

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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Everything you need for worship is in this bulletin.

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All who trust that Christ is present in Holy Communion are invited to receive Him with us today.

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Please silence your cell phone.

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Children are always welcome in our worship! Classroom 4 in the Annex has space for nursing, changing, or a sensory break, if necessary.

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Our AED is mounted on the wall in the stairway next to the baptismal font.

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At Trinity, we welcome all LGBTQ+ people as full participants in our common life. We're proud to proclaim this publicly in our city and wider church as a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM Music Ministry Sunday/Easter 6 May 5, 2024

Congregational words are in bold print.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

The Gifts of Grace Setting by Arnold B. Sherman Based on *Amazing Grace*

The Trinity Ringers Lisa Speece and Amy Stewart-Himes, flute

Please stand in body or spirit.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

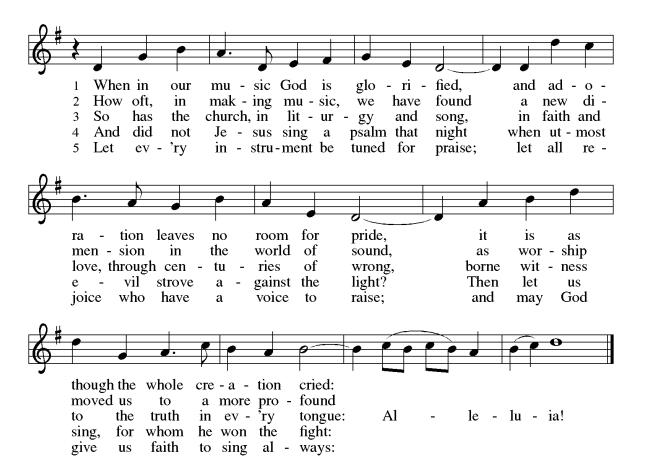
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for Maiden Creek. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - ELW 851 - When in Our Music God Is Glorified



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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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

one God, now and forever.

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared
for those who love you joys beyond understanding.

Pour into our hearts such love for you that,
loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises,
which exceed all we can desire;
through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

Amen.

Be seated.

HYMN OF PRAISE

An African Worship Song

Based on the Ghana Folksong, "Nanuma" Arrangement and new music by Joseph M. Martin & John R. Paradowski

The Mixed Ensemble
Sandra Sittler, piano David Himes & Blake Tobias, percussion

Nanuma wyeeay.

"As we journey through life, are we doing enough to love and care for others?"

We come to worship now, nanuma. We praise the Lord most high, give thanks and glorify.

We sing a song of praise, nanuma. With heart and soul and voice, creation now rejoice.

Praise the Lord! Nanuma! Alleluia! Oh, sing alleluia!

We pray with humble hearts, nanuma. Lord, give us strength today and help us know Your way.

Sing all creation! Sing jubilation! Amen!

We go to share God's love, nanuma. Let peace be multiplied, may joy be magnified.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

The choir introduces the antiphon. The congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the antiphon where indicated. The congregation sings the psalm responsively with the choir.





¹Sing a new song to the LORD, ... who has done [marv']-lous things, whose right hand and holy arm have [won] the victory.

²O LORD you have made [known] your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the [sight of] the nations.

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the [house] of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory [of] our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the [LORD all] you lands;

lift up your voice, ... re-[joice] and sing. Antiphon

⁵Sing to the [LORD with] the harp, with the harp and the [voice] of song.

⁶With trumpets and the [sound of] the horn shout with joy before the [king] the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, ... and [all] that fills it, the world and those who [dwell] therein.

⁸Let the rivers [clap] their hands,

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, ... who comes to [judge] the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the [world] with righteousness and the [peoples] with equity. *Antiphon*

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Please stand in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

