

**News update for April 20, 2023**

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**Trinity Homeless Services**

Homeless Services are available during office hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am -2pm, for laundry, showers, and compassionate care services that are authorized by Rev. Ruth.

**This Week at Trinity**

**Thursday** (April 20th)

**Friday** (April 21st)

- 7:00pm N.A

**Saturday** (April 22nd)

- 12:00-5:00pm JACL Meeting

**Sunday** (April 23rd)

- 9:30-10:10am Donuts and coffee
- 10:10-11:10am Worship in the sanctuary
- 11:30am Brunch Potluck
- 2:00pm Confirmation Class
- 6:00pm N.A

**Monday** (April 24th)

- 7:00pm N.A

**Tuesday** (April 25th)

- 7:00pm N.A

**Wednesday** (April 26th)

- 10:00am Upper Room Study
- 6:30pm Cub Scout Meeting
- 7:30pm Scouts BSA
- NLI

**!Church Camp!**

Calling all kids and Youth – Past, Present and future Campers: We need volunteers to help support our annual Sawtooth Methodist Camp.\*

*\*More info on page 9*

## Worship Plans for 4/23

Theme: Seeing Jesus

Sermon: "Something Broken"

Focus Scripture (Luke 24:13-35)

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?"

They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

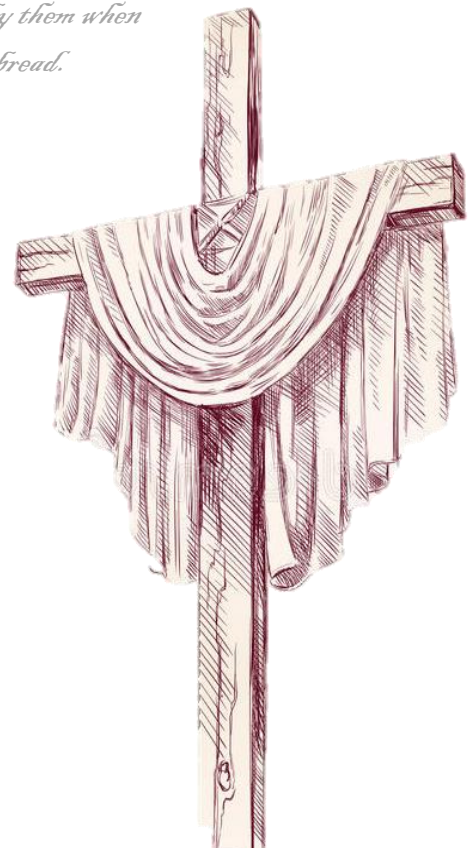
As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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*Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.*



## Last Week's Sermon 4/16

Theme for the day: The Breath of God  
 Sermon: "Just Breathe"

Focus Scripture: (John 20:19-31)

Good morning. I'm Tim Overton-Harris, superintendent of the Columbia district in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. Thank you very much for allowing me to be with you this morning for worship and for allowing me to bring you this sermon. Here these words from Genesis chapter one, verses 1-2.

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God's wind swept over the waters.



In these words from Genesis two, verses 4b-7.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, but no plant of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprung up. The Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth and water the whole face of the ground. Then the Lord God formed the human from the dust of the ground and breathed into the human's



nostrils, the breath of life, and the human became a living being.

And hear these words from the Gospel of John, chapter 20, verses 19-21.

When it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met, were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side, Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. And Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you, as the Father and Mother has sent me so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."



The Word of God, for the people of God. Amen.  
 Pray with me.

God of enlightenment and wisdom, open our eyes that we might see the glimpses of truth you have for us, open our ears that we might hear voices of truth you send, open my mouth that I'm a bear the warm truth here and everywhere. Illumine us Spirit divine. Amen.

Many years ago, now, I have four grandchildren, after all. When my wife and I were expecting our first child, the doctor told us it was time to take a childbirth class. Now I grew up in a home of four males and my mom; babies and childbirth were the stuff of legend, myth and horror story. But being a man of the new age, a sensitive and caring man, a man ready to embrace this new world, I agreed to enter the mystical realm of the unknown. And we went to our first class.

We had waited to have children, I was 29. And my wife was 27. So when we walked into that room for that very first class, we were surrounded by children. No one seemed old enough to be having their own babies. But they were, most of them in their early 20s. So after some introduction, and a tour of the birthing center, we settled in to our first class, and we watched a video of a natural childbirth.

Now, you got to keep in mind that for me, sex education in school was all about biology and not about the reality of birth. The only live birth I had ever witnessed was the neighbor's cat having kittens. I was stunned. Amy thought my reaction was funny. And I knew I wasn't in Kansas anymore. The one thing I do remember beyond that video, is that the instructor said to us, no matter what else, remember to breathe, just breathe.



