



trinity
united church of Christ

**Sunday Worship @
10:00 am each week**

Sermon Series:

**RE
ALIGN M E N T
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Continuing in October:
Re-Align Your Place
in the World

Trinity Tidings

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What Are We Here For?

Greetings church!

I have greatly enjoyed the conversation that has begun here at Trinity around our realignment. Many people have expressed a renewed vision and purpose in their lives and in the direction of the church just in a few weeks. Already we are seeing people called to new ministries or finding their gifts to serve others.

As we go through this journey, we are going to ask as a church what our purpose might be. I've broken out five categories where we as a church might find purpose. Perhaps one of them speaks to your gifts and calling!

Raising the Next Generation:

We are often reminded of the blessing of children that God has poured out on this church. If we truly believe that the grace of Jesus Christ is for us and our children and their children, then we have a sacred duty to train up the next generation for a lifetime of discipleship. And this doesn't just mean our biological children.

Everyone can take a role as a supporter of our young people, in the church and in the community. Are we being called as Christians to serve as mentors and guides to the next generation? *"My Spirit, which rests on and moves in you, and My words, which I have placed within you, will continue to be spoken among you and move you to action. And not only you, but so it will be for your children and their children too. And so on through the generations for all time"* Isaiah 59:21

Connecting with God and with Others:

We may think that our faith journey is a purely personal journey, but Scripture reminds us constantly that we were made to be in community with God and with other believers. God sought relationship with Adam & Eve, recommitted to walk with Abraham, and came in the form of Christ to experience all the joy and sorrow of our Earthly lives. The early church shared together in joy and sorrow and cared for each others needs. We are meant to walk together through this life. *"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had"* Acts 4:32

Worshipping God:

Some people are gifted with great faith, others the ability to speak the truth of God to lead others. How we worship can be deeply tied to our purpose. Many find their purpose in these acts of worship whether in the organization and administration of the sacraments, through worship music, through the preaching of the word, and through prayer. In the modern age we're finding new purpose in worship using technology to broadcast the word of God to the wide world. *"Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord."* Psalm 68:4

Growing in Faith:

Do you thirst for knowledge and seek God's truth? Can you teach others God's truth in a way that is rich and yet relatable? We might find our purpose in growing in faith. For the student, a lifetime commitment to dive deeper into the word, to meditate on it daily, to seek context and understanding to better apply it to our daily lives can give a profound sense of meaning to life. To the teacher, watching as people form deeper relationships with God and with each other centered on the enlightenment of God's word assures that your knowledge will live on in others. *"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ."* Ephesians 4:15

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Council Minutes: July

The Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston Church Council met on Monday, August 8 2022 at 7 pm. Luke Sutter, President, called meeting to order. Pastor Ryan opened with prayer. Those in attendance were as follows: President Luke Sutter Vice President Rebecca Reif, Ashley Gahler, Connie Gahler, Nate Diekman, Jim Laughlin, Brice Gahler, Brianne Perry, Sam Sutter, Steve Turnow, and Mary Muntz

Reports:

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes from July meeting were read prior to the meeting by members. Motion to accept the minutes was made by first Nate, second by Brice, MC.

Secretary Report: Mary has been with Trinity for 1 year!

Checking propane prices. Currently lowest price is 1.89/9 from Ferrell gas. Will continue to price check. Motion by Brice to allow Mary to contract with company offering lowest price/gallon, second by Brianne. MC. July financial statement reviewed. Motion by Sam to approve June financial statement, second by Jim Laughlin. MC.

Pastor Report:

No communion in August due to VBS, Turnows pond, picnic. Communion will resume September 11th
Considering starting a partnership with Meyers family missionaries or adding them to benevolence for 2023
Praise band playing 8/14 and 8/23 and Outdoor worship and water day/picnic on 8/23
Realignment in September asking what is the purpose of our church

Committee Reports:

EFY- Branching Out and Thrive

VBS was a success!
Sunday school resumes 9/11
Christmas program will be on upcoming radar
Youth group leader position still being restructured as to what the church needs

Trustee Report

Parking lot will be getting repainted. Jim working on that project
Yard will need mowed while Brad is out of town form 8/17-9/7
Garden club would like to know what kind of plant to purchase for church landscaping as a donation
Mary will ask Kelsey Gahler for her opinion on what would grow/look best in certain areas

Worship Team / Mission / Pastoral Relations Committee /Church and Ministry /2030 Team • no update

Old Business:

AC/boiler project

Moisture issue in sanctuary attic and fellowship hall. Roger Sheehan contacted. He believes it is an issue with the drain pan or condensation pump may be failing. He is touch with IPS and will ensure issues are fixed in a timely manner. AC off at this time.

