



# The Messenger

May 2021

Trinity Presbyterian Church



## Happy Easter, Trinity!

Thanks to improving conditions, Trinity was able to hold two sunrise services on Easter Sunday on the front lawn. This was in addition to a wonderful music filled worship video featuring brass. Last year we had a paper flowering cross and this year new paper flowers graced the lawn of Trinity for most of the week. Thank you to the Thomas family for sharing their Easter photos.





## The Pastor's Pen



### A Summer of Old Fashioned Worship

Dear Trinity Friends,

I am so excited to be back to in-person worship starting on May 2 with services on the lawn. It has been a long winter with limited in-person contact and I have been so grateful for the opportunities I have had to see you in small group gatherings, as the choir has met to safely provide music for services, and in one-on-one pastoral conversations. I am hopeful for the success of vaccinations and that we can safely gather in the church building as we move into the Fall.

The COVID re-opening team at Trinity has projected outdoor services for May, June, and July, as we begin to think about transitioning back inside (depending, of, course, on continued progress in bringing case numbers down and vaccination rates up). We plan to put up the worship tents we use for picnic Sunday to provide some shade on the front part of the lawn and are grateful for the shade our trees will provide to other parts of the lawn. We will continue to require sign-ups for worship in the case that we would need to do contact tracing. We will ask you to bring your own chairs and on communion Sundays to bring your own communion elements. If you can not make it in person or don't feel comfortable in person, we will continue to offer the recorded worship video.

As I have been thinking about summer worship outside this year, I am reminded of old family pictures I have seen, back when families came to worship by horse and buggy. In the summer in those days it was unbearable inside because no air conditioning, so gatherings were often held outdoors. Because you could never tell how long the preaching would go on in those days, people would pack a picnic lunch and bring it along with them so they could eat when worship was over and before heading back home. We are encouraging you to do the same thing this summer! I don't plan on preaching any of those full hour or two hour sermons people preached back in the day, but we are thinking a Sunday worship gathering is a great chance for some outside fellowship as long as people maintain proper distancing. Bring a picnic lunch and stay after worship to chat with friends, gather with your small group, or meet someone new you may not have talked with before. We will not have a formal "picnic Sunday" where Trinity is providing food, but any Sunday of summer worship can become a picnic Sunday and a chance to strengthen our connections as a community of faith.

And speaking of picnic Sunday, that is the time when we usually receive confirmands and honor our graduates. We will do those things on the second Sunday of June, so let us know if you have a graduate or are a graduate (high school, college, degree program) and if you will be able to attend outdoor worship that day.

Summer outdoor worship is also a great time for baptisms. If you have been thinking of having your child baptized and waiting until post-pandemic worship, we would be excited to celebrate a baptism at one of the summer services. Let me know and I will be happy to work with you on scheduling a date that works for you and your family.

We have lots to be grateful for as we maneuver our way through what are hopefully the last few months of worship outside our building. As we move closer to the Fall, we will let you know what protocols we will have in place and our projected schedule for resuming indoor worship. Thank you for your patience as we work through the details. And enjoy a summer of old-fashioned worship!!!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Judith

**Every Sunday a recorded video will be available.**

**Sunday, May 2**

Communion

10 a.m. outside worship

Pastor Judith preaching

Love and Pruning

1 John 4:7-12, John 15:1-8



**Sunday, May 9**

10 a.m. outside worship

Elder Paul Mannes preaching

Deep Water

Psalm 131; Galatians 5:13-26; John 1:5



**Sunday, May 16**

10 a.m. outside worship

Pastor Judith preaching

Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-53, Ephesians 1:15-23



**Sunday, May 23**

**Pentecost**

10 a.m. outside worship

Pastor Judith preaching

Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



**Sunday, May 30**

**10 a.m. outside worship**

Luke Bultena preaching

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-7

**Sundays at Trinity in May and June**

In addition to worship, small groups, and choir gatherings these opportunities are available each week. Please go to [www.trinityarlington.org/announcements](http://www.trinityarlington.org/announcements) to sign up (the links are for the online version of the Messenger).

