

Trinity Tidings

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Inseparable from God's Love

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

Worshipping together at Trinity is such a beautiful thing; it gives us hope and strength and joy every time we gather to worship. We are all longing to be together again in our sanctuary. With that said, it cannot be overstated that the health of our congregation, the health of our clergy and staff, and the health of our entire community must be our priority—of this, the Session is assured.

As we begin to resume in-person activities, we will do so through a careful process of discussion and discernment, with an abundance of caution and concern for those who are most vulnerable, with consideration of the best scientific knowledge at our disposal, and – of course – in the spirit of constant prayer. Returning to in-person worship may be delayed as we seek to balance our Biblical mandate to gather, our adherence to government regulations, and the safety of everyone involved.

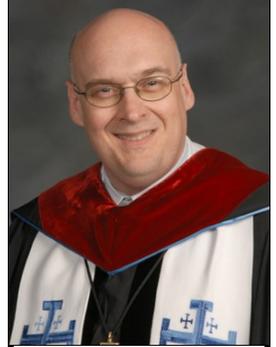
When we do reopen our doors for gathered worship, we will need to evaluate and adjust our plan as seems best at the given time. There will surely be awkward moments as we adjust to new normal of gathering for worship during a time of pandemic. As I have stated before, patience and compassion will be a necessity as we work together as a church family. There will be times of frustration and disappointment—yes, but there will be blessings, too, just as there have been throughout this time of “compassionate spacing” and physical separation.

Until we are back in the sanctuary, please remember what I said to you three months ago: Trinity has never been closed. We have continued to worship, learn, and serve. Let us be faithful then—to God and to one another—as we work through the challenges of this time in the life of our congregation and our world. Let us be guided by the Word, responsive to the Spirit, and open to the grace of God. Let us remember what the Apostle Paul has told us: *nothing can separate us from the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.*



Hoping Big,

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