Ever since our earliest ancestors first began to reflect on life in the universe. We've known the sacredness of breath. It is the first thing that happens when a baby comes to life. It is the one true test to know if someone is dead. Life is breath. And breath is life. We've experienced the vast expanse of the universe, the sky so near, yet so unreachable, the stars and celestial bodies swirling around and known that the hand of the Holy is at work.

Because of the mystery of it all. They/we place the source of life in the breath and the Creator in the heavens. But this wasn't the address for the location of God. It was more an understanding of the immanent and transcendent nature of the Divine.

"The sky is not static," writes Diana Butler Bass in grounded. To say that God is in the sky is not to imply that God lives at a certain address above the Earth. Instead, it is an invitation to consider God's presence that both reaches to the stars and waifs through our lives as a spiritual breeze.

What I'm talking about here is air breath, wind, sky. Our passages talk about breath, the Spirit of God moving over the waters of the primal Earth, entering the lungs of the human, empowering people for their partnership with God.



So, breathe right now.

Just breathe for a moment. Slowly. In and out.

Let the breath move through you.

Feel it, enter you, become you, and let it out.

This is communion. This is connection. This is the source of life. This is the source of our source of our spiritual connection. Breathe, just breathe.

A few billion years ago, if you had taken a breath like you just did, you would have died. The first real atmosphere on Earth supported anaerobic organisms that thrived in oceans under toxic atmosphere. But another organism, a small bacteria began to have an impact on this planet.

Chiral bacteria survived through photosynthesis. And we all know the byproduct of that, oxygen. Breathe, just breathe. And guess what, after three and a half billion years, these little microscopic bacteria had thrived to the point that the Earth's atmosphere had changed. Oxygen became the major element in the atmosphere. Oxygen supports respiration. It protects the earth with ozone. And it allows for the flourishing of

biological diversity. The Earth as we know it is born.

Breathe, just breathe.

The atmosphere this little bacteria created, the oxygen is humanity's womb. Without it all that we know of life would perish. In Genesis, what is it that God does to animate life? God breathes, the animating agent of all creation seems to be air, Ruah, wind, spirit, breath.

It is the breath of God. Oxygen.

Breathe, just breathe.



It is the very air we breathe that is sacred in our tradition. The ancients didn't know about that tiny bacteria. They didn't know about these organisms that had changed our planet. But they knew breath was life.

And they linked breath, air, wind, to God. And they made connection between air and life and God and the very air we breathe, the atmosphere became sacred. And our faith refers to our God as Spirit, wind, holy wind animating life, oxygen. Breathe, just breathe.

The history of our earth is divided into ages. Think the Jurassic age, you know the time of T Rex. That was an age of history. Scientists are beginning to try and name the present age. And the consensus seems to be circling around the label, Anthropocene – the time in Earth's history in which humanity has decisively reshaped the environment. And as we all know, the ground is the Earth's body. Water is its lifeblood, and the atmosphere, its lungs. And we've made our planet sick. What the bacteria did, we are now

doing, changing the very atmosphere of the Earth. Breathe, while you still can, just breathe.

Our Jewish roots have given us an understanding of the universe as a three-tiered reality. God in heaven, we on Earth, and the dead in the place below. But it took Christianity to make this understanding static. The Bible speaks also of God and God's kingdom being present here and now and not just in some far-off heaven.

Jesus taught heaven as an intrusive reality affecting this place and this moment. Biblically speaking, then, to talk of Heaven is to speak of Earth. Heaven is Earth made perfect.

Made as God intended way back when the wind blew over chaos.

The goal of Biblical faith, our faith, is to make God's intention for creation a reality here and now.

But Christianity took this concept of a perfect world, a perfect Earth, and moved it to heaven, a place beyond the here and now. Earth couldn't be this perfect place, just look around. So the perfect place couldn't be here and now, it must be out there. Up there.



A reward for living life as closely as possible to the life God intends. The goal of faithful living became gaining a golden elevator ticket to paradise. Stop breathing, and Heaven as yours.

We know differently.

We who partner with God and Christ in the work of transforming lives in the world, we breathe and know that heaven is a present reality. It isn't removed from us from the here and now. We

know we walk on ground, but we move through the heavens, quite literally, we live in heaven. Now. In the space between where earth and sky meet. God's presence is the very air we breathe.

So just breathe.

To speak of God and Sky is to talk of intimacy. Every breath we take, every move we make, is with through surrounded by and nurtured by God.

But to speak of God and sky and wind also maintains a hint of distance.

