

Dear Beloved People of Trinity Episcopal Church,

I write to you with a heart that is full—overjoyed, humbled, and deeply excited to have been called as your next rector. It is difficult to fully express what this invitation means to me, but I hope, in time, my gratitude and love for this community will be made known not only in words, but in shared life and ministry.

I have admired Trinity for a long time. From afar, I have watched your steadfast commitment to justice in the community, your beautiful and reverent worship, and the quiet strength of your presence in such a meaningful place in my hometown. Trinity has long been a witness to what it looks like when a church takes both God and neighbor seriously.

But what stirred something deeper in me—what truly ignited a sense of call in this transition—were the stories. Stories of lives changed through your common life. Stories of the hungry being fed, not only with food but with dignity. Stories of young people being formed in faith, learning not only what to believe, but how to live with courage and compassion. Stories of families finding a place to root themselves, to raise children in love and belonging. Stories of those who have been shunned or cast aside discovering, perhaps for the first time, that they are seen, known, and welcomed as they are. These are not small things. This is the work of God. And it is this work—this living, breathing witness to the grace of God—that I long, with all my heart, to be part of.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of walking alongside congregations in seasons of growth and renewal. In each place, the work has not been about reinventing the Church, but about listening deeply for where God is already at work and joining in. Again and again, I have seen that when a community trusts the Spirit and builds on the strong foundations already present, new life emerges. I believe that together, we will also experience this.

Because God is still moving. Still stirring hearts. Still drawing people into beloved community. Still healing what has been wounded. Still binding up what has been broken. Still calling us forward into a future that is not yet fully seen, but is so full of promise.

I believe God is calling Trinity into such a future—a new and bright place—not for its own sake alone, but for the healing of this world that God loves so much.

I come to you not with tons of answers, but with a deep trust in that movement of the Spirit, and with a desire to listen, to learn, and to walk with you. Together, I believe we will discover what God is making possible among us.

Thank you to the search committee and to the vestry and wardens for the trust you have extended to me. Teresa and I cannot wait to begin this journey with you. I'll see you in Tulsa soon.

Much peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dan Morrow', with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Rev Dan Morrow