**Recorded Worship Video and Children's Video**

**10 a.m. Worship on the Front Lawn**

**Zoom with Judith at 4 p.m.**

Zoom with Judith and chat about the sermon or whatever is on your mind.

**Sunday: Just Coffee at 11:45a.m.**

Come together virtually and have a cup of coffee through June 13th. No meeting on Mother's Day.

**Sunday: Bible Study 2 p.m. on Zoom.**

All are welcome to join this simple Bible study on the book of Daniel. To get the Zoom link, please email Ben. You don't have to come every week.



## Racial Justice Group

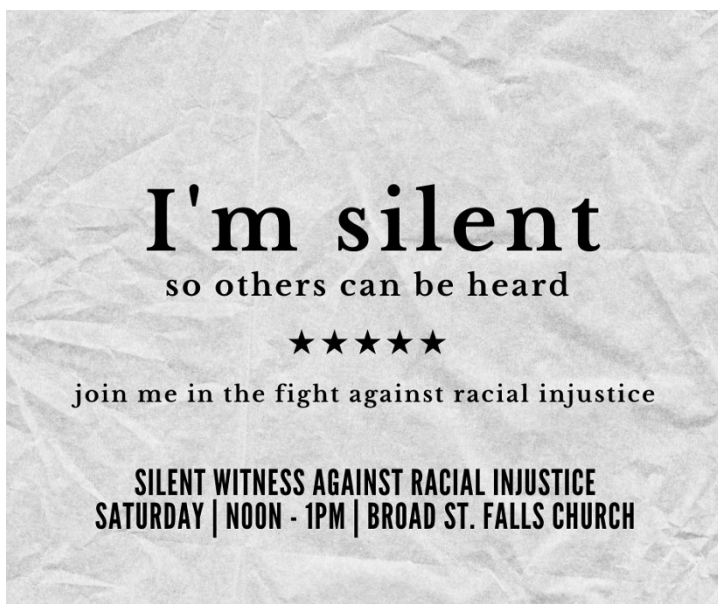
### Racial Justice Group Big News

In good news, Trinity's Session passed a motion on Tuesday, April 20, that will make the Racial Justice Group a full Ministry Team. At the next congregational meeting, the congregation will be asked to vote on a change to our bi-laws to approve this change. Previously the Racial Justice Group was under the Christian Education and Nurture ministry.

In more good news, helped by the recent letter-writing campaign, The Arlington County Board in late April took several key actions that VOICE had strongly supported regarding affordable and sustainable housing. Board Vice Chair Katie Cristol said: "We appreciate so much your thoughtful engagement throughout the budget process, and your counsel to us and recommendations, which are always rooted in the faith that we can do better by our residents with lower incomes and our shared values of inclusiveness." The whole message from the VOICE Arlington Strategy Team is [here](#). (online links are available under NEWSLETTER/MEMBERS on our website.)

### Silent Witness every other Saturday

Come join Falls Church Presbyterian in silent witness on Broad Street in Falls Church. Bring a sign, wear a mask and physical distance. Learn more here: <https://fallschurchpresby.org/silentwitness/>



### What is VOICE?



Since August 2020, Trinity has been taking part in VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) a multiracial, interfaith coalition of almost 50 faith communities and civic organizations in Northern Virginia working together to build power in middle- and low-income communities to make change. Through VOICE, Trinity members are taking action on issues impacting our community, from affordable housing to health care. Our discerning year with VOICE will come to a close soon and we will have to vote if we want to become a full member. Please use this time to get involved and try out some of the opportunities presented by VOICE. For an overview of VOICE, you can also watch this video (online link under Members on our website): <https://youtu.be/JS4fXCVosC0>

Here are two past presentations from VOICE:

Learn: **Fair Housing** – Slides and other documents from VOICE on Fair Housing in our area, including an excellent slide show on how we got here, can be viewed [here](#).

Learn: Decriminalization of Mental Health and Substance Abuse – On April 8 VOICE, presented a research action on creating crisis centers that divert people in crisis from incarceration. Speakers were from a program in Arizona that has documented success. You can see a recording of the presentation [here](#). The slides are [here](#). (online links are available under NEWSLETTER/MEMBERS on our website.)