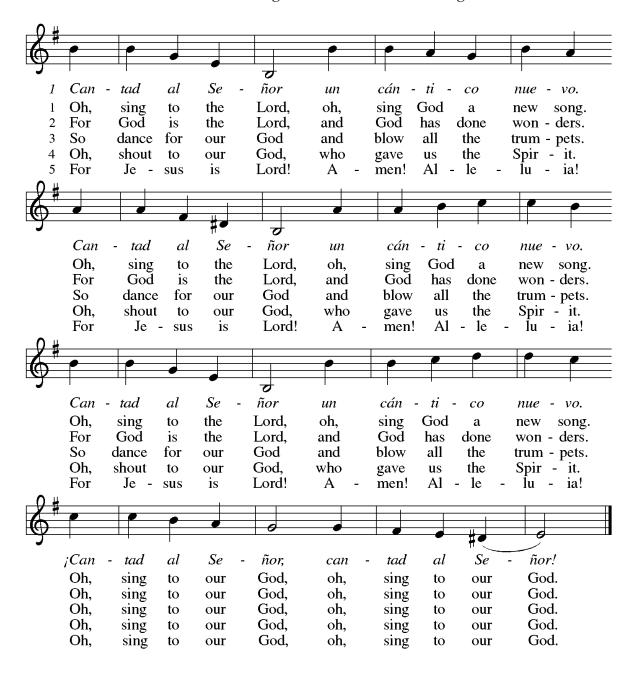
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

RECOGNITION/REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 822 - Oh, Sing to the Lord - Peter Graf, guitar



Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune Spanish and English text @ Gerhard Cartford, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the world, and for all of God's creation.

After a brief silence each petition concludes:

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

After the final petition:

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please greet one another and then be seated.

OFFERTORY

Cantate Domino Hans Leo Hassler

The Trinity Choir

Cantate Domino canticum novum:

Cantate Domino omnis terra.

Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus:

annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.

Annuntiate inter Gentes gloriam ejus,

In omnibus populous mirabilia ejus.

O sing unto the Lord a new song;

sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.

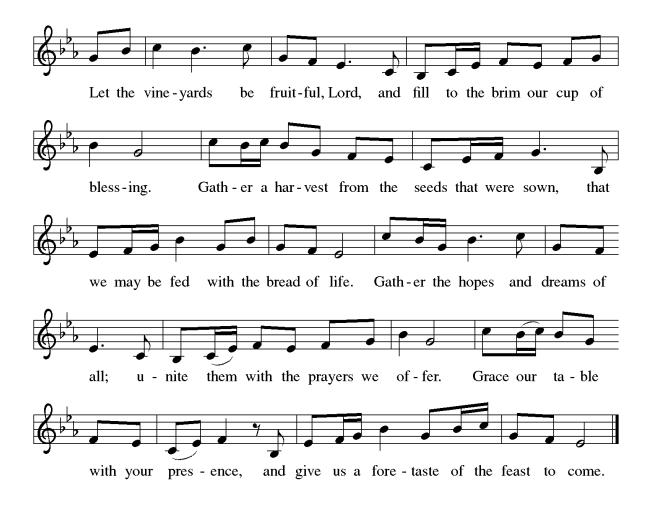
Sing into the Lord, and praise his Name:

be telling of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his honor unto the heathen,

and his wonders unto all peoples.

CANTICLE



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927 Text and music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

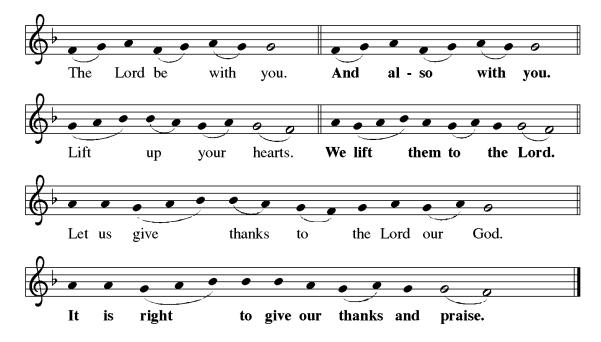
be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

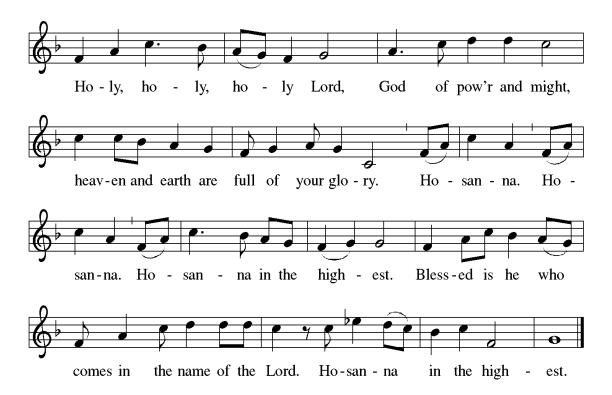
DIALOG



PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God... beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water... across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son... beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread... at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit... by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

