



Emmanuel Newsletter
Trinity Sunday
Sunday, May 30, 2021

Dear Friends,

Trinity Sunday... most of us are utterly baffled by the bold assertions in creeds and in doctrinal theses of just how the One God of the Abrahamic religions can appear to be three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and still be only one God. Such assertions about the Trinity emerge from the institutional church's grappling with the authority Jesus received from God (the Father), the divinity of Jesus (the Son), and the willingness of millions to spread the message everywhere (the Holy Spirit). We will not find the "Trinity" in scripture. Yet it is with this trinitarian formula that we are Baptized, blessed, forgiven, married, ordained, buried and receive communion.

The Trinity is the church putting Jesus' life, death, and resurrection into rational discourse in order to help countless generations understand what it means to live as children of God. What it means to live without fear, to die without fear, to be at one with God when we leave this world. In our Gospel this week we hear the story of Nicodemus who is asking Jesus to explain 'being born again.' Though the concept of the Trinity may seem far from Nicodemus' struggle, it is essentially the same problem. How do we recognize and name those things that are 'of the Spirit'?

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL BEGIN HAVING IN-PERSON SERVICES OUTDOORS AT EMMANUEL CHURCH BEGINNING JUNE 13TH AT 10 am. Bring your own chair and wear a mask. Be part of an emerging community!

And as usual, join us on **Saturday, May 29th, at 5:00 p.m. for our Zoom service.**

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Joyce Caggiano

Priest in Residence, Emmanuel, West Roxbury

PS. Saturday Zoom services will continue the same as always even after June 13th. God Bless and enjoy Memorial Day weekend!



PRAYER LIST

We ask that you keep in your prayers the following persons: Paul; Mary; Catherine and Brant; Carla; Michael; Louise; Parker, Sergio, and Arthur.

Also, please pray for the soul of Roger, who passed away suddenly on May 19, leaving a one-year-old son and a baby daughter expected in September.

(Please email us the names of those who need special prayers---info@emmanuelwr.org. Only first names will be used.)



NOTE: LIVE ZOOM SERVICE IS AT 5:00 PM this Saturday, May 29, 2021.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93399681564?pwd=REtuSVJQVElFU0ErVkt6cmFaL2lhQT09>

Meeting ID: 933 9968 1564

Passcode: 645046

After 7:00 pm on Saturday, view the TAPED service anytime via our website or YouTube site:

www.emmanuelwr.org

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB_XbZ8h9jIdhA

Have a comment? Email us at: info@emmanuelwr.org



Mark Your Calendars! BEGINNING SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH
AT 10:00 AM, IN-PERSON SERVICES OUTDOORS AT EMMANUEL CHURCH.

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FREE Virtual Concert offered by the Theodore Parker Unitarian
 Universalist Church of West Roxbury

Virtual Concert of Justice and Hope Featuring Reggie Harris and Cosy Sheridan

Friday, June 11 at 7:00pm

- Sponsored by the Theodore Parker Unitarian Universalist Church of West Roxbury Racial Justice Task Force and Music on Centre, a concert series at the church
- The concert is free and no reservations are required but donations are welcomed for the performers and for the social justice work of the church.
- This will be a zoom concert streamed to the Theodore Parker UU Church Facebook page. See links below...

The Musicians:

- ***Reggie Harris** has been doing social justice and peace work his whole career through concerts, fundraisers and educational programs about the African-American experience and history.*
- ***Cosy Sheridan**, nationally celebrated as a multi-talented performer and teacher or songwriting and guitar styles, is known for her intriguing blend of personal and social commentary using both satiric and profound approaches to her themes.*

To Connect:

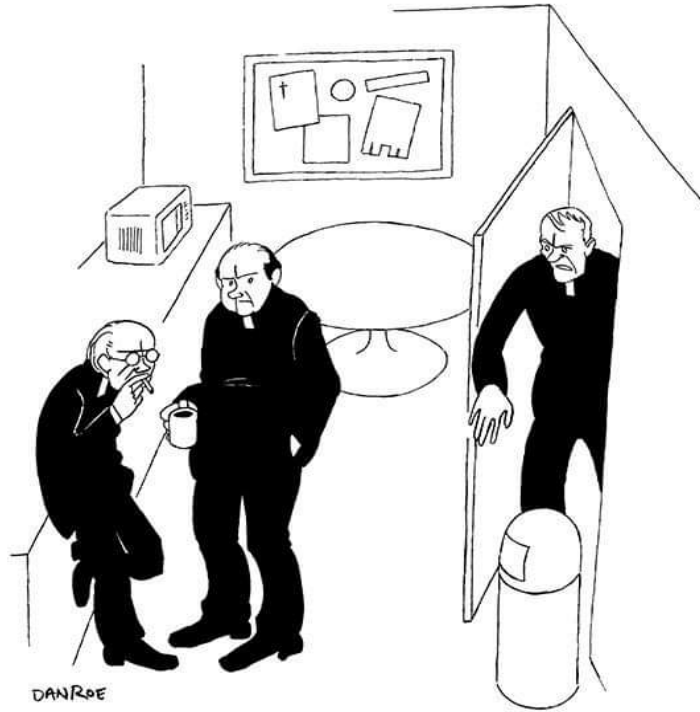
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Meeting ID: 869 5521 4142

Passcode: 156140

TPC Facebook page: is <https://www.facebook.com/tpcuuBoston/>

And Now for Some Trinity Sunday Fun....



*"Back to work, boys. Those mysteries of the Trinity
aren't going to grapple with themselves."*

(Submitted by J.G.)