The Dean's Corner:
The Audacity of Change

Through this long summer, we have witnessed the pain and anguish caused by centuries of systemic injustice. The deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor and so many more have brought into sharp relief the harm done to the bodies and souls of African Americans over these many years, and the tragic reality that the sin of racism endures. The harm is widespread, and like the fires raging on the west coast that spread indiscriminately throughout our society and our families, it turns us against one another and reinforces the barriers that prevent us from healing.

As a cathedral in the heart of a city profoundly impacted by the sin of racism, we have an opportunity to convene conversations that name the pain and envision a way forward. These conversations require courage and vulnerability, and no small measure of audacity: can we be audacious enough to imagine that we bring about change? The answer of course lies in God’s audacity: it is God who brings about change, it is the audacious movement of the Holy Spirit that changes hearts, and faith means trusting in God to build a community where the dignity of all is honored and celebrated.

Read the dean's entire message here

How Do I Want to Live the Rest of my Life?
View Dean Owens's latest video reflections for Thursday, October 1. You can find more video reflections from the dean and others at youtube.com/trinitycleveland.

This Sunday, October 4

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Click here for this week's scripture

10:00 a.m. Livestream Service of Holy Eucharist
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens preaching
The Rev. Adrienne Koch celebrating

The livestream service will feature parishioners leading the lessons and prayers, with music by Jennifer Cochran and The Gateway Band. You can catch the livestream broadcast by visiting our homepage or our Facebook page. Make sure to use Facebook's interactive tools such as likes, hearts and messaging to let us know you're attending. If you're watching on our website, send us an email: trinity@trinitycleveland.org.

11:15 a.m. Sunday School
12:00 p.m. BrownBag Bible Study – Apocalyptic Literature
7:00 p.m. Youth Group

Inside This Week @ Trinity

- Rooted in Faith Stewardship
- Wednesday Bible Study
We began our Rooted in Faith stewardship campaign last Sunday, with special remarks from Dean Owens during his sermon. He spoke of transformative giving – the type of giving in which your life is changed when you shape it around God, rather than asking God to fit into your budget.

Members of the stewardship committee handed out bags with daffodil and dwarf iris bulbs to congregants signifying the roots of faith you can plant at home. If you didn't receive your bulbs and would like to, please contact Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.
New member Lisa Fournier presented a ministry moment, a testimonial about her giving to Trinity. She told the story of how she arrived at Trinity and how she can directly see the results of her giving by the many ministries of the cathedral. She spoke of how, if each of us does our part, we can further the work of God in our presence. You can watch a recording of the service to hear Lisa's remarks and Dean Owens's sermon.

This Sunday, Trinity member George Anderson will present his ministry moment during the 10:00 a.m. livestream service. We will have a ministry moment at each weekly service leading up to the campaign's conclusion – a special livestream service on November 1, which is also All Saints' Day.

You should be receiving a pledge packet in the mail this week if you haven't already. If you haven't received the packet and would like one, please contact Ginger. Please prayerfully consider you pledge this year and bring us your commitment on the form on the campaign brochure. You can also make a pledge online. 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).

**Gallery: Outdoor Worship Service – Sept. 27**

Around 135 people attended last Sunday's outdoor service of Holy Eucharist across the street from the cathedral. Enjoy these photos from a beautiful September morn.
Blessing of the Backpacks

Lisa Fournier's Ministry Moment

Family togetherness: the Sgro family.

The breaking of the bread

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Youth and Children's Ministry

What a great turnout for last Sunday's outdoor gathering! Thanks to everyone who participated. Children made chalk drawings and youth made tie dyed face masks in addition to their lessons.
Join us this Sunday October 4th on Zoom. Since we are celebrating the Blessing of the Animals this Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the garden, we thought it would be a great time to invite youth and children to bring their pet to Sunday school too (via Zoom). Children Pre-K through 5th grades and youth in 6th through 12th grades will start together and then be placed in age appropriate classes to have some fun learning together. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please contact Youth and Children's Program Coordinator Shannon Smoot at ssmoot@trinitycleveland.org. Also, if you haven’t registered yet for Sunday school please go to this link: bit.ly/3hy2MJr.

Children's Ministry:
Join Zoom Meeting: 11:15 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
https://zoom.us/j/96324791405
Meeting ID: 963 2479 1405
Passcode: 633884

Youth Ministry:
Join Zoom Meeting: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
https://zoom.us/j/94198206627
Meeting ID: 941 9820 6627
Passcode: 995886

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? 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 by registering 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 Holy Eucharist 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 link below to reserve a spot for 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, Oct. 11**
- **Sunday, Oct. 25**
- **Sunday, Nov. 8**

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**Last Chance to Participate in First Racial Equity Training**

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

The first chapter in this curriculum begins with a 3-hour, 1 day program rooted in Racial Equity Institute's Groundwater training, contextualized for our Cleveland community by ThirdSpace Action Lab. This program will take place
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.

America Making Immigrants Safe (AMIS) is celebrating its first anniversary with a virtual fundraiser Sunday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. Formed by Trinity members Gary Benjamin, Melody Hart and others, AMIS has provided hope and a sense of community to Northeast Ohio families with roots in The Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, Mexico, Bulgaria, Honduras, Jordan, and Burkina Faso.

During the fundraiser, the vibrant traditions and cultures of our immigrant friends will be featured. In addition to your ticket purchase donation, the event will include our popular “fund-a-need” style donation opportunity in support of the immigrants that we serve.