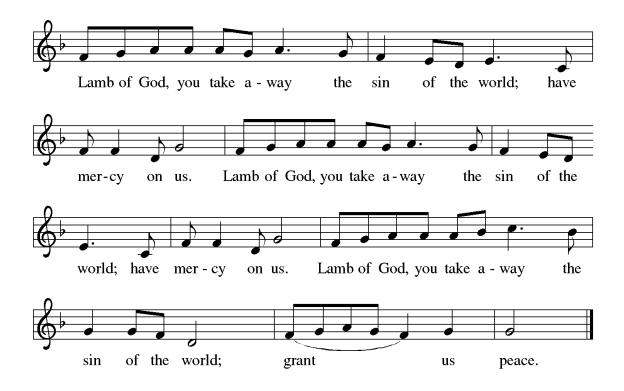
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Be seated.

COMMUNION CANTICLE



DISTRIBUTION

All who trust that Jesus Christ is present in this holy meal are invited to receive communion.

Please follow the direction of the usher; if your pew is located on one of the side aisles, walk to the rear of the sanctuary. Two lines will form in the center aisle. The left line will commune at the left side of the altar rail; the right line will commune on the right side.

When you reach the front of the sanctuary, there are serving trays located on the tables. Please choose either an empty glass to receive wine, or, if you prefer, a prefilled glass in the center ring containing grape juice. After taking your cup, proceed to the rail. Fill in around the rail from the center to the ends. You may stand or kneel as is your preference.

The pastor will give you a piece of bread; eat it when you receive it. If you prefer a gluten free alternative, please inform the pastor.

Then, an assistant will come to offer wine from a pouring chalice. Please extend your glass to be filled with wine or indicate that you have grape juice. After drinking the wine or juice, you are welcome to remain in place for a moment of meditation.

After you finish your time of reflection, please return to your pew, depositing your empty glass in the trays located on the tables at the head of the side aisles.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION - ELW 878 - Soli Deo Gloria!



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: SOLI DEO GLORIA, Marty Haugen
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TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

The Trinity Choir and Mixed Ensemble

The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923 Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936 Text © 1996 GIA Publications Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Music © 1996 Carolyn Jennings, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Be seated.

POSTLUDE

Festive Rondo Cynthia Dobrinski

The Trinity Ringers

Please join us for coffee and conversation in the Hintz Room immediately following worship. Today's reception is hosted by Ralph & Vickie Unruh and Dave & Sue Shellong.

The Trinity Choir

Virginia Biniek	Hannah Long	Amy Stewart-Himes
Daniel Graf	Patricia McMahon	Ralph Reeves
Peter Graf	Charlene Norton	Sandra Sittler
Darryl Jeffries	William Norton	Katie Stine
David Himes	Fred Opalinski	Beth Welz
Ben Hoover	Megan Opalinski	Maria Yost

Choral Scholars: Ben Hoover & Maria Yost

Music Librarian: Katie Stine

Trinity Ringers

Ron Eddinger	Thomas Hofmann	Donna Osborne
Daniel Graf	Hannah Long	Blake Tobias, Jr.
Deborah Graf	Jessica Manning	Lindsay Tobias
Peter Graf	Amy Norton-Ritz	

Mixed Ensemble

Deborah Graf	Joshua Motley	Andrew Smith
Peter Graf	Linda Motley	Danielle Smith
Anna Litvinov	Amy Norton-Ritz	Katherine Speece
Nina Litvinov	Grace Norton-Ritz	Lisa Speece
Cecilia Motley	William Norton-Ritz	Katie Stine
Jacinda Motley	Abbie Smith	

Sunday Forum May 12: Curiosity. Creativity. Connection. Renewal.

Come and hear Dcs. Deborah speak about her upcoming sabbatical from May 20 - August 11. This sabbatical time will not only provide 'academic time' on Biblical Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey with professors from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, but it will also give her some freedom for creative thinking and organizing.

Dayspring Homes - Urgent Notice

Last Advent, Trinity adopted the 4 residents of Harry House to receive Angel Tree gifts.

On Thursday, April 11 the residents of Harry Home were displaced by a fire. They were sleeping when the fire was discovered about 2:30 a.m. by the staff member on duty.

