

A Service of Holy Communion January 19, 2025 Second Sunday After the Epiphany

If you would like to receive more information about Trinity Church, please sign our guest book located near the entrance. Everyone is welcome to enjoy refreshments and conversation after worship. Trinity Church is an Episcopal Church in the Diocesan Partnership of Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania and is a part of the Anglican Communion which is based in England but found worldwide.

> Cover image: Thích Nhất Hạnh leading a walking meditation"

This centering prayer was written by Matt Lincoln, based on a quotation from Tirabassi & Grant, An Improbable Gift of Blessing.

In spirit or in body, the congregation stands to sing hymns.

Welcome to Trinity's gathered community! We are together on-site and online!

The people of Trinity Church gather around a table piled high with spiritual food, and there is a place for you and everyone at the table, whatever your religious practice may be. If you are at Trinity in person, know that this congregation supports anyone who wears a mask to reduce risk of infection. Please feel free to receive communion and participate in the service as fully as you want. If you are watching the Facebook Live Stream, you may add comments, likes, etc. to the comment section at any time. If you are on-site, you can use your mobile device to join the Facebook Live Stream to connect with other worshippers in the comment section. Just make sure your volume is all the way down! WiFi internet access is publicly available. Use the "Trinity Open" network with the password "Welcome!"

Trinity Church is a metropolitan house of prayer, a community of worship and spiritual inquiry, welcoming all people. Recognizing our common brokenness, yet rejoicing in the reconciling love of God through Jesus Christ, we nurture one another in our spiritual life together. This communal worship service is many things, including an offering of your prayers. You may light a candle on one of the candle walls at any time during worship as a tangible way to make that prayer offering, or if you are online, request a candle lighting in the comments, and someone on-site will light a candle on your behalf. If you are not on-site, rest assured that your presence online is felt and valued.

Children, with all their sounds and movements, are a welcome part of the gathering for worship. It is perfectly appropriate to keep your kids with you in the pew. If your baby or toddler would be happier being able to crawl around and play, there are Kids' Corners in both side aisles. These are enclosed and safe spaces for small children (attended by their parents) to play quietly on the floor while staying in church. Additionally, there is a room in the back left corner of the church that has a rocking chair and a changing table where you can attend to your child's needs. You may also choose to take advantage of our nursery which is available for toddlers through age 5.

Name tags are not required, but they sure help! You'll find sticky tags and markers on a table in the red carpet area near the entrance.

"Hymn To Freedom" by Oscar Peterson

CENTERING PRAYER Let us pray responsively.

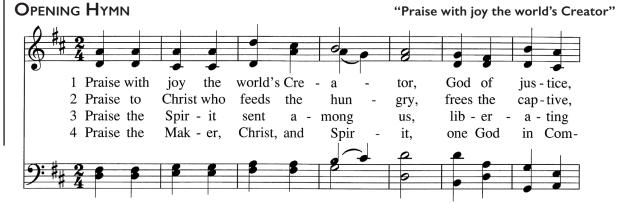
PRELUDE

This church is a field where mustard seeds are planted.

Oh, God, let our small faith grow. This church is a loaf leavened with your hope. Oh God, let our trust rise with your Spirit.

This church is prepared for a banquet.

Oh, God, let us come dressed in the garment of love, which holds all together in harmony. Amen.





The Iona Community works and worships in a tenth-century abbey on the remote island of Iona, Scotland. Their output of hymns and songs includes this one written for the anniversary gathering of the World Student Christian Federation in Edinburgh in 1985. Tune: LAUDA ANIMA (PRAISE MY SOUL) 8.7.8.7.8.7. John Goss, 1869

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FIRST READING

I CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit. There is a variety of ministries, but we serve the same One. There is a variety of outcomes, but the same God is working in all of them. To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one, the Spirit gives wisdom in discourse, to another, the word of knowledge through the same Spirit. Through the Spirit, one person receives faith; through the same Spirit, another is given the gift of healing; and still another, miraculous powers. Prophecy is given to one; to another, power to distinguish one spirit from another. One receives the gift of tongues; another, that of interpreting tongues. But it is one and the same Spirit who produces all these gifts and distributes them as she wills.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.** The Bible readings are taken from The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation by Priests for Equality.