God at the horizon,

Not God above, but God at the edge, the edge of the visible world, the horizon of mystery. The source of our spiritual connection to all that is, is here, but not there. But out there, just beyond the horizon.



This source of our spiritual connection, it is known and knowable, but not quite containable.

So breathe, just breathe.

The spiritual revolution that is happening is a shift from a vertical God to a God with us. Dirt and water are understandable and they're tangible icons of Earth sacredness. But we need the sky to remind us that no matter how close God is, God is still the one who hovers at the horizon, writes Diana Butler Bass.

So my friends, breathe. Just breathe.

Experience the source of life.

Breathe, and know God.

Breathe and make the connection.

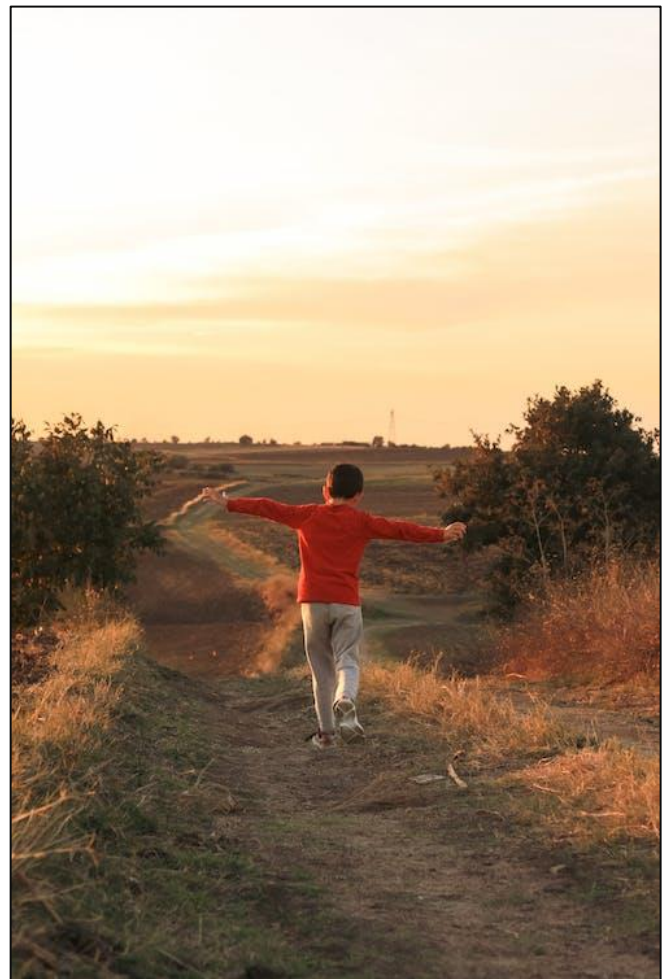
Breathe and know life. Know God.

Breathe and know peace. Know God.

Breathe.

Just breathe.

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*Each breath is like a little rebirth, a renaissance that can only be celebrated if we recognize that it's happening.*

*~ Cristen Rodgers*

## John Wesley Quote

“All matter is continually changing, and that into ten thousand forms. But that it is changeable does not in no wise imply that it is perishable. The substance may remain the same, though under innumerable different forms. It is very possible any portion of matter may be resolved into atoms of which it was originally composed. But what reason have we to believe that one of those atoms ever was or ever will be annihilated?



It is a vain thought which some have entertained, that death will put an end to the soul as well as the body. It will put an end to neither the one or the other; it will only alter the manner of their existence.”

## Sunday Morning Fellowship

There is always food and fellowship after church

- **Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Soup Potluck**  
Bring your favorite Soup.
- **Every 2<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Regular Brunch**  
Bring your favorite dish
- **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Scout Brunch**  
This is a fundraiser for Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit.
- **Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Regular Brunch**  
Bring your favorite dish

## Meetup With Jesus

This set of “Meetup With Jesus” gatherings experienced foods that played a role in Biblical times. Help us dream about what the next set of “Meetup With Jesus” will be later in June!



David making rosemary roasted potatoes



Always time for a group hug

## Birthdays

### April

Bean, Deborah	04/20
O'Brien Barry	04/21
Carroll, Mark	04/22
McClure Nathan	04/23
McHugh Paul	04/23
Jakovac Sarah	04/25
Scarborough, Emily	04/25
Myers, Hunter	04/26
Kemp, Bev	04/27
Hayes, Isabelle	04/29

## Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 - March 31, 2023



Income	\$27,262.86
Expenses	\$47,343.10
Current deficit	<\$20,080.24>

## Trinity Leadership

Below are the leadership positions for the next leader year. Please let the appropriate person know how you are willing to serve: **Chair of Admin Council;**  
Open Position

Chair of Staff/Parish Relations

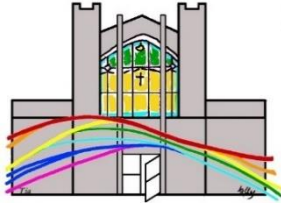
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## Homeless Services

Trinity continues to provide services for our local community without homes. We offer services including; laundry, showers, and compassionate care.

