How do we say thank you
For the Kings and Queens you created
The superheroes you inspired
The Black Children who will dream
Bigger
Because of You
Your Representation
Your Power
Your Beautiful Black Skin
And now we know
How Strong You really were
Stronger than Marvel
Stronger than Vibranium
You creating for Us
For Your legacy
While fighting for Your life
How do we say thank you
For
James
Jackie
Thurgood
Norman
For showing Us
Ourselves
Past
Present
Future
You will be with Us
Brilliant and Black
Forever
Beautiful and Bold
Forever
Our T’Challa
Forever
Wakanda Forever
Chadwick Forever
Rest in Power
Forever
Our King

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"Purpose is the essential element of you. It is the reason you are on the planet at this particular time in history. Your very existence is wrapped up in the things you are here to fulfill." – Chadwick Boseman
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Invitation
Pastor’s Closing Word
Benediction
In the course of time, Amnon son of David fell in love with Tamar, the beautiful sister of Absalom son of David. Amnon became so obsessed with his sister Tamar that he made himself ill. She was a virgin, and it seemed impossible for him to do anything to her.

Now Amnon had an adviser named Jonadab son of Shimeah, David’s brother. Jonadab was a very shrewd man. He asked Amnon, “Why do you, the king’s son, look so haggard morning after morning? Won’t you tell me?” Amnon said to him, “I’m in love with Tamar, my brother Absalom’s sister.”

“Go to bed and pretend to be ill,” Jonadab said. “When your father comes to see you, say to him, ‘I would like my sister Tamar to come and give me something to eat. Let her prepare the food in my sight so I may watch her and then eat it from her hand.’”

So Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill. When the king came to see him, Amnon said to him, “I would like my sister Tamar to come and make some special bread in my sight, so I may eat from her hand.”

David sent word to Tamar at the palace: “Go to the house of your brother Amnon and prepare some food for him.” So Tamar went to the house of her brother Amnon, who was lying down. She took some dough, kneaded it, made the bread in his sight and baked it. Then she took the pan and served him the bread, but he refused to eat.

“Send everyone out of here,” Amnon said. So everyone left him. Then Amnon said to Tamar, “Bring the food here into my bedroom so I may eat from your hand.” And Tamar took the bread she had prepared and brought it to her brother Amnon in his bedroom. But when she took it to him to eat, he grabbed her and said, “Come to bed with me, my sister.”

“No, my brother!” she said to him. “Don’t force me! Such a thing should not be done in Israel! Don’t do this wicked thing. What about me? Where could I get rid of my disgrace? And what about you? You would be like one of the wicked fools in Israel. Please speak to the king; he will not keep me from being married to you.”
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SUNDAYS
9:30 A.M. CST

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE CREATED TO TEACH YOUTH OF ALL AGES VIA SERMONS, MUSIC, PUPPETS, BOOK READINGS, ETC., TO GROW IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND SERVE CHRIST.

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Virtual WALL OF FAME
September 27, 2020
2pm CDT

The Media Team at Trinity UCC is in the process of creating a Virtual Elders Wall of Fame to be revealed on Elders Sunday!

We have acquired all of the photos from our 2018 and 2019 Elders Walls of Fame and ask any new elders (Trinity members born in 1940) take a selfie or have a family member take a digital photo (no group or couples photos, please) to be added to the Wall.

Please forward your digital photo to Mrs. Melody Morgan at mbmorgan@trinitychicago.org, NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020. Late photos received after this date will not be included this year.

Elders who aren’t sure if we have your pictures from previous years, please contact Mrs. Morgan at her email above, or call her at 773-966-1550.

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ELDERS Sunday

September 27, 2020
7:30 a.m. • 11 a.m. • 6 p.m. CDT

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VIRTUAL Digital Memorial 3

Thursday, September 17, 2020 | 3:00 p.m.
Via Facebook, Instagram, YouTube

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been unable to hold funeral services to celebrate the lives and legacies of our church members and family members who have transitioned through the veil of time and who are now ancestors. This virtual memorial will feature our members and family members who have passed away as of June 16, 2020. Our thoughts and prayers ascend for all of the families who have experienced the loss of loved ones during these uncertain times.

"In my father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also." John 14:2-3 (KJV)

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ROCK THE VOTE.

Are you registered to VOTE?

You can register to vote on-line! Simply go to: register.rockthenvote.com/registrants/new

EVERY VOTE COUNTS!
ADOPT-A-STUDENT MINISTRY

GREETINGS TO ALL OF OUR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS!

We know it is that time of the year when you are preparing to return to college. We are asking that you please provide the Adopt-A-Student ministry the following information for our records, by Monday, August 31, so that we can remain in contact with you:

- Complete name of student
- Complete name of college or university
- Complete mailing address at school
- Student’s email and telephone number

Please send the above information to Rev. Tyrone McGowan, temcgowan@trinitychicago.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

7th ANNUAL
FOR ALL FILM FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL
OCTOBER 1-10, 2020

SAVE THE DATES!
OCTOBER 1-10 | 2020
Films, Poets, Filmmaker Interviews, Panel Discussions, and More!
GIVING OPTIONS
You can pay tithes and offerings in the following ways:

CHEERFUL GIVER

Cash App (New) Download the Cash App mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play and follow the instructions to set up giving directly from your bank account. Our Cash App ID is Strinityucc

Drop off your tithes/offerings to the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Mail your tithes and offerings to the church, 400 West 95th St., Chicago, IL 60628.

First Fruits/ACH: This option allows you to deduct directly from your bank account on a schedule of your choice (to sign up, call 773-962-5650 and speak to a Member and Guest Services Team member).