## Announcements

### Pastoral Care Team seeking new members



Do you enjoy keeping up with Trinity members near and far? Do you enjoy writing letters? The Pastoral Care team is looking for new members to help us serve our Church family. This is a

great way to meet new people at Trinity and a very small time commitment. We do not have monthly meetings! If you are interested please contact [Jennie Gwin](#).

### New Fellowship Chair

Thank you to Priscilla Hoffman-Stowe for taking on the role of Fellowship Ministry chair. Thank you to Lisa Overbeek for being the previous chair.

### Virtual is not for everyone

If you are not online and would like a copy of the bulletin and sermon text sent to you, please call the office at 703 536 5600 and let us know. We want to make sure everyone is connected in a way they feel most comfortable.

### New website and app

The church has a new app. We hope that this will make it easier for you to access items, especially during outside worship. When we return to in person worship, this will be an environmentally friendly way to get the bulletin.



The app will have the order of worship and lyrics for outside worship. It will also be an easy place to see announcements, sign up, and give. Lastly, we can send out notifications, such as a change to worship time due to weather. We will not have the prayer concerns on the app as it is publicly available and we want to respect internet privacy. To get the app:

- Go to your App Store
- Search "Sharefaith App"
- Install
- Type in "Trinity Presbyterian Arlington" for your church.
- Click Default for the Icon

Enjoy.

There are a few kinks we are working out (especially for android users, who might experience an error when first downloading it. The app will still work.). We have our own icon and hope to have it labeled as Trinity Presbyterian App soon, but for now this should work. Let us know what you think! [Communications@trinityarlington.org](mailto:Communications@trinityarlington.org)

### Trivia Night in February



The Pancake Trivia night was lots of fun. We learned our Nationals knowledge was a bit higher than our Stations of the Cross knowledge (keep in mind this was before the Lenten devotion). People got points for dressing up in pancake or Mardi Gras attire and, wow, no one disappointed. We had paper pancakes, chef's hats, jester hats, beads, and the bonus point of eating pancakes while playing Pancake Trivia.

Priscilla and Art were the winners and got a lovely yard sign, pancake syrup and spatula (pictured here).

There was a tie for the other winners (where we apply the mini golf rules for Trivia night and the lowest score also wins) with Cindy Bare and Shakti Shukla with Reva and Lila tying. Are you interested in trivia night? Any one can host, just let Fellowship know (and Priscilla is the new chair).

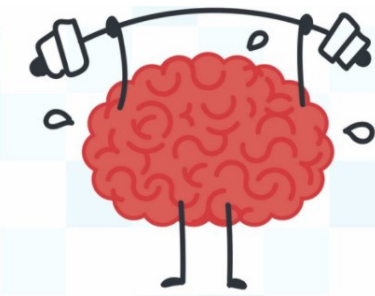
## Mental Health and Racial Justice Spots

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Each week Mental Health Wellness Team and the Racial Justice Group will each have a special spotlight. Mental Health offering might be a quote, article, or event.

The Racial Justice Group will have a quote and an opportunity for action. Please look for them in the enews each week and also on the website.

#### Mental Health Spot:



#### From April 14th

Quote: “Death is always out of our control, but what is within our power is taking steps to ensure the legacy of those we miss most lives on in perpetuity.” Allison Gilbert, author, in first article below.

Articles:

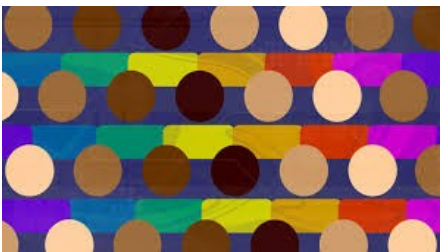
‘Pandemic grief’ proves especially devastating and complex for many in mourning, health experts say Bereavement after a coronavirus death may be traumatically distorted by our enforced absence — not “being there” to offer an embrace to a dying loved one. By

Cathy Alter

After a year of covid life, we’ve run out of things to talk about. Try these conversation tips. Try being observant, asking questions, not complaining and, yes, even preparing topics. By Galadriel Watson

Previous Mental Health spots this month included a workshop on family communication, an article on ADHD, and a webinar on coping and building resilience.