Expander funds

What to do with money raised at chicken BBQ. In past money raised has been left in "expanders" fund with out any direction on what money would be used for.

Going forward church and council will predetermine a use or location for money raised at chicken BBQ as it is one of our largest fundraisers

Restated the policy of expenses greater than \$500 must go through council for approval

Discussed combining of some or all individual funds groups into a general fund for the overall church rather than the many small categories

\$1000 scholarship offered to family of Evan Hoeft as a thank you for Marty's volunteer time and efforts to our church. Motion by Rebecca Reif to offer funding for the church matching scholarship to Evan for attendance at Huntington college, second by Nate, MC.

New Business • None at this time

Motion to adjourn meeting by first Brianne , second by Jim, MC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:9 by Luke Sutter.

Respectfully submitted, Ashley Gahler, Recording Secretary.

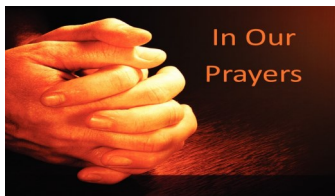
Council meets
at the Church
monthly on the
2nd Monday at
7:00 pm

Reminder:
Per our
Constitution,
all
expenditures
over \$500 must
be approved
by Council.

General Operating Fund Report

(Council approved 9/12/22)

Beginning Balance 08/01/2022	\$24,025.22
Offering/Income	\$8,919.48
Expenses	\$9,525.21
Transfers	(\$250.00)
Balance 08/31/2022	\$23,169.49



Be in prayer for the following:

The family of John Bast, who passed away unexpectedly September 10th.

Those with long-term health concerns:

Rayna Perry, Steve (community member battling ALS), Don Weaver, Don Hoeft, Deanna Vizi, Riley & Ren Baumert, Joel Marquart

Those battling cancer: Dustin Schmidt, Jackie Pelton, Logan Murphy

Welcome
 ✨ LITTLE ONE ✨

Congratulations to Scott & Analisa Williams on the birth of Emma Rose on September 23, 2022. She weighed 8 pounds 2 1/2 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Steve & Nancy Turnow and Scott Sr. & Robin Williams. Messages of congratulations may be shared with the family by mail at 2201 N Rice St., Elliston, OH 43432

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Called to Serve:

An amazing calling that some excel at is the service of others. Looking into the community and address needs, both physical and spiritual, and being able to provide for them. This can look like so many things, a listening ear, a comforting presence, financial help, physical help, support, care, and compassion. There's really no limit to the ways we can find ourselves in service to God and others For Jesus taught us that the way we love others will be a reflection of our love for God. *"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"* Matthew 25:37-40

I hope you have found these discussions as beneficial as I have, brothers and sisters, and pray that together by the Holy Spirit we all find a renewed sense of purpose in God's kingdom. For His glory and honor!

-Pastor Ryan Shields



**John A. Bast
 August 24, 1954 - September 10, 2022**

John A. Bast, 68 of Genoa, OH died unexpectedly Saturday, September 10, 2022 at Magurder Hospital, Port Clinton, OH. He was born August 24, 1954 in Oregon, OH to Alfred and Donna (Hotmer) Bast.

He was a 1972 graduate of Oak Harbor High School. On March 1, 1974 he married the former Jacquelyn K. Porath and she survives. John retired in 2012 from Roadway as a truck driver and also enjoyed his many years of building houses and carpentry. He was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston where he was a very active trustee he also enjoyed making a mission trip to the Philippines.

He enjoyed riding his Harley with his wife. He also loved baking, gardening and canning with his daughter, Kim and ice fishing with his son, Jeff. John loved visiting and spending quality time with his daughter Christina and her family. He traveled with his wife and extended family, to such places as Mexico, Florida, Tennessee, and the UP. But most of all he loved spending time with his family and playing with all his many grandchildren, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was also very proud of his 31 years of sobriety, and the many friends he had made through AA and Al-Anon programs.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years Jackie of Genoa, OH; children: Jeffery Bast of Put-in Bay, OH, Kimberly Bast of Oak Harbor, OH, and Christina (Joshua) Hurst of Port Clinton, OH; mother Donna Schell of Genoa; grandchildren: Andrew Reagan, Dakota Kroeger, Ashten Reagan, Alexys Doolin, Blake Doolin, Marrie Doolin, Chandler Chasteen, Marleta Chasteen, Dane Jacob Lewis, Grayson Neff and Jacob Seaman great- grandchildren Novalleen and Nye'Ellie; sister Peggy Bast of Berlin Heights, OH; brothers Steve (Linda) Bast of Curtice, OH and Richard (Kathy) Bast of Oak Harbor, OH; and several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews that loved him. He was preceded in death by his father Alfred Bast.

