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6:30 PM - Prayer Service
7:45 PM - Reception
Trinity Washington University
125 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC

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