

God shimmers

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Triune God*

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As we sheltered in place, we lived a very wet, greening spring and we are now in the midst of the summer where earth laughs in flowers and occasional rain waters our dreams. The astounding energy of love spent on this greening process witnesses to a God of relationship who wants us to realize that we are one with every little vegetation and species on earth. We would be lonely without all the life forms. The deer frolic in high speed through the grass in the mists of the mornings. The groundhogs scurry to their home underground as they see me watching them. All creatures speak to the divine in me and around me and I answer with enjoyment. They tell us our Triune God has many windows through which to shine. We get to see shimmers of this Triune God in life forms and patters all over creation, in the connections between beings, in the oneness we feel with all created life.

This created universe is what we read to get the inside story on God. Augustine and many spiritual writers say “begin with your experience” to get to know God and self. After all, we are made in God’s image. The entire Universe is in God’s image and holds the love energy from which all life comes. If I begin with our experience, our awe of the night sky, our sense of peace at the setting sun, our deep feeling of relationship to the leaves, the root systems, the canopy in the forest I know the Triune God. It’s the same mystery that Theresa Gerhardinger waited on for direction as she guided a flourishing order. The sense of oneness is pressing and exposes our God of time and eternity.

Plans are coming along for the 2021 Symposium on the Triune God. This year we have experienced many lost occasions to gather, learn, and give praise. However, as they say in baseball, there’s always next year. We trust that in 2021 we will live out the plans we are making.

The Trinity Committee is working with Nix, professional conference managers, to find a gathering space; a call for liturgists, musicians, poets and artists went out; the speakers Gloria Schaab and Steven Bevans are preparing to speak to “Love Gives Everything” with the goal of helping us transition to live more deeply and intimately with the Triune God; three SSND, Beatriz Martinez-Garcia, Masicha Nasimiyu and Addie Lorraine Walker, are praying about sharing their response to the speakers in the context of new theological and spiritual concepts of trinity.

Our webpage is updated regularly. We encourage you to check it at www.ssnd.org/trinity2021 for biographies of our speakers and new resources for prayer and reading.

The opportunity to register for the event is not yet available. Stay alert. It will happen. The committee hopes to see you there in person or online.