Visitation will be from 2-8pm Wednesday at Crosser & Priesman Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Oak Harbor Chapel. Funeral Services will begin at 1pm, with the family to receive friends beginning at 12pm on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at Trinity United Church of Christ, Elliston with Pastor Ryan Shields officiating. A luncheon will be provided following the services. Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider Trinity United Church of Christ or a Charity of the Donor's Choice. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.crosserpriesmanfuneralhome.com.

**Memorial
 Thank You**

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of John Bast. We would like to thank the following for their memorial given in his name:

- Dale & Ava Bodnar
- Dan & Connie Gahler & Family
- Danny & Kathy Appelhans
- Dick & Nyla Denman
- Don & Bonnie Weaver
- Don & Jan Corbin
- Donald & Michelle Tabbert
- Donna Schell
- Doug & Karen Lick
- Doyle Sommer
- Ed & Jane Gahler
- Eloise Hellwig
- Fay Bolander
- Jared & Janene Lattimore
- Lauren & Faye Milbrodt
- Norma Reif
- Ron & Kathy Giesler
- Steve & Nancy Turnow
- Suzanne Buhro
- Trinity Women's Fellowship
- Viola Gahler

Children's Ministry Volunteers Fall Quarter 2022

Sunday School | 9:00 AM

PreK	Janene Lattimore
K-2nd	Kylene Liphart
Thrive (3rd-5th Grade)	Jan Corbin
Confirmation	Pastor Ryan (6th-8th Grade)
Adult Classes	Sarah Edwards Rev. Don Corbin

Branching Out Children's Church | 10:00 AM

(Rotating Teachers Each week of the month)

Nursery (2's & 3's):

- week 1 - Ashley Gahler / Nancy Turnow
- week 2 - Jennifer Laughlin / **ASSISTANT NEEDED**
- week 3 - Faith Sutter / Elishia Sutter / Sophie Sutter / Amy Sutter
- week 4 - Rebecca Reif / **ASSISTANT NEEDED**

PreK-2nd Grade:

- Week 1 Veronica McMonigle / Ashley Zimmerman
- Week 2 - Casi Johnson / Emily Burcin
- Week 3 - **TEACHER & ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR THIS WEEK**
- Week 4 - Kim Drummond / Dawn Kovac

Let the church office know if you'd like to fill an open spot!

Trinity Reminders and Answers to How Do I... and What's That For...Questions

Got An Item To Submit For The Next Newsletter ?

Do you have good news or thank you's to share?
Drop a note off or email them to the church office by the 20th of each month!

Use of the Church Hall or Basement

The church calendar of events is hanging on the wall outside the main office door. You can also view scheduled events on the church website calendar (www.trinityelliston.org). If you would like to reserve the hall or basement take a form from the pouch under the calendar outside the main office, complete it and return it to the office to be scheduled. You are now required to fill out a form for any event that you would like to have in the church (including any rollover events from year to year for holiday parties). Please do not just write on the calendar - we ask you complete the form first. Once the form is reviewed we will add it to the calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Mary.

Trinity Logo Wear

You can now order items directly from bit.ly/trinityunitedchurchofchrist. If the item you would like is not listed simply call R&R Identification at 419-355-8206 or visit their shop at 160 S OH 590 Fremont, OH 43420 and tell them what you would like with the Trinity Elliston logo on it and they will be happy to make it to your specifications.

Table & Chair Sign Out

Sign-out sheet for tables and chairs is located in the closet across from the main office (on the back of the door). Contact the office to make sure you are on the list for the date you would like to use the tables and chairs. The only tables that are to leave the property are the older wooden style tables. The only chairs that are to leave the property are the wooden chairs. Both tables and chairs that may be taken out are located in the shed by the kitchen entry.

Medical Lending Supplies

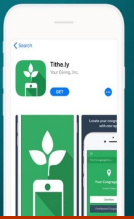
Many supplies have been donated to the church in hopes someone has a need and can use them. They are located in the basement kitchen. Should you, a family member, neighbor or friend have a need please feel free to take what can be used! There is no fee or need to sign out items - just come get what you need!

