



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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## REPARATIONS

Reparations require economic action, but how is it more than that? The question was asked by the “reparations team” of Holy Trinity’s Racial Justice Group. The team has been meeting for over a year, inspired in part by Mark Charles’ presentations at the 2019 Johnson Symposium. A small group of older European Americans, the team decided early this summer to seek more input from people of color, especially Native American/Indigenous and African American leaders.

In a Zoom conversation of two African American pastors—a female AME pastor and a male Baptist pastor—and a male African American university faculty, all three emphasized that genuine reparations are at the heart of recognizing God’s intention for God’s whole creation. God has created all living things to be interdependent. Everything relates to and depends on everything else. In violation of God’s intent, one part of the human community has been stealing not only what belongs to other parts of the community, but even people themselves have been enslaved, made into commodities. Reparations therefore involve restoring what has been stolen from Black and Native Americans and other people of color for centuries. One resource person characterized reparations as “spiritual warfare” for the recovery of God’s intention for the world.

What has been stolen by a subset of humans is varied in nature. It certainly involves the dignity and integrity, even the very humanity, of many people: their ability to determine their own well-being, to realize their own dreams. The theft, however, also involves land, whether for agriculture or subsistence, but also a broad variety of businesses and even whole local economies. The dominant dynamic in this theft has been adhering to white male supremacy. Ultimately white male supremacy is an expression of idolatry, upheld and defended by hoarded power and control of resources. Sadly, our resource people said, the church—the institutional expression of communities of faith—has authorized and legitimated white male supremacy (racism) and its economic expression: capitalism. In our era, even individual congregations like Holy Trinity can build alliances with other communities of faith and use their influence in the public sphere to bring about systemic change.

Reparations for people of color in the United States require empowerment, the achievement of power. *Interdependent* people are more powerful than isolated, fragmented *independent* people. Furthermore, God invests our interdependence with power, making (interdependent) power holy. Fundamentally, our caring for each other becomes an expression of interdependence on God and God’s whole creation. This means—said our African American resource people—that genuine reparations for African Americans require equal efforts for Native Americans and all other people of color from whom dignity, hope and resource have been stolen. True reparations require a transformation of our whole society, our entire system.

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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



### READINGS

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14;  
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

## ADULT FORUM

10:00 A.M. IN THE BARTSCH ROOM

View the Adult Forum from Sunday, September 19, [here](#).

*Holy Trinity Adult Forums now feature in-person presentations in the Bartsch Room, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The presentations will also be available on Zoom for those unable to attend.*

*ID and password remain the same:  
ID 858 5687 1594; Password 317879.*

### SEPTEMBER 26 “Responding to Anti-Asian Hate & Violence”

Our presenters will be Sally Sudo from the Japanese American Citizens League and her grandson, Ryan Sudo, from the Coalition of Asian American Leaders. They will help us gain a better understanding of the exclusion, invisibility, and violence our Asian siblings have experienced—and still do experience—in our country. They will also share efforts their organizations are currently making to respond to racial discrimination and injustice. Join us for a live presentation and discussion. Sponsored by the Holy Trinity Racial Justice Group.

### OCTOBER 3 “Biblical Text Study”

Pastor Ingrid will lead a Bible Study on the pericope texts assigned for Sunday, October 10. The readings can be found [here](#).

View the worship service from Sunday, September 19, [here](#).

*(Reparations, cont.)* In concrete terms, our resource people insisted, reparations require tangible, concrete investments with measurable outcomes in initiatives like scholarships for students of color, returning land to Native American communities, building wealth in home and business ownership, etc. Each of these avenues empower people of color to determine their own livelihoods. Fundamentally, each of these avenues for reparations require acknowledging and respecting all expressions of community at every level of God’s creation. At its heart, reparations are a matter of embracing God’s will for us all and for every living thing.

—Reparations team: Michael Miller, Randy Nelson, Keith & Libby Olstad

## MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY OCTOBER 4-8

Holy Trinity will deliver meals for South Minneapolis Meals on Wheels the week of October 4-8. If you are interested and able to volunteer 1-1 1/2 hrs. at lunch time, please contact Mary Engen ([engenmary@yahoo.com](mailto:engenmary@yahoo.com) or 612-716-6338.) Meals are picked up at 11:15 a.m. at Nokomis Square Cooperatives (35th Ave. S. and 50th St.). If you have not delivered before, you can do a training by driving behind Mary or another experienced driver for one day.

## CELEBRATING DAVID SIMS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

COVID means that our celebration needs to take a slightly different form from celebrations past. Based on David's hopes for the day, we are creating a music-laden worship service for Sunday, September 26. We'll honor David's gifts within the context of worship, which will allow congregants of all ages and comfort levels to participate (in-person or online via livestream). The link for the livestream worship is here: <https://vimeo.com/609872631>.



