it.* How are you discovering God in the midst of your daily life? Are you drawing closer to God or further away?

*Look toward tomorrow.* Ask God to give you light for tomorrow’s challenges.

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**Ohio's 'Safe At Home Program' Provides Address Confidentiality**

Enacted by the Ohio General Assembly in 2016 and administered by Secretary of State Frank LaRose's office, *Safe at Home* is an address confidentiality program that helps victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, stalking, rape and sexual battery shield their personal information from public record. This program provides abuse victims with a safe and secure way to participate in our democracy with ease.

You can find out more by viewing the campaign's poster and informational brochure. Feel free to share the program and its work with people you know to grow awareness of this program.
Garden Gatherings

Some of our small and neighborhood groups have been getting together for fellowship and social time. Would you like to meet with other Trinity members in the cathedral garden? If so, please contact Ginger Bitikofer (gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org). She can help schedule a day and time to meet in the garden. Cafe Ah-Roma and Subway are open, if you wish to pick up a beverage or snack.

Blessing of the Animals

Trinity will hold its annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the cathedral garden behind cathedral hall. Bring your cats, dogs, birds, hamsters, guinea pigs, lizards, snakes or even a stuffed animal. We request that you reserve your spot by visiting bit.ly/BlessingPets. If you can't attend send Rev. Adrienne your pet’s photo via email (akoch@trinitycleveland.org) for a special
Wednesday Bible Study

Join Trinity friends for “Community Gospel Reflections” Zoom Bible study on Wednesday afternoons at 5:00 p.m. The group uses a *lectio divina* approach to reflect upon the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday. The Zoom link is the same as what was formerly used for the Dean's weekly Bible study on Wednesdays; if you need that link, please contact Doreen Hughes at dhughes@trinitycleveland.org.

Mark: An Unfamiliar Gospel of an Unfamiliar Jesus

As the oldest of our gospels, Mark has often been obscured by the later gospels. In this four-video series, our own Bob Fowler, professor emeritus at Baldwin-Wallace University, biblical scholar and Trinity member will explore “Mark: An Unfamiliar Gospel of an Unfamiliar Jesus.” The first of the four videos will offer an overview of what we know, and don’t know, about the first gospel written.

A video intro to the class is available below and on [Trinity's website](https://www.trinitycleveland.org) and [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com). If you are interested in a Zoom interactive class on this Mark study, Bob is open to organizing a group with a time that works for everyone. For more information and to view the first installment, please email the Rev. Adrienne Koch (akoch@trinitycleveland.org) or Bob (robert.fowler@bw.edu).
Trinity Forum with Polly Bloom to be Rescheduled

We apologize for the technical difficulties that interrupted last week's Trinity Forum with historic preservationist Polly Bloom, who wrote her master's thesis at Ursuline College on the interior decoration of Trinity Cathedral. The interview is being rescheduled and we will announce the new time and date soon.

The Spirituality of the Enneagram

The Rev. Adrienne Koch's series on the spirituality of the enneagram for personality types 2-7 is available on Trinity's YouTube channel.

If you are a Type 1–Perfectionist, Type 8–Challenger or Type 9–Peacemaker, and would be willing to be interviewed for this series, please email akoch@trinitycleveland.org and express your interest.

Ministries Unite for Book Study

This Saturday, September 26 at 11:30 a.m., The Daughters of the King, Episcopal Peace Fellowship and the Faith Journey Book Group will gather by Zoom to discuss the book White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo. You can also check out a reading...
guide beforehand, although it's not required. If you have any questions, contact Janet Morrison at jmorrison611@gmail.com.

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Wall of Love Donations Benefit Those in Need

Can you donate items to help stock our Wall of Love? We need:

- New and gently worn T-shirts
- Full-sized bars of soap
- Socks
- Hats for sun protection
- Toothbrushes/toothpaste
- Sunglasses
- Ponchos
- Hand sanitizer
- Deodorant

Please contact Janet Morrison at jmorrison611@gmail.com if you'd like to arrange a donation or place items in the bin on the Prospect St. porch inside Trinity's parking lot this Sunday, September 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Grief Support Group at Trinity

Grief is a strong, sometimes overwhelming emotion and is the natural reaction to loss. We all experience it after the death of a loved one or the ending of an important relationship, a job loss, or the loss of anything valuable to us. A grief support group is not a therapy group. Those present do not assume there is something to fix about the way you grieve. A support group introduces people to others who are going through a similar experience to help normalize grief.