Suggested ticket donation is $30 per person. The ticket includes a personalized recipe booklet, sent via U.S. Mail prior to the event that will feature a variety of authentic recipes for international drinks and food that we hope you will make at home and enjoy during our time together. Tickets are available at amisohio.org. If you have questions, please contact Gary Benjamin at garyabenjamin@aol.com.

Trinity Cathedral’s major initiative on racial equity begins this month with the ThirdSpace Action Lab Groundwater training this Saturday, October 3rd. The Adult Formation Committee invites you to "go deeper" in your learning by using...
the resources in this section, which will offer videos, poems, prayers, scripture passages and other resources. Anti-racism is a spiritual practice that helps us to live out our baptismal vow to “respect the dignity of every human being”.

**Scripture:** Isaiah 61: 1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

**Prayer:**
Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it: a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor; a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them; a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect; a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love. Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*United Church of Christ*

**Video:** [Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man](#)

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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.

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Blessing of the Animals

Trinity will hold its annual Blessing of the Animals this Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the cathedral garden. 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.

The Rev. Adrienne Koch is offering a special blessing to those pets unable to make it on Sunday, including the pets pictured below.

_Blessed are you, O God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. I ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable this beloved creature to live according to your plan. And, bless the lives of all who share theirs with this pet. Amen._
**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.

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**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.”

A video introduction to the class is available below and on Trinity's website and YouTube channel, as are the four sessions in the video series. There are also handouts and other class materials located on these two sites. 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. Please email Bob (robert.fowler@bw.edu) or the Rev. Adrienne Koch (akoch@trinitycleveland.org) for more information.
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. Please contact Marty at (541) 217-1180 or mb81@aol.com or Adrienne at (216) 774-0470 or akoch@trinitycleveland.org for more information.

Personal Prayer Time in the Cathedral

If you’ve been missing the inside beauty of the Cathedral for the last 6+ months, we hope you will come downtown for Personal Prayer Time. Beginning Thursday, October 8, the Cathedral sanctuary will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays for individuals to pray, walk the labyrinth, light a candle, and meditate. Capacity will be limited to 20 individuals. You are encouraged to let us know you’re coming, in advance, by emailing Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org. You may also come to the Prospect entrance of Trinity Commons without a reservation, but you may experience a short wait. All attendees will be asked to sign in, wear a mask during their visit, and socially distance themselves from others in the building. Trinity follows all Diocesan and CDC sanitation/cleaning protocols. Volunteers are needed to help as greeters. If you have questions, please contact Ginger, (216) 774-
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.

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.

Inquirers' Class (Catechesis)

Are you interested in finding out more about The Episcopal Church, with a goal of perhaps being confirmed, received or baptized into the church? The Rev. Adrienne Koch leads a class on Zoom the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30 p.m.– 7:00 p.m. Discussion topics include spirituality, religion, Episcopal history and polity, scripture and theology. To find out more or to register, email akoch@trinitycleveland.org.
This week’s featured Evensong was sung by the Cathedral Choir on April 25, 2018, when we commemorated St. Mark the Evangelist. The Rt. Rev. Arthur Williams, our dear friend and colleague, was the homilist that evening.

The Preces and Responses were sung to the beautiful setting by American composer Craig Phillips (b. 1961). A graduate of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester NY, Craig serves as director of music at All Saints’ Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills, CA. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to the setting by Englishman Bryan Kelly (b. 1934). Written in the 1960’s, this setting was quite innovative for its time, and quickly became a favorite of singers and listeners alike. The anthem that evening was Sir Edward Bairstow’s memorably beautiful setting of “I sat down under his shadow,” the text from the Song of Solomon 2: 3-4. Bairstow served as musician at England’s York Minster for over 30 years, and was one of the iconic figures in English church music of the early 20th century.

I hope you find beauty, tranquility and inspiration in this service.

Todd Wilson
Director of Music

Listen to the Choral Evensong Service Here

Hymn Stories

Join Todd Wilson for the 4th episode of Hymn Stories – Hymns of Hope. In this installment, 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
BrownBag Concerts Return This Fall

For an unprecedented 43rd year, Music & Art at Trinity will offer seven BrownBag concerts this fall beginning October 7. This year's concerts will be livestreamed from an empty cathedral for the safety of the performers and the home audience. 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 - Dueling Divas! Violinists Andrew Sords and Mari Sato with pianist Elizabeth DeMio
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
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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Personal and Family Retreats at Bellwether Farm

Bellwether Farm is beginning to provide limited overnight accommodations. Personal and Family Retreats are a safe way to provide individuals, couples, and families an opportunity to spend the weekend at Bellwether on October 9-11, October 16-18, and October 23-25.

These self-led retreats begin at dinner on Friday night and end Sunday morning with breakfast and a farmer's market. The package includes two dinners, two breakfasts, one lunch, and room accommodations. All meals are farm-to-table and locally sourced, allowing guests to experience the creative collaboration of Chef Lonny and Farmer Kyle in every meal. Guests also have the option to reserve one of five common rooms for additional space for gathering - perfect for reading and games. Each room includes a coffee maker, mini-fridge, couches, chairs, and a table. Fishing poles can be reserved for $5 per family (live bait included!), as well as campfire pits free of charge.

Visit the website for a schedule of the weekend, as well as individual and group pricing. Register soon, space is limited for each weekend.
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.

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