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MODIFIED PARENTAL LEAVE

In yesterday's sermon, I began by saying that, three weeks ago, we couldn't have imagined that today's reality would be ours. I want to express my deepest admiration for Holy Trinity pastors and staff members who have stepped up to meet the unexpected demands of ministry. I also send thanks to all of you—members and friends alike. Your time, energy, money, prayers, patience, strength, words, resistance, and food have empowered this congregation's ability to be active participants in the movement for Black Lives. Thank you.

New circumstances demand that I think about parental leave differently. I had originally planned to step away from my work until October 1, but that no longer feels like the best course of action. Together with colleagues and the Council, I have created a modified leave plan, which I outline below. This allows me to attend to the new life that will soon be entrusted to my care and to participate in the ongoing life of the congregation at this pivotal time.

Head of Staff and Personnel Committee: I will retain my responsibilities during leave. I will be available to staff on an ongoing basis and will continue to monitor emerging personnel needs.

Executive Committee and Church Council: I will retain my responsibilities during leave. I will continue to be available to Council President Nicki Hines and to the other elected leaders.

Worship and Fine Arts: Pastor Angela, with support from Pastor Doug, Deacon David, David Sims, Ann Schrooten, and Anna Kleven (video editor), will take on primary responsibility for worship planning until October 1. The Worship and Fine Arts Committee will not resume its meetings until fall.

Financial Stewardship: I will retain my responsibilities for financial oversight, but will not meet with the committee during my leave. Instead, I will work closely with Financial Administrator Kaia Ellis and Treasurer Steve Murray to ensure the Financial Stewardship Committee has accurate, up-to-date information.

Adult Christian Education: This committee is planning activities for the summer and fall, which they will provide online with the help of Communications and Congregational Coordinator, Pam Wetterlund. Their other work will be done independently of a pastor or staff member.

Trinity Apartments Advisory Board: I will retain my responsibilities during leave, including oversight of the renovation of Trinity Apartments.

Communities of Calling Grant: Ann Schrooten, with the support of the Communities of Calling working group, will lead this initiative during my parental leave.

Expansive Language Liturgy Grant: We have designed the calendar in such a way that this group need not meet until after October 1, 2020. (cont. next column)

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-18;
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

HOLY TRINITY IN THE NEWS

- The Vicars' Crossing Podcast
www.youtube.com/watch?v=DS3cPjdjRNQ&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1AlK8Q9846iYcl-f8pNAhF1idO3qlXz2GmWfVou6jfwNiZuYXA0vS6O1U
- Minneapolis church raising money to rebuild ailing city
abcnews.go.com//US/video/minneapolis-church-raising-money-rebuild-ailing-city-71219327#disqus_thread
- Minneapolis church leaders on their role in racial justice
www.rewire.org/minneapolis-church-leaders-racial-justice/
- Statement on rebuilding our community
https://ctul.net/2020/06/statement-on-rebuilding-our-community/?fbclid=IwAR1BW5SSG96YC3aI6KKHIYZOmcEzT8XmkSyRyT_9CyQmPyr14vv_LhcKzXk

Stepping Out in Faith: Council President Nicki Hines will take on primary leadership for discernment work related to the funds related to the sale of Trinity Apartments. She will be supported by Pastor Angela and the working group.

Nominating Committee: Pastor Angela will provide pastoral support to this working group as they begin their work this summer. As is our custom, the pastors then remove themselves from the selection process for new Council members.

Pastoral Care: Pastor Angela and Pastor Doug will take on primary responsibility for pastoral care until October 1. Please note: If you're wanting to talk about racism, white supremacy, and white guilt, please direct your communication to Pastor Doug. For the sake of self-care and self-preservation during this difficult time, I have invited Pastor Angela to ignore phone calls, texts, and email messages related to these topics.

Neighborhood, City, and County Partnerships: In this period of rebuilding, I will retain responsibility for ensuring that Holy Trinity remains in good communication with neighborhood, city, and county partners as Longfellow rebuilds.

Barring early delivery, I will be available until Wednesday, June 24. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns. Thereafter, I invite you to send communications to the point people identified above. I thank you for your flexibility and adaptability during this time.