Fortunately, the staff reacted without hesitation and were able to get all four residents safely out of the home. The house along with the residents' furniture, clothing and sentimental items were destroyed. The residents are in need of all toiletries, personal care items, clothes, shoes, undergarments, and socks. Gift cards can also be accepted to purchase clothing items.

JL - Women size 2XL shoe size 7

CB - Men size L (no shoes)

DM -Men size XL shoe size 10

AR - Men size 2XL shoe size 12 wide

In addition there is a link for anyone wishing to make a monetary donation. https://dayspring-homes-inc.square.site/

Please keep the residents and staff of Dayspring Homes in your prayers as they continue to process trauma and displacement.

Pentecost Geraniums and World Hunger Gifts 2024

Pentecost Sunday is May 19 and we ask for your forms and gifts **no later than May 12, 2024**. Printed forms are available in the narthex and church office. PDF forms are included in the weekly emails to the congregation.

Prepare for Worship

May 12: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Sunday, May 5, 2024 - Music Ministry Sunday/Easter 6

Leaders in Today's Liturgy

Presiding: Pr. Hans E. Becklin Reflection: Karen S. Eddinger Assisting Minister: Hannah Long Minister of Music: Karen S. Eddinger

Lector: Jessica Manning

Communion Assistant: Steve Welz

Acolyte: Gabriela Shick

Greeters: Brooke & Eric Rosenbaum

Ushers: Jeff & Pam Wasmuth and Amy Reinsel **Media Team**: Steve Hofmann, Declan Rosenbaum

and Jacinda Motley

Altar Guild: Anita Dolak, David Himes,

Amy Reinsel, Amy Stewart-Himes, Avery Mazur,

Raye Watson and Donna Osborne

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by

Carolyn & Jerry Holleran in appreciation for the choirs who enhance our services every week.

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Virginia Biniek to

the glory of God.

Immediate Prayer Requests

Chris Drayer, Dan Smith, Dan Rothermel, and Fred Strause (friend of Peter & Deborah Graf)

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Ed Wasmuth, George Phelps, Harry Feinauer,
Jerry Holleran, Nancy Zweig, Deborah Lawton
(aunt of Jessica Manning), Sandra Sittler, Ann
Harnish, Amy Bornhofen, Bette Ashton (Christine
Motley's grandmother), John Bornhofen, Celia
Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), Dick Evans, Bob
& Carol Hoffman (Christine Motley's parents), Katy
Jablonowski (daughter of Nancy Everson), Darryl
Jeffries, Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith), Nancy
Nagle, the Sawyer family, Walter Schur,
David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh),
Jonathan Bloom (friend of Jenn Smith), and Patrick
(manager of KRE security guard, Allen Greenawalt),

Trinity Households and Ministry Partners

Michele, Shea & Teagan O'Brien;
Fred, Jan, Kristen & Megan Opalinski;
Donna Osborne; Richard & Jean Palmer;
and Jessica, Andrew & Sabrina Pennington;
Christ Episcopal Church and Fr. Bryce Wandrey;
the Common Ground Recovery Community,
Pr. Tom Scornavacchi, and Pr. Jayme Babczak, and
Grace Lutheran Church in Shillington and
Pr. Colleen Cox

Attendance April 28: 76

Broadcast Schedule for this week on Comcast Channel 190

Sundays

6:00 PM World Views:Contemporary Quaker Tradition6:30 PM Music From Trinity:Soli Deo Gloria (Part 2)7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service5:00 PM Music From Trinity:Soli Deo Gloria (Part 2)5:30 PM World Views:Contemporary Quaker Tradition

Trinity's Sunday morning worship is also live streamed via Facebook and YouTube. You may log on to either platform on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and worship at the same time as the in-person congregation.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, May 5 - Music Ministry Sunday

9:00 AM: Sunday Forum: (Hintz Room)

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

11:30 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

Monday, May 6

1:00 PM: Program Staff Meeting

Tuesday, May 7

9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting

5:45 PM: Property Work Night

7:00 PM: West Berks Mission District Spring Assembly (Renewed Spirit) Saturday, May 11

8:00 AM: Property Workday (Welcome Center)

Sunday, May 12 - Easter 7

9:00 AM: Sunday Forum: (Hintz Room)

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

11:15 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)

2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

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