

BLESSINGS ALWAYS

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Association Minister Message

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TRINITY. “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” (2 Corinthians 13:13). Angela Lansbury is Jessica Fletcher, the main character of the TV mystery series “*Murder, She Wrote*” that is now in syndication. Whether in her hometown Cabot Cove, Maine, or places she is visiting, there is always a murder. Why would anyone want her to visit them because murder seems to follow her wherever she is? Jessica was a high school English teacher who became a mystery writer, and becomes a key person in solving who murderers are. In her detective work, she seeks clues, details, and observes things that help her solve who the killers are.

This coming Sunday is called *TRINITY* Sunday and is so designated to give us a description of God, mysterious and yet ever present in our lives. No matter what language we might use for the *TRINITY*, we often have a personal struggle to understand who God is in our lives or God in the world. Does God judge us harshly for our evil/sins we commit, or punish us by plaguing us with diseases or unfortunate happenings to show us God’s power to be in control of everything? Many would describe God as generous for all the blessings we have, as healer, and as comforter when we are confronted by death of a person or death of a relationship. Again, *TRINITY* is a way to help us understand in a limited way our relationship to God.

Even though we have a limited or skewed view of God, the important understanding is to know God in a relationship of love. Love matters. It is all about love. God loving us in the act of creating us. God loving us in Jesus Christ who shows us how to love and live. God loving us through the Holy Spirit who guides us in giving and receiving love. The *TRINITY* is not a denial of evil, death, or breaking of relationship; it is love that forgives, heals, and reconciles and unites us to one another and the creation. *TRINITY* offers the message of love as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forevermore. Love is personal and communal struggle to understand the mysteries of life and find in those mysteries.

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