#### Racial Justice Spot from April 11th



Allyship, what is it? **Click here for an article.** *Allyship the Key to Unlocking the Power of Diversity.*

The NCP is offering Allyship Training:

Allyship Training April 29 and May 1st. Sign up now for Allyship training from the National Capital Presbytery with Service Never Sleeps in May. Click here to learn more. SNS trains allies who can actively promote social justice as a way of life. The workshop teaches individuals about the causes of social injustice, how to be effective allies for marginalized communities, and how to actively

influence and educate others. If you would like to talk to someone who has done the training from Service Never Sleeps: Many Trinity members took this training last year, please contact the office for names if you have a question.

#### Volunteer - Get Active

Volunteering is a great way to beat the blues and help others in the process. MSM and Mental Health Wellness Team has put together a list of current opportunities for volunteers. Please check with the organizations, but they did their best to ensure the organizations were abiding by health regulations. If you are not able to get out, you can also donate items, write a random note to someone via USPS, or donate money. [Here is an ongoing list of places to help](#)

[www.trinityarlington.org/msm\\_upcomingevents](http://www.trinityarlington.org/msm_upcomingevents)



## Photos

**Outside Worship on May 2, 2021**

We had amazing weather for first outdoor worship in May! Be sure to sign up online, wear a mask, and bring something to sit on.





## Photo Album

### Stations of the Cross

During Lent we studied the stations of the cross each Sunday. On Good Friday, despite high winds, we had the 15 stations of the cross at Trinity. Each station of the 15 stations of the cross featured a feast for the senses with crosses and tapestries from around the world and artwork by inspired Trinity members, in addition to the coloring pages from the devotional. Thank you to Pastor Judith, Gail Wentzel, and Donna Parry and others who helped make this special event possible including those who sent in their coloring pages.. The whole experience was also available online. Here are some of the stations.

#### *Station 1 Sorrow*



#### *Station 5: Judgement*



#### *Station 3: Condemnation*



#### *Station 6: Crowning*

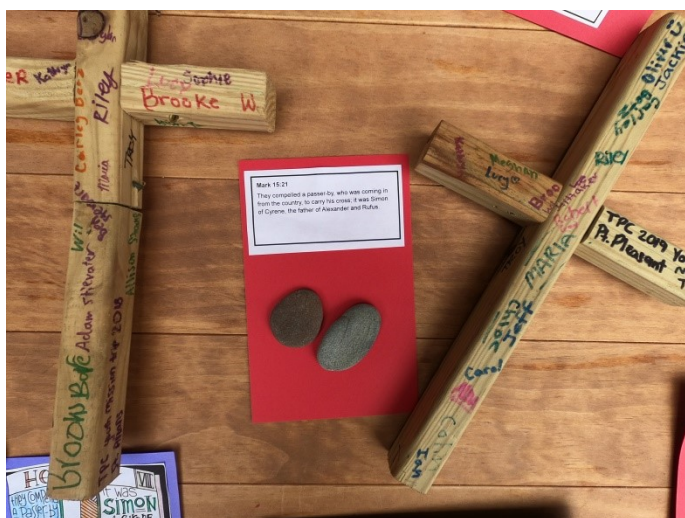
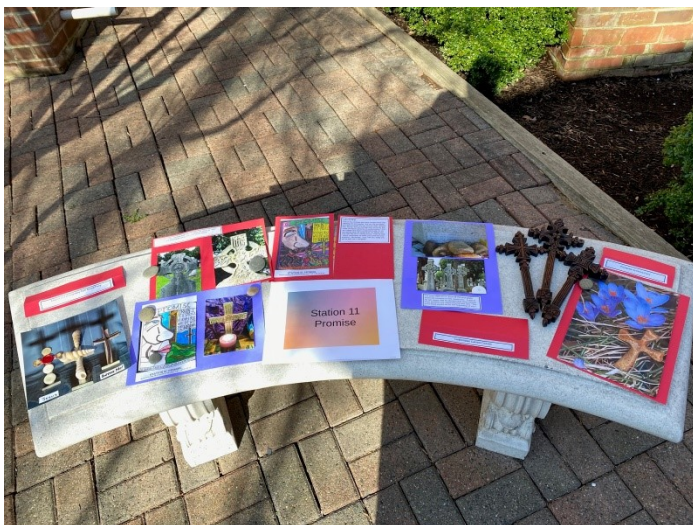
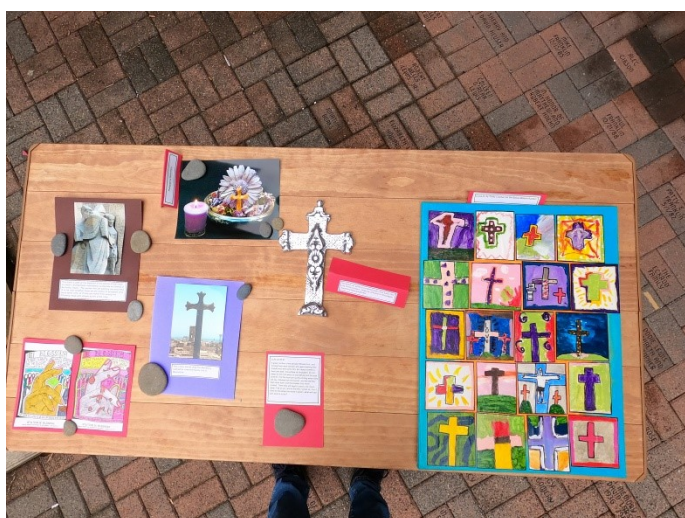


