



**THE CHURCH OF
THE HOLY TRINITY**
RITTENHOUSE SQUARE

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Dear Friends:

“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also,” Jesus said to his disciples. We have always taken these words to mean that our hearts will change along with our values. As our Fall stewardship campaign winds to a close, we encourage you to consider your own values. What has sustained you through this difficult year?

Throughout the pandemic, our congregation has been asked to adapt to a new reality. We have worshiped differently, not only shifting to online worship but also switching from weekly Eucharist to Morning Prayer. We have changed the way we gather, becoming technically proficient and virtually present to one another. We have expanded our help to our neighbors, feeding and clothing thousands every week.

In response, you have continued to support your congregation’s life and worship. We have not seen the shortfall in congregational giving that was predicted for so many churches. Your clergy and Vestry are grateful that the mission of CHT has thrived even as the pandemic has altered our lives. We urge you to continue this generosity as you consider your pledge for the coming year.

Jesus told his disciples that their values would follow their behavior. Like those disciples, we have many demands on our attention, our loyalty, our hearts. In times of trouble, we can easily give ourselves to worry, anger, fear, or selfishness. We can also give ourselves to one another, and to God. We can choose to circle our wagons or to open our hearts. To what will we give ourselves this coming year?

If you have already made a financial pledge to CHT for 2021, we thank you. If you have not yet pledged, we encourage you to do so. A financial commitment is a tangible means of valuing everything our congregation means to us. We are changed by the things to which we give. Giving to your congregation aligns your heart with powerful truths: you are not alone; you are called to seek and serve God; you are loved.

We ask you to pledge to your congregation and align your hearts with your values. Know that we are, and have always been, grateful to be your priests.

Faithfully,
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