Strength for the journey,
Ingrid C. A. Rasmussen, pastor

PARISH INFORMATION

PRAYER FOR THE MORNING BY AUDETTE FULBRIGHT FULSON

Did you rise this morning,
broken and hung over with weariness and pain
and rage tattered from waving too long in a brutal wind?
Get up, child.
Pull your bones upright
gather your skin and muscle into a patch of sun.
Draw breath deep into your lungs;
you will need it for another day calls to you.
I know you ache.
I know you wish the work were done
and you with everyone you have ever loved
were on a distant shore
safe, and unafraid.
But remember this,
tired as you are:
you are not alone.
Here and here and here also
there are others weeping
and rising
and gathering their courage.
You belong to them
and they to you and together,
we will break through
and bend the arc of justice
all the way down
into our lives.

SONG FOR GEORGE FLOYD

Shortly after the May 2020 killing of George Floyd, [Tom Prasada-Rao](#), a singer-songwriter based in Silver Spring, Maryland, was watching CNN footage of protests when in a fit of inspiration he penned a new song. In its aching and deeply felt contemplation, "\$20 Bill (for George Floyd)" brilliantly captures the grief and rage coursing through the veins of so many in the wake of Floyd's senseless murder, over cigarettes said to have been purchased with counterfeit currency. The recording and the music can be found [here](#). ([acousticguitar.com/world-premiere-20-bill-for-george-floyd/](#))

FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT HOLY TRINITY:

We served approximately 8,000 households this past week. We are grateful for our partnerships with The Sheridan Story, Second Harvest, The Food Group, the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Frerichs Construction, and the hundreds of individuals, churches, and organizations offering support. Pictures of the food ministry are included in the worship video from June 14.

SECOND (THIRD) SUNDAY SUPPERS ZOOM GATHERING SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Join the Second Sunday Supper women for a Zoom gathering on Sunday, June 21, 6:00 p.m. RSVP to Donna Scott (drscott989@gmail.com).

RACIAL JUSTICE AND CARING FOR CREATION

The killing of George Floyd and now Rayshard Brooks (along with countless other black men and women) has jolted many of us who identify as white into a new awareness of systemic racism. Our hearts are being broken and transformed. Many younger people, with often broader interracial relationships, have grown up aware.

Racial justice and the urgent need to care for creation are linked. Asthma is far more prevalent in communities of color. Wild rice harvests for Indigenous people are being affected as the weather warms. Minnesota is one of the fastest warming U.S. states and average temperatures are rising. Human beings have never before lived in a world with the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere that exists today.

Those of us who have internalized the grief of the rapidly approaching creation crisis are learning care of creation work must address systemic racism, too. Latinx Americans and African-Americans poll higher in [caring about climate change](#) than white Americans. ([climatecommunication.yale.edu/publications/race-and-climate-change/](#))

Read [Bill McKibben's take](#) on the intersectionality of the two issues. ([newyorker.com/news/annals-of-a-warming-planet/racism-police-violence-and-the-climate-are-not-separate-issues](#))

PASTORAL CARE

Please don't hesitate to contact us with pastoral care emergencies (Church Office: (612)729-8358; Pastor Ingrid: (612) 875-6679; Pastor Angela: (612)248-9121). We will do our best to care for you from a distance. Please contact one of the pastors if your household is suffering because of COVID-19 or the effects of social unrest; we have resources to help.

DIALOGUES ON RACE DISCUSSION SERIES BEGINS JULY 1

Please join members from the Racial Justice Committee and Doctrine of Discovery Task Force for a discussion series based on the short book *Dialogues on Race*. The book consists of seven distinct chapters from diverse writers covering issues around race, the Bible, whiteness, African American and Native American experiences in the U.S., the role of women in racial justice movements, and more. The bi-weekly series will discuss one chapter each session. The introduction and first chapter will be discussed Wednesday, July 1, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you would like a copy of the book at no charge to you, email Randy Nelson (rnelson1941@yahoo.com). All Holy Trinity members and friends are welcome to participate.

WORSHIP LINK FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 14

If you missed it, the worship link for Trinity Sunday, June 14, can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/428859972>. We welcomed Rev. Osagyefo Sekou as our guest musician.