Nobody set out to write The Bible. The Hebrew Scriptures were

created over many

centuries by many

experience of God. The same is true of the Christian Scriptures, some of which were letters written to a specific audience

people to record the Jewish People's

in response to

were then found

to be helpful to the faithful even

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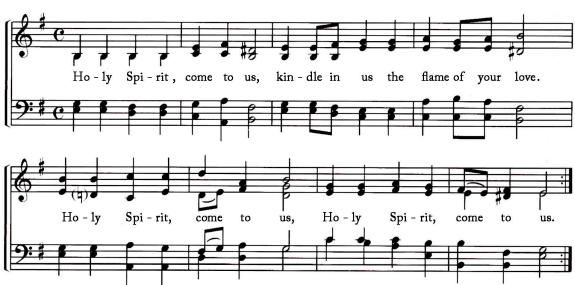
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The Middle Reading fills the role of a Bible reading, but it doesn't come from the Bible. It is our way of trying to listen for God's ongoing word as it is spoken outside the limits of the Bible. Most often, we turn to contemporary poets for this reading.

Thích Nhất Hạnh (1926-2022) was a Zen Buddhist Master, a global spiritual leader, poet, and peace activist, renowned for his powerful teachings and bestselling writings on mindfulness and peace.

It is customary (but not required) to stand for the Gospel reading because it symbolizes the mystical presence of Christ.

The four Gospels hold the core of Christian spiritual wisdom, reflecting the earliest stories and images of Jesus. Like all Scripture, they are not definitive prescriptions but narrative stories requiring endless interpretation.



MIDDLE READING

You are me and I am you. Isn't it obvious that we inter-are? You cultivate the flower in yourself so that I will be beautiful. I transform the garbage in myself so that you do not have to suffer. I support you, you support me. I am here to bring you peace you are here to bring me joy.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

ECHO See above. "Inter-relationship" by Thich Nhat Hanh

"Tui Amoris"

JOHN 2:1-11

Gospel Reading

hree days later, there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, was there. Jesus and his disciples had likewise been invited to the celebration. At a certain point, the wine ran out, and Jesus' mother told him, "They have no wine." Jesus replied, "Mother, what does that have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." She instructed those waiting on tables, "Do whatever he tells you."

As prescribed for Jewish ceremonial washings, there were six stone water jars on hand, each one holding between fifteen and twenty-five gallons. "Fill those jars with water," Jesus said, and the servers filled them to the brim. "Now," said Jesus, "draw some out and take it to the caterer." They did as they were instructed. The caterer tasted the water—which had been turned into wine—without knowing where it had come from; the only ones who knew were those who were waiting on tables, since they had drawn the water. The caterer called the bride and groom over and remarked, "People usually serve the best wine first; then, when the guests have been drinking a while, a lesser vintage is served. What you've done is to keep the best wine until now!" Jesus performed this first of his signs at Cana in Galilee; in this way he revealed his glory, and the disciples believed in him.

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ECHO See previous page.

SERMON

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's Creation.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

In particular, we have been asked to pray for: Fata Haskovic JVE Maryanne Nowacki - battling multiple me myeloma An Cameron - recovery from surgery Ca Carol Siracuse - recovery from surgery Bru Christian Cuccia - recovering from a fall Joe

JVD - for acceptance of results of my medical test Andrew Eisenhardt - battling addiction Carol Torns - recovering from a fall Bruce McKay - restoring his vision Joe Silvestri - recovering from a stroke The sermon invites your curiosity and thoughtfulness about the theme of worship, and is intended to evoke your thoughts rather than direct them. A recording of the sermon is posted to the parish website each week, usually by Tuesday.

"Tui Amoris"

THE REV. JEFFREY TOOKE

In spirit or in body, please stand.