#### *Station 4: Denial*





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*Station 7: Bearing**Station 10: Crucifixion**Station 8: Helping**Station 11: Promise**Station 9: Blessing**Station 13: Darkness*



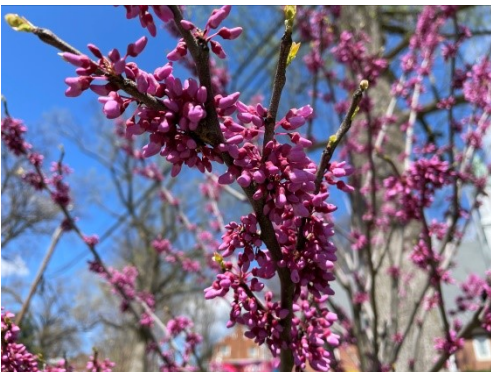
## Session Highlights

### Session Highlights for April 2021

Following are highlights of the session's regular monthly meeting, held remotely on April 19. For more information, touch base with Pastor Judith, Clerk Jim Dykstra or any session member:

- Session approved Paul Mannes as guest preacher at worship on Sunday, May 9.
- Session received the quarterly review of Trinity's finances. As a result of COVID, regular offerings and building use revenues are down, creating a significant shortfall in the church's finances. Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt noted that most churches are experiencing the same challenges, and Trinity's financial health is better than many of its counterparts.
- The Worship and Music Ministry reported that work on the sanctuary audio-visual system is done. Formal training to operate the system was held for a small group of volunteers, with a second training session planned.
- Session approved a motion from the Facilities Management Ministry for an Eagle Scout project in the outdoor upper chapel.
- Session approved a motion from the Racial Justice Group that it become a full ministry, with a chair, elder liaison and budget. Revision of Trinity bylaws and approval by the congregation will be required.
- Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt reported that she had provided training for three incoming elders on Sunday, April 18, with training of the other two planned for Saturday, April 24. Ordination and installation is planned for Sunday, May 9, with Sunday, May 16 the rain date.
- Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt led a brief discussion on ministry chair terms. New chairs are still needed for the Pastoral Care Ministry and the Worship and Music Ministry. Priscilla Hoffman-Stowe was approved as new chair of the Fellowship Ministry.
- Elder Commissioner Troy Schneider provided a report on the Presbytery meeting held on March 23.
- Rev/ Fulp-Eickstaedt led discussion on plans for a spring session retreat, including both outgoing and incoming elders, to be held on Saturday, May 15, in the church parking lot, as was done with the fall retreat.
- Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt led discussion on plans for outdoor services as weather improves, with the return to outdoor worship services on the Trinity lawn in May and June. The Reopening Team met on April 20, and its motion to permit worship and other activities for up to 50 indoors and 100 outdoors, with masks and social distancing, consistent with guidelines for the State of Virginia announced by Gov. Ralph Northam, was approved. Further, food would be allowed to be consumed on Trinity property in these scenarios, as long as people remain masked when not eating and maintain physical distance at all times.
- An update was provided on Vacation Bible School planning, which is under way.