Trinity’s Grief Group is being organized by the Rev. Adrienne Koch, Marty Burkett, and Judy Eckelmeyer. The group will intentionally remain small and will meet once or twice a month depending on the schedules of those interested. If you are interested, please contact Marty at (541) 217-1180 or mb81@aol.com or Adrienne at (216) 774-0470 or akoch@trinitycleveland.org for more information.
This week's featured Choral Evensong was sung a few days after Thanksgiving, on Nov. 29, 2017. On that evening we commemorated Kamehameha and Emma, king and queen of Hawaii, both of whom contributed greatly to the spread of Christianity among the Hawaiian people. (The King personally translated the Book of Common Prayer and much of the Hymnal into Hawaiian). The Rev. Rosalind Hughes, rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Euclid, was homilist for this service.

The Trinity Chamber Singers sang the Responses as set by American organist and church musician, Gerre Hancock (1934-2012). The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to C.V. Stanford's iconic setting in G major (Kristine Caswelch was soloist in the Magnificat and Jose Gotera in the Nunc Dimittis).

The anthem was C. H. H. Parry's beautiful setting of “Never weather-beaten sail”. This poem by Thomas Campion with its refrain “O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest,” is admirably suited to this Evensong at the beginning of Advent.

Join Todd Wilson for the 4th episode of Hymn Stories – Hymns of Hope. This time, he'll introduce and tell the story of two significant hymns in the Episcopal repertoire: All My Hope on God is Founded and Lord of all Hopefulness, Lord of all joy. The hymns are sung by Kristine Caswelch and Matthew Jones, respectively.
BrownBag Concerts Return This Fall

For an unprecedented 43rd year, Music & Art at Trinity will offer a seven-concert series beginning October 7. Also unprecedented is the fact that this year's concerts will be livestreamed. The BrownBag concerts are the longest-running free music program in Northeast Ohio. Save the dates on your calendar. You can watch all of these Music & Art concerts at bit.ly/TrinityConcerts and trinitycleveland.org. In the meantime, you can read more about the specific performances.

Oct. 7 - Decho Ensemble, saxophone duo with piano accompaniment
Oct. 21 - Michael Messina, organ
Nov. 4 - Arc of the Keyboard, Nicole Keller, organ
Nov. 18 - Beethoven Birthday Bash, various performers
Dec. 2 - A Jazzy Christmas, Jennifer Cochran & The Gateway Band
Dec. 9 - A Ceremony of Carols - Treble voices of the Cathedral Choir
Dec. 16 - Messiah Sing

In the Diocese

Homesteading Retreat Down on the Farm

On Saturday, September 26, Bellwether Farm is holding a homesteading retreat. Participants can choose four workshop offerings including regenerative
gardening, farm-to-table cooking, pickling, sewing and mending and more. Lunch and dinner will be provided and participants are welcome to stay for an evening compline service. All workshops and meals will be observing strict social distancing guidelines including mandatory mask-wearing. The program is intended for participants age 16 and up. Only 20 spots will be available that day. You can register here or contact Amy Melena, camp and program director, with questions.

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**Harvest Hands**

We could use a hand! Bellwether Farm is busier than ever and we would love volunteer farm help! This Friday, Sept. 25, we are looking for volunteers interested in harvesting, weeding, seeding, and sorting our fall season crops. These events are being catered to participants of all ages. Please sign-up through Eventbrite and reach out to Amy Melena if you have any questions.

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**Ministry Discernment Day**

Ministry Discernment Day will be held on Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This day is for anyone seeking information on the ordination process either to the diaconate or to the priesthood. Both you and your rector are required to attend. The meeting format and place are still to be determined. Please Betty Kondrich at bkondrich@dohio.org for more information or to register.

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**In the Community**

**Tracey Lind Opens Photography Exhibit**
Former Trinity dean, The Very Rev. Tracey Lind, has opened “Eroded Beauty: A Photographic Retrospective,” at Foothill Galleries in Cleveland Heights. During her COVID-19 social distancing, Tracey uses past and present photographs to explore the concept of beauty and our place in a changing world. Viewings are by appointment only through October 23rd. For more information, visit Tracey's website.

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**Pride in the CLE 2020**

In the face of the ongoing pandemic, the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland has one more event that will help take the place of Pride in the CLE this year.

It's called *Virtual Pride in the CLE* to be held Friday, Sept. 25 at 7:00 p.m. The evening, which will occur online, will include local artists, musicians, local leaders, and more virtually to enjoy and interact with from the comfort of your home. For more information, visit [lgbtcleveland.org/pride-in-the-cle](http://lgbtcleveland.org/pride-in-the-cle).

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**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 November *Cathedral Connections* newsletter is Fri., October 23. You can read the current issue of *Cathedral Connections* online, 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.