This comes from the United Church of Canada. Like the Nicene Creed that it reflects, it is an expression of faith intended as a symbol of solidarity with other Christians throughout history but not as a pledge of allegiance required for membership. Paul Werner- recovering from a stroke Louis Bordanaro - fell off ladder John Michael Hulme - battling addiction Mark and Dave Gerard Richard Kay Gary and Lisa Panek - recovering from head-on motor vehicle accident Shirley Ruske - diagnosed with cancer Ross DiLoro Cassandra and Michael Jack Giardina Karen Smallen Jeff Watson, John and Catherine Gillespie's son-in-law Dale Worwa Ed and Sherry Czechowski - recovering from a serious motor vehicle accident Alphonso and Marcia O'Neil-White Jessica De Oliveira E Silva (Quinn) - battling stage 4 breast cancer Margaret (Peggy) Rizzo - suffers from Alzheimer's Kathy Jerzewski - a return of lymphoma Betsy and Peter Curtis

Loving God, you have set us in families and clans, in cities and neighborhoods. Our common life began in a garden, but our destiny lies in the city. You have placed us in and around Buffalo. This is our home. Your creativity is on display here through the work of human hearts and hands. We pray for Buffalo today—for the East Side and the West Side, North Buffalo and South Buffalo. We pray for people from the First Ward and the Fruit Belt. We pray for our poorest neighbors and for powerful people in banks and businesses downtown.

We pray for neighboring communities from across our partnership: from Olcott to Olean, from Angola to Albion, from Erie to Edinboro, from Emporium to New Castle and a thousand other cities connected to our own.

In all our neighborhoods this day there will be crime and callous moneymaking; there will be powerful people unable or unwilling to see the vulnerable who are their neighbors. There will also be beautiful acts of compassion and creativity in all these places—forgiveness and generosity; neighbors working together for a more just community.

Help us see this place as something other than a battleground between us and them, where our imaginations are limited by win/lose propositions and endless rivalry. Show us a deeper reality, God: Show us your Beloved Community.

We pray for the protection of all people around the world from infections diseases and other illness. We pray for people who are hungry or homeless, and for all who are in danger of violent attack, especially those in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. We pray also for all who are lonely, all who are overwhelmed by difficult circumstances, or trapped in harmful relationships. We pray for all who grieve, and all who live in fear. We pray for all who are dependent on the compassionate care of others, and for those who work tirelessly to care for the ones who are in need. We pray for our beautiful planet, and for the wisdom and will to stop climate change.

Prosper our city, and help us to trust that you are God, we pray in the name of the one who wept over the Holy City, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you. Now would be a great time to add a comment to the Live Stream!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Add your requests by scaning the QR code.



These prayers are an effort to pray with one voice even though we have a diversity of needs and hopes.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When I was hungry, did you feed me? When I was shivering, did you bring me clothes? When I was thirsty, did you bring me water? When I was homeless, did you give a home? When I was fearful, did you give protection? When I was injured, did you offer care? When I was threatened, did you stand for justice? And when imprisoned, keep a vigil there?

SHARING THE OPEN TABLE

All are welcome to receive Communion at Trinity Church. No Exceptions! All things come of thee, O Lord;

and of thine own have we given thee.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

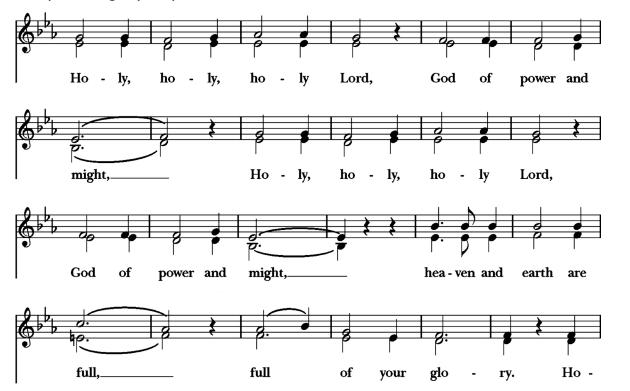
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life. **You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world**; he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us; **his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death**. Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:



"I LIFT MY LAMP" BY GWYNETH WALKER

O my sisters! O my brothers! If you do this for the least of these, You do this for me with God in your heart.