MOBILE GIVING

Download the
Tithe.ly App

Search for "Tithe.ly" in
the app store and install
in less than 30 seconds.

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Giving to your local church using [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) is super easy! We offer a number of different ways to give to your church, as listed below:

#1 - Give on your Church Website

The recommended way to give is to go through your church's website. They likely have a section titled "Giving" or "Online Giving" where you can give using the Tithe.ly platform. If they do not have that, you can use one of the methods listed below.

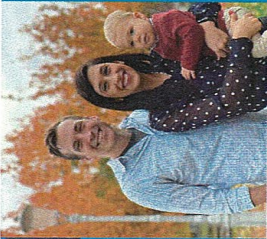
#2 - Give Online

If you're on a computer (or any device with an internet connection), you can easily give to your church by heading to [Tithe.ly/Give](https://www.tithe.ly/Give). Once there, search for your church, and fill in the giving form.

#3 - Give in App

Want to give to your church using the convenience of your smartphone? No problem! Download the Tithe.ly App from the [App Store](https://www.tithe.ly) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](https://www.tithe.ly) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, locate your church and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!

STUDENT-LED MOVEMENTS SLOVENIA



Letters from
Gjubjana

August 2022

NEW CO-LABORERS

As we head into a new school year, we are excited to continue to strive to see the Kingdom of God come to the lives of students across the country of Slovenia. As you know, our goal is to see a community of people reading the Bible in each of the 212 municipalities of Slovenia, meaning that there would be a group within a 15 minute drive of anyone in the country. As we continue toward that goal this year, we are incredibly excited to have some new teammates joining us this year.



A Slovene married couple named Rok and Polona will be joining our team. We have known them for many years, as they have been volunteers with different ministries. They have long desired to work in full-time ministry and they said that joining our team is an answer to many years of prayer. They are going to bring so much to our team, and for us, they are an answer to prayers as well. Our ultimate goal is to completely hand-over the ministry to Slovene nationals, and Rok, Polona, and Kaja (who will be interning with us a second year this year) are huge steps toward that goal, and incredibly important to the long-term longevity and health of the ministry here. I am certain that God will bless them all with incredibly fruitful ministries this year.

This brings our team to an exciting point this year, as we will have 3 Slovenes, 5 Americans, and 1 Moldovan (Zina) on our team, meaning the American-to-European balance will be nearing that hopeful eventual turning point, where the ministry can be fully turned over to Slovenes. Please pray for Rok and Polona, that God would be preparing them for what may be a challenging yet rewarding transition into full-time ministry. Pray that they would be welcomed and incorporated well into our team, that God would bless them with wisdom and insight that they could share with us to accurately our ministry toward our goals. Pray for us as we are planning and prepping for the coming school year, that we would have unity, vision, and joy. And pray for each of us, that we would serve God foremost from our own deep and fruitful relationships with Him.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that the Lord would continue drawing people to Himself, and that He would help us to connect with them, so that we can help them grow in their faith and make disciples.
- Pray for the groups that were established last year, that they would continue to grow, and to bless each other and their communities. Pray they the Slovenes in the groups would continue to read and apply God's word to their lives, and share it with those around them.
- Pray for students as the prep for school, that God would be moving in their lives.

With love in Christ, Jay, Zina, & Ari Hernar

THE WOODS

P R A Y E R R E Q U E S T S

Pray for me as I orchestrate the planning and details of the Staff Gathering in November- may it encourage our staff.

Our schedule can feel hectic at times. Pray that we can still prioritize time to connect with each other as a family.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

TO GIVE A GIFT: GIVE.CRU.ORG/0495975

SUMMER GATHERINGS

Ben and I were able to attend, for the first time in 7 years, Cru's bi-annual staff conference in Milwaukee, WI. Over 5,000 of us gathered in the city to hear updates about the ministry and to renew our vision and commitment to make Jesus known. One of the most memorable parts for me was reflecting on the decades of ministry that a majority of our staff (including Ben) have participated in in a large country in East Asia. It has become increasingly difficult for foreigners to enter that country, so we have ended our partnership and left the ministry in the ready and capable hands of the local staff. Now we are focusing our ministry's resources in a part of the world called the Crescent Window. While at the conference, over a dozen staff felt lead to pursue being sent to these largely unreached and closed countries. May God raise up even more laborers!

