IN MEMORY OF

Attorney

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.

AUGUST 15, 1935 – MARCH 1, 2021

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., an attorney and giant of the Civil Rights movement passed away on Monday, March 1, 2021 at the age of 85. In addition to his work in the civil rights movement, Mr. Jordan was considered one of the most influential figures in the Washington D.C. political arena, having mentored presidents, including his close friend, former President Bill Clinton, congressional leaders, business leaders, and civil rights organizers. He believed in equal opportunities for African Americans and boldly engaged with corporate businessmen to persuade them to hire Black employees and to support agencies and institutions such as the Urban League.

Mr. Jordan attended DePauw University in Indiana, graduating in 1957. He later graduated from Howard University’s School of Law in 1960. Later, in 1971 he was appointed as the executive director of the National Urban League after the death of Whitney M. Young, Jr., who had served in that capacity. At the Urban League, Mr. Jordan was instrumental in raising money to support job training and early childhood education programs. In addition, he served on the boards of many companies, including Nabisco, American Express, and Xerox. He also worked as a senior partner with the law firm of Akin Gump and in a senior position at the New York investment banking firm, Lazard Freres.

Trinity UCC was blessed to have Mr. Jordan as one of our guest speakers for Elders Sunday in 2018 and we are grateful that he passed this way. Our prayers ascend for his wife, Mrs. Ann Jordan, his daughter, Vickee Jordan, and his three stepchildren.
Order of Worship

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Opening Song
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Invocation
Ministry of Music
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Ministry of Music
Bereavement Notes
Digital Altar Call
Sermonic Hymn
Sermon
“I Have Nothing to Lose, Pt. 1: The Courage to Be”
Invitation
Pastor’s Closing Word
Benediction
Unison Scripture

Mark 5:24-34 (NIV)

24 So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. 25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” 29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. 30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?” 31 “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ 32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”
Almighty and Most Merciful Father, we come before You, acknowledging our sins, our shortcomings, and our breaking of our Covenant with You.

Not only have we done things we ought not to have done, said things we ought not to have said, left undone so many things we ought to have done and been silent when we should have witnessed for You.

Not only are we guilty of that, O Lord; but we have also closed our eyes and pretended not to see the injustices, the racism and the evil which pervade our everyday lives.

We have shut our ears and pretended not to hear the cries for liberation which come from the lips, lives and hearts of the oppressed – even our own Black brothers and sisters!

Forgive us, O Lord, renew our courage and faith, and keep us ever mindful of Thy great sacrifice. Hear us, we beseech Thee, as we come to You in love and worship giving Your Name the praise forevermore.

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To All Our Visitors ... To all who mourn and need comforting ... To all who are friendless and want friendship ... To all who are oppressed and need liberation; and to whosoever will come, Trinity opens its doors. Thank you for coming, and may God bless you.
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SUNDAYS • 9:30 A.M. CST

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You can pay tithes and offerings in the following ways:

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 $trinityucc

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).

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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.
Memorial Tribute

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

DEACON

SHIRLEY

Bims-Ellis

August 26, 1935 - March 1, 2021

Beloved Mother and Grandmother. Friend. Educator. Sage. Leader. These are just a few words to describe God’s faithful servant, Deacon Shirley Bims-Ellis, who served as the “Dean” of Trinity’s Center for African Biblical Studies. Deacon Bims-Ellis developed Bible study curriculum and worked tirelessly to assist our congregation and community in fostering an understanding of embracing our African roots and Christianity.

Deacon Shirley’s favorite scripture was Psalm 27; and the first verse embodies her strength and courage: “The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” She was unashamed of expressing her love of God and lived life to the fullest, leaning on God’s Everlasting Arms.

We salute Deacon Shirley Bims-Ellis and praise God for her faithful leadership and service to her Trinity UCC family. Remember her daughter, Michele, and granddaughters, Mikah and Makeda in prayers. “Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!”
Honoring James D. Montgomery
Charter Member of Trinity UCC

This year, as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of Trinity United Church of Christ, on the first Sunday of each month we honor our church’s charter members who are still serving in God's Vineyard here at Trinity UCC. Today, we honor our charter member, Attorney James D. Montgomery.

Attorney Montgomery was born in Louise, Mississippi. He received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Illinois in 1953 and his Law Degree in 1956 from University of Illinois College of Law.

In 1961, Attorney Montgomery became the attorney of record for a newly formed Southside church, Trinity United Church of Christ!

Attorney Montgomery has served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois and his commitment to civil rights and his community led him to establish his own firm, James D. Montgomery & Associates, Ltd., where he became involved in several landmark civil rights cases, including Hampton v. Hanrahan, a case where the Black Panther chairman, Fred Hampton and Rockford Black Panther leader, Mark Clark, were murdered during a Chicago police raid. After an 18-month trial and subsequent appeal, the case settled for $1.8 million. In the 60s and 70s, Attorney Montgomery filed suits successfully challenging de-facto school segregation and disparate compensation paid to African American, full-time substitute teachers in the Chicago Public Schools. In 1983, he was appointed Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago, under Mayor Harold Washington, where he supervised a legal staff of over 190 lawyers. In March of 2001, Mr. Montgomery teamed up with the prestigious attorney, the late Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr.

