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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. • EDUCATION: 10:00 a.m. • Ingrid Rasmussen and Angela Khabeb, Pastors

### LEARNING HOW TO TALK IN PROVERBS

*In a lecture earlier this year entitled "Learning How to Talk in Proverbs," Mark Charles, our 2019 symposium speaker, was asked to propose a proverb, to share prophetic insight. The following is what he wrote and shared.*

Wise is the church that refuses to buy into the trappings of partisan politics

Remember my brothers and sisters, Jesus did not come to create a Christian Empire

He came to make disciples.

He came to offer his body as a living sacrifice.

He came to plant a church.

When the church merely lobbies one political leader and protests the other

When, for the sake of argument or political gain, the body of Christ turns a blind eye to one sin and magnifies another

We are not representing the headship of our body...

who is Christ.

As vile, repulsive and urgent is the Trump administration's separation of families at our border

it is not the first time...

Indian Removal, the slave trade, Boarding Schools, lynchings, Japanese Internment camps, mass incarceration, even the deportation numbers of the Obama administration

the list of ways the United States government has worked to destroy the family structure of people of color throughout our history is as long as it is depressing.

So let's stop pretending that President Trump is the God-ordained savior, or the ultimate demise of our union.

The same with President Obama.

What our nation needs is not for Democrats to be better Democrats.

Nor do we need Republicans to simply be better Republicans.

We don't even need our nation to be more Christian.

My brothers and sisters, the United States of America is not, never has been, nor will it ever be Christian.

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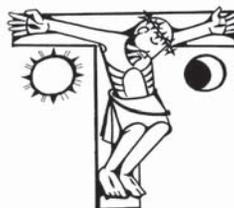
And wise is the church that refuses to buy into the trappings of partisan politics.

I agree with Kenneth Kaunda, the former president of Zambia, who said,

"What a nation needs more than anything else is not a Christian ruler in the palace but a Christian prophet within earshot."

—Mark Charles  
(Navajo)

### REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY



#### READINGS

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

#### ADULT FORUM

10:00 am—in the Library

NOVEMBER 24 "An Ecological World View from the Movie *Habitat Earth*"

Join the Caring for Creation team in viewing the beautifully illustrated story of the inter-connectedness of all living things on planet earth. From mushrooms to trees to birds to sea creatures, we are all connected and depend on each other for our very existence.

DECEMBER 1 "Art and Social Justice"  
Ricardo Levins Morales

Ricardo Levins Morales describes himself as a "healer and trickster organizer disguised as an artist." He was born into the anti-colonial movement in his native Puerto Rico and was drawn into activism in Chicago when his family moved there in 1967.

Ricardo left high school early and worked in various industries, and over time began to use his art as part of his activism. This activism has ranged from support work for the Black Panthers and Young Lords to participating in or acting in solidarity with farmers, environmental, labor, racial justice, and peace movements.

Increasingly, Ricardo sees his art and organizing practices as a means to address individual, collective, and historical trauma. He co-leads workshops in trauma and resilience for organizers, as well as trainings on creative organizing, social justice strategy, and sustainable activism. He also mentors and supports young activists.

Ricardo's art has won numerous awards, but the greatest affirmation is the uses to which it has been put by grassroots movements and communities. Ricardo's studio is located just a few blocks away from Holy Trinity on Minnehaha Avenue (next to Peace Coffee).

#### GOOD NEWS FROM LONGFELLOW ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Minneapolis Public Schools Superintendent Ed Graff announced that Longfellow Alternative High School will stay as a stand-alone school in their current location. He stated three reasons for staying—community support, costs, and an abnormally low dropout rate of pregnant and parenting students at 10% (the national rate is 70-80%). On behalf of the whole school, Principal Dr. Padmini Udupa would like to express her gratitude to Holy Trinity for writing letters, attending school board meetings, and talking with Superintendent Graff. They are grateful!

## PARISH INFORMATION

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE AND LUNCH WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27**  
Please join us for a Thanksgiving Eve Service at noon on Wednesday, November 27. The service will offer space for us to give thanks to God. After worship, we'll share a simple meal. There will be pie! Sign up in the Community Room by Sunday, November 24, so we know how much food to order.

**WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT: DECEMBER 4, 11, AND 18**

All are invited to partake in the Advent suppers on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Community Room. In an effort to support our Lake Street neighbors, we are bringing in food from nearby immigrant-owned businesses. Signing up in the Community Room is strongly encouraged. \$0-10 sliding-scale donation. All are welcome!

There are two opportunities to engage in worship on Wednesday evenings in Advent. *Watching with Wonder* is designed for parents and young children in the Bartsch Room from 5:30-6:30 p.m. There will be a Service of Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room. People of all ages are invited to worship. This year's theme is "Sacred Darkness."

**ADVENT BOOK DISCUSSION: DEAR CHURCH** BY LENNY DUNCAN  
A book discussion will be held December 4, 11 and 18, from 5:45-6:45 p.m. The book is *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.*, by Rev. Lenny Duncan. Bring your supper (available in the Community Room). Facilitators will be Deb Sodt and Benhi Khabeb. Books are for sale in the office (\$8), and three copies are in the library. Sign up in the Community Room.

**LONGFELLOW H. S. SHARING CELEBRATION FRIDAY, DEC. 13**  
Longfellow Holiday Sharing Celebration is Friday, December 13, at 2:30 p.m. Sign up in the Community Room to share the holidays with a Longfellow student and their children.

**TRANSFORMING INSTITUTIONAL RACISM: YOUR VOICE NEEDED**  
As part of our work on equity and inclusion as a congregation, Alicia Sojourner, our consultant, will lead focus groups over the next two months. Most groups will have at least 6 but no more than 10 people and last about 1.5-2 hours. If you would like to participate in a focus group please sign up in the Community Room or call the office. Dates are Nov. 24, Dec. 2, 3, and 5.

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PARISH EVENTS November 24-30, 2019	
Sunday	8:45 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:55 am Trinity Village and Godly Play
	9:55 am Faith and Family Matters
	10:00 am Adult Forum
	11:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion
Monday	12:15 pm Racial Justice Focus Group
	2:00 pm Swahili Service
Tuesday	5:30 pm Personnel Committee
	11:00 am Worship Readings Discussion
Wednesday	5:30 pm Racial Justice
	12:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service and Lunch
	6:00 pm Children's Choir
	6:30 pm Trinity Singers
	6:45 pm Cantate!
7:30 pm Adult Choir	
Thursday	Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday	Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Saturday	10:00 am Set Up for Makers and Bakers

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NOVEMBER 24, 2019			
8:45 AM		11:00 AM	
Kris Christians	Assisting Minister	June Prange	
Jeff Olsen Biebighauser	Crucifer	Wayne Vetter	
Treva Russell, Rosie Russell	Acolytes	Alyssa Krig, Elena Alpizar	
Tom Kleven, Nicky Hines	Communion	Zoe Martinez, Ben Martinez	
Nancy Madich, Needed	Altar Guild	Doris Gbala, Roberta Shaw	
Bob Peschiutta, Marcea Mariani, DeWayne Townsend	Ushers	Kathy Hollander, Rod Johnson, Joshua Combs	
Jean Swanson, Kevin Proescholdt	Coffee Servers	Zoe and Miguel Martinez	
Bob Peschiutta, Needed	Counters	Lee Kampinen, Needed	
	Closer	Rod Johnson	