If you wish to contribute financially to a gift for David, please offer a donation in the offering basket on Sunday or on the church website (<https://htlcmpls.org/donate/>). Simply note: "David Sims' gift" in the memo line.

## REFLECTION FROM KRIS CHRISTIANS

One day in late August I randomly chose a yoga video called Ahimsa Yoga. After doing the routine, I looked up the meaning of Ahimsa and found that it's the ethical principle of not causing harm to other beings, taught especially in Jainism. Paul has a friend who is a Jain, so I mentioned to him that I thought of Raj when I read that. He then texted the word "Ahimsa" to Raj and got a response saying "Ahimsa... (plus two more Sanskrit words we don't know)." Raj went on to ask whether we might have any connections with Minneapolis Schools in need. His spiritual group had certified refurbished Chromebooks to donate. I thought of Longfellow students who may need computers for college or job searches once they leave the school. I texted Zoe for a contact there, she sent me Dr. Udupa's contact info, which we forwarded to Raj. That very weekend we got a call from Raj expressing gratitude for the connection. Dr. Udupa had already presented to the board of Raj's group and they had decided to work together. He said it was a perfect fit. I am so grateful for the connection between Longfellow and Holy Trinity that fostered this new connection.

I love those days when the presence of God feels so sure.

## RESUMING MEALS AT TRINITY ON LAKE

Trinity on Lake Apartments (the building that faces Lake Street) was built in 2003 with a purpose that one-third of the units be available to residents needing subsidized housing, one-third to residents in recovery with mental health issues, and one-third are rented at full market rate. For years, Holy Trinity's Housing Social Services committee has been serving meals on the last Saturday of each month with the purpose of assuring food at the end of the month when many folks run short, and just as importantly, to help develop community and fellowship between residents of the apartments and Holy Trinity members. On August 28, Joy Nelson and Jane Kretzmann served a "picnic"—indoors due to rain. The residents were delighted to learn that we may finally be able to resume our meals together and they chattered happily.

Trinity on Lake and Trinity Apartments policies recently opened up the use of community spaces again. Food servers are required to wear gloves and masks when serving. A few of our committee members are willing to prepare food, but are not yet comfortable with serving. It would be really helpful to have more members involved with this ministry in whatever way they'd feel willing and able to help: prepping food, serving, providing entertainment (the residents love having kids come in!), or by donating funds for food or small gifts. We would love to have you join us in this ministry.

For more information contact Martha Mueller, chair. ([Marthaxm@hotmail.com](mailto:Marthaxm@hotmail.com))

## 2021 FALL RETREAT: SEPTEMBER 24, 7:00 P.M.

As you know, the Nurturing Committee decided to postpone the Fall Retreat, because of the resurgence of the COVID variant. The committee is offering a shorter program with the Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24. We will engage with his newest book, *The Four Promises: A Journey of Healing Past and Present Trauma*. To join the conversation on Friday evening:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82270913296?pwd=QmpXOVY0VjU2SkxVMEJJKKytLMysyQT09>

## SEEKING NEW MEMBERS FOR GLORIA RINGERS!

Ringling handbells is immensely satisfying and nurtures all kinds of important connections between our mind, body, and spirit. We're looking for THREE musicians who love making music with others, and who are intrigued with the beautiful sounds that bells can produce.

If you play keyboard or have studied an instrument in the past and know how to read musical notation, this opportunity will build on all those skills. We ring mostly intermediate level music for four octaves, using a set of handbells crafted at the White Chapel foundry in London, England. Rehearsals are now on Sunday mornings between services, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This is a *really* great collection of Holy Trinity folks who love to ring musically and with heart. Please email Director Ann Schrooten at [aschrooten@htlcmpls.org](mailto:aschrooten@htlcmpls.org) or text 612-309-9583 if you've been waiting for this invitation!



**PARISH EVENTS SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 2**

<b>Sunday</b>	8:45 am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Youth Education
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
	10:00 am	Gloria Ringers Rehearse
	11:00 am	Worship Service of Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:45 pm	Cantate!
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

<u>8:45 AM</u>		<u>11:00 AM</u>
Ingrid Rasmussen	Preacher	Ingrid Rasmussen
Doug Mrok	Presiding Minister	Doug Mrok
Mike Nevergall	Crucifer	David Krig
Needed	Assisting Minister	Melanie Townsend
Ginny and Chuck Jordan, Marcea Mariani, DeWayne Townsend III	Ushers	Jeff Biebighauser, Alan Libra, Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Joshua Combs, Joy Nelson
Julie Cahoy, Pam Blomgren	Counters	Wayne Vetter, Deb Helmel
	Closer	Roberta Shaw