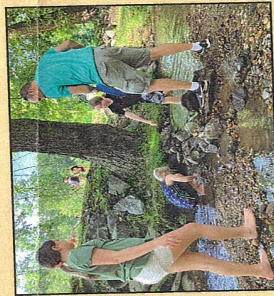


After returning to Florida, a few weeks later, I went to Atlanta to meet with my team. We spent the time zeroing in on our top priorities for the year. (As a reminder, we serve about 180 staff who are reaching campuses in FL, GA and SC.) In addition to my regular responsibilities of caring for our staff, I will also help plan team visits throughout this school year, and help plan our yearly gathering of staff from our area to encourage and provide a place for connecting with each other and the Lord. That will take place in Daytona Beach the end of November. There's a lot we're hoping to do and, with the Lord's blessing, it will build up and strengthen our staff for the good works God has prepared in advance for them to walk in.

PERSONAL UPDATE

We ended up spending a few days in the mountains in Georgia before heading to Wisconsin. I wish it didn't take an entire day to get there because it's clear being in the mountains refreshes all of our family's spirits. Though the kids dreaded doing every hike, each time I watched them uncoil and come alive as we walked the paths. Elliama's favorite memory was the German restaurant we ate at while the boys tried fishing in a different environment (no worrying about gators getting their bait there). Our overall favorite part though was playing in a creek and making a dam at a local park.

School started August 10 for the kids. The twins were so nervous about starting middle school as 6th graders, but they have loved it! This has been their first chance to participate in band. Elliama will learn to play the trumpet and Jonathan will learn the saxophone. Noah is making new friends in his 4th grade class and doing really well. The boys have started competitive soccer, and both won their first tournaments last weekend. Elliama is learning synchronized swimming and loving it. She's like a fish in the water! This all makes for a busy schedule, and in between running them around, I'm trying to be present and enjoy it all. May we all learn to pause and take pleasure in what God has given us - even the little and mundane things. *Ben & Mandi*





Greeter Schedule

Team A:

(1st Sunday every month & July 30, 2023)

- Dan Mathews
- Brad Jess
- Ed and Jane Gahler
- Nate Diekman
- Nyla Denman

Team B:

(2nd Sunday every month & October 30, 2022)

- Matt and Casi Johnson
- Eric and Ashley Gahler
- Doug & Tammy Asher
- Blair Drummond
- Bella Hall

Team C:

(3rd Sunday every month & January 29, 2023)

- Mike and Ann Diekman
- Troy & Brittany Wittman Family
- Brianne Perry

Team D:

(4th Sunday every month & April 30, 2023)

- Jay & Joanne Hellwig
- Jim and Jen Laughlin
- Keaston & Rebecca Reif Family

There is still room on some of our greeter teams for you! Contact the church office and we will assign you a team to serve with.

Trinity UCC

(Pastor Appreciation Month)

OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Neighbors in Need Offering 2</p> <p>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Greeters: Team A / Trustee: Michael Sager Kolt Hansen</p>						<p>1</p> <p>Brittany Mathews (B) Jeremy Diekman (B)</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Tori Wilburn (B)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Sanctuary: 6:30 pm Town Hall Meeting Gym: 6:00-7:30 pm Basketball Clinic</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Courtney Kish (B) Brice & Amber Cahler (A) 6:00 pm McVicker/Austin Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>3:00 pm McVicker/Austin Wedding</p>		<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Greeters: Team B / Trustee: Brice Cahler</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 pm Church Council Joy & Joanne Hellwig (A)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Brad Jess (B) Gym: 6:00-7:30 pm Basketball Clinic</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Ainzley Johnson (B) Paul & Robin Hansen (A)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Matt Johnson (B)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Jared & Janene Lattimore (A)</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Greeters: Team C / Trustee: Steve Turnow</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Gym: 6:00-7:30 pm Basketball Clinic</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Triadings Information Due</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Janie Lattimore (B)</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Greeters: Team C / Trustee: Jim Laughlin</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:00 am Coffee Fellowship Kathleen Giesler (B) Sean Hoelt (B)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Gym: 6:00-7:30 pm Basketball Clinic</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Ann David (B) Jacob Rother (B)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:00 am Sunday School, Confirmation & Adult Classes 10:00 am Worship & Kids Church Greeters: Team A / Trustee: Michael Sager 2:00 pm Trunk-or-Treat Michael Sager (B)</p>	<p>31</p>					

Watch the Service Online

We have created a direct link on our website for our weekly services!
<http://www.trinityelliston.org/livestream.html>

There's a place for you here!



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9:00 am
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Sunday Worship
10:00 am
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