In 1999, The Illinois Academy of Lawyers inducted Mr. Montgomery as a “Laureate” in the Academy. As described in the bylaws of the Academy, a Laureate must “personify the greatness of the legal profession and help to establish and maintain its highest principles through a pervasive record of service to the law, the profession and to the public” a perfect description of the man that has served powerfully as an attorney, and been totally dedicated the church he helped found.

Attorney Montgomery and his wife, Pauline, are the parents of six children and six grandchildren.
THE GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION
POP-UP DATES

FRIDAYS
March 12th • April 9th • May 14th
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Trinity United Church of Christ
400 W. 95th Street, Chicago

Food distribution is issued on a
FIRST COME-FIRST SERVED basis,
until supplies are exhausted.

PLEASE NOTE: Walk-ups, please bring your own cart/wagon to carry your food. The food is 75 pounds - including dry goods, fresh produce, and meat. Remember to wear your masks and practice social distancing for your health and safety. For more information, call Trinity UCC at (773) 962-5650.
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DIVINE IMAGINATION CALL


Dial 712-775-7031, enter passcode 634787; press the “#” key.
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Join us for our midweek word of prayer - there's a blessing waiting for YOU!

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

MidWeek Manna

WEDNESDAYS 11:30 a.m. cst

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Listen in 760-548-9434
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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.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)
Announcements

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

Every Friday | 7pm - 8:30pm

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

Register at:
tinyurl.com/TUCCFreeNOne
Announcements

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TRINITY UCC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
Sundays – 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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Communion Sunday • March 7, 2021

THE PASTOR’S PRAYER CALL
THURSDAYS
12:00 noon CST

Call 712-775-7031
Participant Code: 634787*

Join us on this call, as Pastor Otis Moss III prays for our community and nation.

FACEBOOK
LIVE CONNECTION
FRIDAYS
12:00 PM CDT

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RESTART FOR YOUR HEALTH

EDUCATION 2021

with Dr. Terry Mason

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday through May, 2021
via Zoom
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

To register, visit:
https://tinyurl.com/DrTerryMason Restart For Health
Announcements

IMMABASI HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY
FAMILY CAREGIVERS
VIRTUAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 9th, 2021
2:00PM - 3:30PM CST
via Zoom

Class will start promptly; please join 5 minutes before start time.

Dear Lord, help us to remember that
PRAYER is a wonderful way to care for
someone. May we stay beneath Your
wings, where there is protection, peace,
and contentment.

Register Here
https://tinyurl.com//TUCCCAREGIVERS
TRINITY UCC'S YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PRESENTS

JUDAS AND THE BLACK MESSIAH
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

A Virtual Conversation

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Join the Trinity UCC Young Adult Ministry as we host a relevant Lenten Bible Study examining the theological, political, social, and cultural dimensions of the film Judas and the Black Messiah in relation to the Passion of Jesus Christ, as portrayed in the Gospels, and how our lives have been impacted as a result. This Bible Study will be hosted via Zoom. Please email Rev. Tyrone McGowan at temcgowan@trinitychicago.org to register.
Announcements

COMMUNITY MINISTRY PRESENTS...

AFRICAN WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Powerful stories of African and Diasporic greatness, featured throughout the month of March!

SAVE THE DATE!
March 21, 2021 @ 2:30pm
African Women's History Month Inspiration Chat
Service & Support Groups

Trinity United Church of Christ

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

2-PART ONLINE NEW MEMBER CLASS FOR THOSE WHO WALKED THE AISLE BEFORE THE SHELTER-IN-PLACE OR JOINED ONLINE DURING THE SHELTER-IN-PLACE
(For Residents of Chicago and Surrounding Communities)

VIRTUAL MEMBERS
March 20, 2021 • 11am

LOCAL MEMBERS
Residents of Chicago and Surrounding Communities
Pt. 1: March 21 and Pt. 2: March 28 • 1pm

To register for the class or for information, send an email to stewardship@trinitychicago.org.

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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

Counseling Ministry
(773) 966-1500, Mailbox 2315

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.

Healing Ministry
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2325

HIV/AIDS Support Ministry
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2327

Housing Ministry
(773) 966 - 1500, Mailbox 2329

Immabasi 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

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JANUARY
Matthew 25:21
His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

FEBRUARY
Titus 3:14 (NIV)
Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order to provide for urgent needs and not live unproductive lives.

MARCH
Proverbs 4:7 (ESV)
The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight

APRIL
Matthew 6:33
But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

MAY
1 Peter 4:10
Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

JUNE
Mark 8:36 (ESV)
For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?

JULY
Proverbs 21:5 (ESV)
The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.

AUGUST
Proverbs 10:4
Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.

Proverbs 20:4 (NIV)
Sluggards do not plow in season; so at harvest time they look but find nothing.

SEPTEMBER
Proverbs 14:23 (ESV)
In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty.

Proverbs 23:4 (ESV)
Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist

OCTOBER
Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)
Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

NOVEMBER
Matthew 7:12 (ESV)
So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

DECEMBER
Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)
For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

COVER ART: The Touch by Aaron and Alan Hicks; https://www.blackartdepot.com/products/the-touch-alan-and-aaron-hicks
TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Journey to Resurrection

HOLY WEEK VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES
MARCH 28 - APRIL 4, 2021

28 MAR
Palm Sunday - All Worship Services

01 APR
Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

02 APR
7 Last Words - 12:00 p.m.

04 APR
Easter Sunday - All Worship Services

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