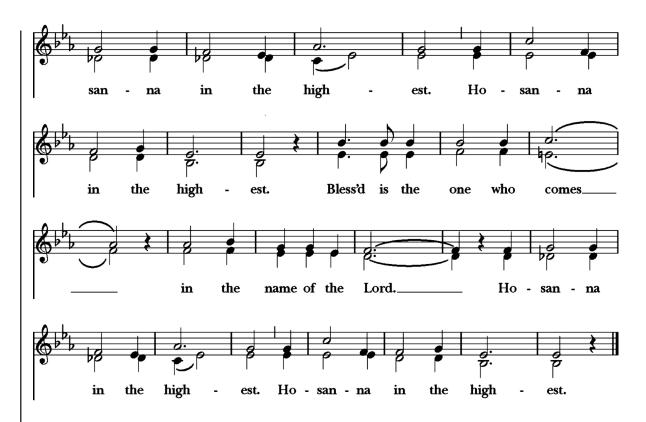
Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these the homeless tempest tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

Your financial

support is not only a practical necessity. It can also be a *very meaningful* symbolic gesture, expressing your gratitude for the blessings in your life and your hope for health in the world. You can place cash or a check in the *collection plate* when it is brought around during the offertory or *donate* online here, or initiate an online donation by texting TRINITYBUFFALO to 73256. You can also get there by scanning the OR code.



This Eucharistic Prayer is adapted from Steven Shakespeare's Prayers For An Inclusive Church, 2009.



We are following a pattern of going back and forth between using an alternative interpretation of the Lord's Prayer for a few weeks and then using the traditional Prayer Book version for a few weeks.

This version of the Lord's Prayer was written by the Rev. Jim Burklo. He is a UCC pastor who is the Executive Director of Progressive Christians Uniting, which organizes ZOE, a national network of progressive Christian ministries at colleges and universities.

Jesus revealed a new, personal sense of relationship with God by addressing God as something like "Papa." Always feel free to use your most meaningful name for God in saying the Lord's Prayer. We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that they may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: **"This is my body,** which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: **"This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."**

Therefore we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Author of blessings, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: Dear One, closer to us than our own hearts, farther from us than the most distant star, you are beyond naming.

May your powerful presence become obvious not only in the undeniable glory of the sky, but also in the seemingly mundane processes of the earth.

Give us what we need, day by day, to keep body and soul together, because clever as you have made us, we still owe our existence to you.

We recognize that to be reconciled with you, we must live peaceably and justly with other human beings, putting hate and bitterness behind us.

We are torn between our faith in your goodness and our awareness of the evil in your creation, so deliver us from the temptation to despair.

Yours alone is the universe and all its majesty and beauty. So it is. Amen.

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Were not our hearts burning within us as we walked along the road?

RECEIVING COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive communion, regardless of religious background or affiliation. For those of you online, you are invited to have a morsel of bread and a sip of wine (or any substitutes you choose) during the time that communion is being shared.

For those in the building, you are invited to come forward and make a large circle around the perimeter of the open area, where you will be offered a morsel of bread dipped in wine. Please let the ministers of communion know if you prefer not to have your bread dipped in the wine. Also, let them know if you need a gluten-free wafer instead of wheat bread.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Bread for the immigrant, bread for the poor, Bread for the hungry who beg at our door. Food for the outcast waiting to belong; Come to the feast meant for everyone.

REFRAIN

Oh, how great is the love of God In this body broken, this saving blood. Oh, how great is the love of God Here in the feast meant for everyone.

Bread for the sheltered, bread for the rich; Those who need nothing but all Jesus is.

PRAYER FOR THE ROAD

Let us pray: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and remembering the body of Christ, which has been broken for the life of the world. Now give us grace to trust that we are a people, forgiven, healed, renewed. Give us the courage to proclaim your love to the world, and to continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

"The Feast Meant for Everyone" by Tom Booth and Sarah Hart

Food for all people, empty, we all come; Come to the feast meant for everyone.

Drink for the brother thirsting for more; Drink for the sister who's run out of hope. This cup is healing, more than just enough. Come to the feast meant for everyone.

Gather the sinners, gather the saints, All souls in heaven and here in this place. This is the table where we are made one, Here in the feast meant for everyone.

BLESSING

This blessing is based on the words of Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881).

In spirit or HYMN "COMMUNITY OF CHRIST" in body, the congregation stands to sing hymns. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who 1 make the Cross your own, 2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church's door Com - mu - ni - ty Christ, through whom the 3 of word must sound-When men-ace melts a -4 way, so shall God's will be done, Contributors: Shirley Erena Murray Text: © 1992, Hope Publishing Company risk your life live out your creed and for God lone: а see the ref - u gee, the hun-gry, and and the poor. and for peace the whole 'round: cry for jus - tice world out world be peace and Christ its the cli-mate of the Sun: Some of the music in this service used with permission to podcast/stream/ reproduce under OneLicense, License #A-700776. Other The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be music from Church long, Publishing (Hymnal Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street, 1982; Wonder Love Dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de stroy, & Praise; Lift Every cur - ren - cy kind - li - ness our Voice and Sing Our be love and law, II) is reproduced under a license from RiteSong. All rights reserved. whose chil-dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song. towel and wa - ter. take that you wash your neigh-bor's feet. turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy. food and faith shared as for our be one ev er more.

