

The 2018-19 Adult Forum program is an exploration of how new scientific theories and discoveries might deepen and expand Christian liturgy, scripture, theology. Because both religion and science deal with truth and mystery, science could change from being the “enemy” to a catalyst in creating new insights and experiences of the Holy.

**I. LIVING IN THE TRINITY:
SPIRITUAL GROUND IN A DIVERSE WORLD**

Explore the image of God as Trinity to inform our dialogue and listening leading up to the mid-term elections.

September 16

An opportunity to come together as a community after the summer using an interactive, playful exercise with images of God

Host: Mike Green

Facilitators: Margaret DiMarco, Chris Furlong & Anne Miner-Pearson

September 23

Making Connections: Seeing how the diversity and unity of our Triune God has implications for listening in our current political climate.

Host: Terry Carlson

Facilitator: Anne Miner-Pearson

September 30

Join Trinity member and Circle of Trust Facilitator Chris Commers for an adult forum to explore aspects of Healing the Heart of Democracy, Parker Palmer's work on restoring, renewing and reconnecting with our civic selves. Can we practice the 5 habits of the heart to live into our best selves and invite others to do the same?

Host: Nancy Jewett

Facilitator: Chris Commers

October 7

Several traditions of deliberation and decision-making are unique to indigenous peoples in North America, including the concept of the Seventh Generation among Anishinaabe people, the listening and diplomacy processes of the Iroquois Longhouse Tradition, and engagement of Elders.

Host: Mike Green

Facilitator: Michael McNally

October 14

Learning about a non-profit agency, City House, a ministry of spending time listening to neighbors who seem different from us.

Host: Terry Carlson

Facilitator: Rolf Lowenberg-Deboer

October 21

A Pause: Gathering in small groups, participants will have time to reflect on their experiences of the previous forums.

Host: Nancy Jewett Facilitator: Anne Miner-Pearson

October 28

Richard Rohr's article on "How the Trinity Dissolves Racism" forms the basis of this final session on the Trinity

Host: Mike Green Facilitator: Sam Wiant

November 4

An All Saints' Day intergenerational experience begins in the sanctuary around the baptismal font and processes to the columbarium as a way to connect how the sacraments and Trinity's community supports and celebrates our life-long journey as Christians

Facilitator: Anne Miner-Pearson

II. EVOLUTION AND JESUS

The early church's doctrine of the Trinity as Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit becomes alive when explored through the current understandings of evolution. Christ becomes more than Jesus' last name.

November 18 - Part I

Explore Jesus and God in the context of the universe. Come along for the ride as we tackle the vastness of the universe and what this means as we contemplate ourselves and our spiritual beliefs in the context of all space and time.

Host: Nancy Jewett Facilitators: Anne Miner-Pearson & Mike Green

November 25 Part II