For March minutes, please click here: <https://trinityarlington.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/3-9-21-Session-Minutes.pdf>



### Trinity in bloom

The new tree on the front lawn was in full bloom this spring. In addition, the crocuses filled the lawn as well.



## Financial and Facilities

Trinity Operating Fund				
Income and Expenses for Current Fiscal Year as of March 31, 2021				
	Actual Results: July 1- March 31	Annual FY21 Budget	Difference	Actual as a % of Budget
<b>Revenue</b>				
Weekly Offerings	\$ 492,000	\$ 759,700	\$ 267,700	65%
Building Use & Other	51,800	83,500	31,700	62%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 543,800</b>	<b>\$ 843,200</b>	<b>\$ 299,400</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	649,900	948,500	298,600	69%
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (106,100)</b>	<b>\$ (105,300)</b>		



### New Roof

The Facilities Ministry has been busy while the church building has been closed. The Narthex roof has been completely replaced and it looks wonderful and allows more light in the Narthex! Thank you to Skip and Mike for overseeing this effort.





## Music

### Concerts

A new mini concert we just released, featuring Bradley J. King and Carol Feather Martin and titled “Beauty” is available. You can access this concert on our youtube channel “Trinity Presbyterian Church Arlington” The links are also available on the website.

Additional full length pieces from the worship services are available the dropbox link on the website under At Home Music or by clicking here:

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/80d4okl5zazqylc/AACo\\_MC20X9xZlCARNBoIBZ\\_a?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/80d4okl5zazqylc/AACo_MC20X9xZlCARNBoIBZ_a?dl=0)



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### Music in Worship

We are so happy to have the choir rehearsing and singing for recorded worship. We are grateful for everyone’s hard work, including getting the copyright releases for each piece of music.



Hymn #14 For the Beauty of the World

Text: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1838, abr. William Henry Monk,  
1861; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

Public Domain

## ***Joys and Concerns***

***Please pray for the following friends and family of Trinity:***

At Trinity we raise up many concerns and joys in prayer. For privacy on the internet, we only publish these in the hard copy of the Messenger. Please contact the office if you would like to get a copy (we can email it to you if you are a Trinity member).



## Youth



Youth Group is meeting in person!

5/2: Mission Trip Meeting; Youth Group

5/9: Youth Group (Mother's Day)

5/16: Small Groups

5/23: Youth Group

5/30: No Youth Group (Memorial Day)

### charity: water update

The youth raised over \$5000 for charity: water this year! Thank you to everyone who contributed!

Thanks to Stuart's creativity and some great adult volunteers, the youth have been able to meet in person and even went camping in March. Part of the weekend was collecting, carrying, and purifying water as part of the charity: water fundraiser awareness. Back at Trinity on Sunday nights, the youth have played distanced Pictionary and also tried tasks from Taskmaster (a British challenge TV show).





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>May 2021</b>						
2 10am Outside worship 11:45 Just Coffee 2pm Bible Study 4pm Zoom with Judith 7pm Youth Group	3	4	5	6 Christian Ed Min Mtg	7	8 Silent Witness
9 Mother's Day 10am outside worship 2pm Bible Study 7pm Youth Group	10	11 Session Meeting Horizons Book Club	12 Racial Justice Meeting	13	14	15
16 10am outside worship 11:45 Just Coffee 2pm Bible Study 4pm Zoom with Judith 7pm Youth Small Grps	17	18	19	20	21	22 Silent Witness
23 Pentecost 10am outside worship 11:45 Just Coffee 4pm Zoom with Judith 7pm Youth Group	24	25	26 Mission & Service Min	27	28	29
30 10am outside worship 11:45 Just Coffee 4pm Zoom with Judith	31 Memorial Day					



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### Worship Schedule

Currently we are worshipping at home.  
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**We will also offer recorded worship every Sunday.**

Trinity on the Green



Trinity on the Screen