Access ACS/TrinityChicagoNet provides you with the ability to make one time offerings, or scheduled offerings (Go to www.trinitychicago.org, menu item: Connections).

SecureGive provides mobile giving access from within the Trinity UCC Mobile App. Download the mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Text-to-Give through SecureGive – This is for targeted giving (Operation Share, Disaster Relief, etc.). Simply text to 855-781-8384 and enter the special offering (ExtraGift is active now) - ExtraGift $5 - you will then receive prompts to complete the transaction. Once set up, you will be able to text offerings with one step.
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HOW THE BIBLE ACTUALLY WORKS
14-WEEK BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Wednesdays at 7pm

Join Pastor Moss, as he provides a new depth of understanding just what the Bible is, and importantly, answering a question that many of us have never considered – How does the Bible actually work? Get ready for a mind-blowing experience. Pastor Moss will use the book, How the Bible Actually Works, to help us probe “How God intended the Bible to be used, so to find deeper spiritual benefit in its pages.”

We look forward to learning, and growing with you!

Registration is open!
tinyurl.com/TUCCBibleWorks
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THE PASTOR’S
PRAYER CALL
THURSDAYS
12:00 noon cst
Join us on this call, as Pastor Otis Moss III
prays for our community and nation.
Call 712-775-7031
Participant Code: 634787#

Facebook Live
with
PASTOR MOSS
Fridays
12:00 noon cst
Spend a few moments with Pastor Moss as he shares
a message of hope on spiritual and mental health.
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MIDWEEK MANNA
WEDNESDAYS
11:30 a.m. cst

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If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

THE WAR ROOM
PRAYER SERVICE
WEDNESDAYS
6:00 P.M. CST

This means war!
Join the prayer warriors seeking to combat forces of negativity and apathy in our world.

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DIVINE IMAGINATION CALL


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If you can’t join worship by live stream, we now have another option! You can also join and hear our worship service by dialing 1-760-548-9434. Pass the word and share the good news!

If you are in Recovery from any mind altering Drugs or Alcohol
Please Join Us for Our

Free N One Drug and Alcohol Recovery Ministry
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE Zoom Meeting

Every Friday | 7pm - 8:30pm

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Service & Support Groups

Alama Ya Sali
(Sign Language Interpreters Ministry)
773-966-1500, Mailbox 2305
alamayasali@trinitychicago.org

Blaine DeNye Library
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2205
TUES and THURS
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Can-Cer-Vive Helpline
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2308

Career Development Ministry
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2309
careerdevelop@trinitychicago.org

Credit Union
(773) 966 - 1505
(773) 723 - 8382 (fax)
TUES & THURS:
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
SUNDAY
After 7:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services

Domestic Violence Ministry
Confidential Helpline
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2317

Drug & Alcohol Recovery Ministry
Tough Love / Free “N” One
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2319

The Endeleo Institute
(773) 966-1508
MON – THURS
9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Endowment Committee/ Planters Society
773-966-1500, Mailbox 2379
Endowment@trinitychicago.org

Financial Counseling Consortium
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2378

George Washington Carver Garden
TUES-THURS-SAT
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Geographic Health & Wellness Ministry
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2332

Immabasi Support Groups:
Diabetes
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2374
Family Caregivers
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2375
Lupus Support Ministry
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2342

Kujichagulia Special Citizens Support Ministry
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2344

Legal Clinic
773-966-1500 Mailbox 2339
legal@trinitychicago.org
1st & 3rd SATURDAYS
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Walk-ins Welcome

Math Tutorial
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2338

Prison Ministry
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2354

Trinity Computer Learning Center
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2333
January
Psalm 24:3-6
Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? 4The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. 5They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior. 6Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.

February
Psalm 78:1-4 (NLT)
1O my people, listen to my instructions. Open your ears to what I am saying, 2for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—3stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. 4We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders.

March
Colossians 1:16 (NRSV)
16for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

April
1 Timothy 4:10-11 (NLT)
10This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers. 11Teach these things and insist that everyone learn them.

May
Deuteronomy 6:5-9 (NLT)
5And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. 6And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. 7Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. 8Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 9Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

June
Psalm 145:3-4
Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. 4One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

July
1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)
But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

August
Joel 2:28 (NRSV)
Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

September
Deuteronomy 32:7 (NIV)
7Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you.

October
2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV)
6Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

November
Deuteronomy 7:9 (NRSV)
9Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

December
Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)
20Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.
Lynchings were often in public
smiling white faces
terror in Black eyes
They would make sure families were
present
To see their loved ones
Hung and die
Sometimes they would
Cut and gut
Watch babies fall from wombs
Sometimes they would
Castrate
Stuff mouths
Set on fire
But ALWAYS
They would force the children to watch
A warning
A trauma
A terrorist act
This is what we will do to you
Carry this fear in your soul
In your heart
In your very cells
This is what we can do to you
And walk away free
So it’s no surprise
That before his children’s eyes
#JacobBlake was lynched
Bullets not a noose
Arms distance
From Sons in the backseat
A blue hand
On a white shirt
A blue hand
On a trigger
7 bullets in a Black Man’s Back
Black Lives Matter
blue lives kill
Tale as old as time
murderers with hoods or badges
Know the drill
Make sure the family
Is near
So they can smell the burning flesh
So they can smell the gun powder
So they can see the blood spill
Taste of copper in their mouths
Make sure the children are watching
See the fear explode in their father’s eyes
Make sure that they know
This is what we can do to you
And walk away free
This is what we will do to you
With bullets or a knee

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September 7th | Trinity UCC Justice Watch Team Issue Update & Prayer Service
September 8th – 10th | Mission Revival Worship Services

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