Life is short. We do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the

journey with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of God, who

made us, who loves us, and who animates and guides us be with you now and always. Amen.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, trusting that we are made one in Christ, to shine in the world with God's light. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by Lyndell Leatherman

Vestry Elections and Annual Meeting on Sunday, Feb 2. You can vote for our new Vestry members now through Sunday, Feb 2 @10:30am. Everyone who considers themselves to be a member of Trinity is welcome to vote. This year we are electing I warden and 3 vestry members. Be sure to attend the annual meeting on February 2 @11:30am in the Marfield Room to learn what's been going on at Trinity. You may notice that there are the same number of candidates as there are vestry openings. It is still important that you take the time to vote. Your vote indicates that you do support these people representing you on the vestry. Click here to vote.

JoAnne Sundell - Warden

I'm a mom of two college-aged sons, small business owner with my husband Dan, and an adjunct history instructor at SUNY Erie's City campus. I've been a member and greeter at Trinity for about 20 years. Since 2019, I've served on two committees formed to help Trinity to become economically sustainable in an era of declining church membership. I believe that I have a clear understanding of our obstacles and opportunities. As Warden, my intention is to support Matt and the vestry as Trinity transforms into the best, sustainable version of itself.

Jane Kearns

I am honored to be asked to put my name up for vestry! I have been an active member since 1976. Trinity has been an important part of my life all of these years. I taught the Sunday school nursery for more than 8 years, served on vestry 2 terms, leader of the kitchen area for the White Elephant Sale for many years and since its demise, have offered assistance in various fundraisers as I have been able. I have just retired from Hunt REC after 42 years and have enough energy left to assist Trinity in any way needed. Thank you for considering me.

Jess Poleon

My background in public service (I work for Erie County) will assist me in serving the congregation as a vestry member. I am a good listener and will listen to what the members want. I bring a fresh set of eyes and perspective to the table. Everyone's voice is essential. No matter how large or small someone believes themselves to be, we are all equal and must be part of the conversations carrying the church into the future. I currently serve on the WNY ASIS [American Society of Industrial Securities] as co-vice chair, having served five terms as chair. I live in the Blackrock section of Buffalo with my husband Paul, who I've shared 21 blissful years of marriage and counting, our teenage son PJ (Paul Jr.), and our two dogs, Harley and Jack. If anyone has any questions, feel free to reach out.

Cynthia J. Stroud

I am affectionately known as Cindy, and I work as a staff member of the Clean Air Coalition, based here at Trinity. I have been asked by the nominating committee to bring a Trinity partner perspective to the vestry. I am a proud Buffalonian who graduated from the Buffalo Public School system. I am always ready to lend a helping hand to my community and anyone in need. I am deeply committed to community health. Additionally, I have experience working with individuals with intellectual and/or physical disabilities, negotiating contracts with a labor union, and ensuring a complete count during each census cycle, including the homeless population. In all of these efforts, inclusion and reducing disparities are priorities.

Our spiritual practice is renewed as we leave here and begin again to work the promises of the covenant.















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Prayers:	Joanne Dunnigan
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Guest musician:	Russ Carere, saxophone
Counters:	Emily Carlin, Missy Stolfi
Bakers:	Elaine "Gretchen" Lodick

All services are in person AND online:

Sunday @10:30am	In-person worship while live streaming on Facebook and YouTube. The Sunday online Live Stream service remains accessible as a video recording on Trinity's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u> pages after the service is over.
Sunday @7:00pm	Featuring poetry and jazz, in person in the Chapel and on Zoom.
	Resumes tonight.
Wednesday @Noon	Prayer and holy conversation, in person and on Zoom
Thursday @7pm	The wisdom and fellowship of 12-Step recovery, in person and on Zoom
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Email your request for a link to the Zoom worship services here.