If you or someone you know is in need, feel free to stop by. We are happy to help in any way we are able. We are open Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2pm.



## Donation Drive

This coming May, we will be holding a donation drive for the Idaho Falls Humanitarian Centre.

We have been working with them for some time now, and love their mission. However, being a volunteer-run organization, they are running low on some supplies, and could really use our help in replenishing their stocks so they can continue to serve our community.

The main thing they are in need of now is all-purpose cleaner.\* Dollar Tree cleaner is perfect for their needs, and is very cheap. Some other items they could use are:

- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Paper Rolls
- Shampoo
- All-Purpose Cleaner\*
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Laundry Detergent
- Disposable Women's Razors 5 each
- Large Quilts
- Disposable Men's Razors 5 each
- Twin Quilts
- Shave Cream
- Diapers all Sizes
- Bleach
- Dish Soap
- Paper Towels 1

Anything helps, and we would be very grateful for your donations, so look forward to that this May, and see if there's anything that you'd like to donate!





## Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's walk will be held on Saturday, September 23th. The Trinity team "Memory Methodists" is participating in the 2023 walk. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 to fight Alzheimer's.

To join the Trinity team sign on to: [https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2023/ID-GreaterIdaho?fr\\_id=16521&pg=entry](https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2023/ID-GreaterIdaho?fr_id=16521&pg=entry)

Register for:

[Memory Methodists](#)

Team Captain: Don Rohde



## Northwest Leadership Institute

Once again the Downtown Campus of Cathedral of the Rockies (717 N. 11th St. Boise, ID 83702). Will host the NLI that is a two day training to gather leaders to think, dream, worship and connect as we together find the path forward in



the post-pandemic church. Come to Boise and join our three newest Bishops in the Western Jurisdiction for a time of dreaming, visioning, and strategizing as we write the next chapter together.

Don Rohde will be livestreaming NLI at Trinity. You are invited to join him for the watch parties.

## Sawtooth Methodist Camp

Sawtooth Methodist Camp is located 35 miles north of Fairfield, Idaho. Trinity United Methodist Church loves the camp experience for all ages. We know that it costs money for each youth to attend. However, for many years the members have helped provide funds to help pay for all campers. We ask families to also help as they are able. Many of our supporters were campers in their youth and feel it is important that all youth, who, wish to attend get a chance to do so. Youth that are 16 and older can be counselors and we welcome Adults to become leaders in the program.

### Here is how you can help!

1. Volunteer to assist during the Palm Sunday Worship Service, April 2.
2. Help with the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 9
3. Fund Raising Activity - late April or early May. Parents and youth will work together. Detail a bit later.

### Camp Schedule for Summer 2023

**Elementary Camp** - (completed Grades 3-6)  
July 9-15, 2023

**Senior High Camp** - (completed Grades 9-12)  
July 16-22, 2023

**Junior High Camp** - (completed Grades 6-8)  
July 23-29, 2023

**Leadership and Counselor Training** -  
April 21-23, 2023 - Meridian UMC

**On Site Training for Leaders and Counselors** -  
June 9-11 - at Sawtooth Camp

We will share photos soon from the Camps in summer 2022 - Trinity helped 10 youth attended. We will provide more details for all who wish to participate in this program for youth.

More information: Visit this site:

<https://www.gocamping.org/>

Here you can see details about the other camp locations in the Oregon and Idaho Conference.

Visit this site for Sawtooth: <https://sawtooth.gocamping.org/>

**Contact: Rev. Ruth Marsh, Betty Anderson or Nancy Stewart** regarding how we can help kids at Trinity get to camp.



## UWF NEWS

Hi, everyone. We enjoyed a wonderful program by Richard Dickson



United Women in Faith

at our unit meeting. He told us about the history of the stained glass windows at Trinity. For over 100 years they have watched over the good times and the not so good times here at the church he said. Richard explained the design elements and symbolism they show. He talked about the restoration process – very interesting. Thanks, Richard! Some things to think about and notice while visiting the church.

Thanks, also, to Mary and Kathy for hostessing. The “dirt cups” were yummy. It was so nice to see Marilyn Taylor, Martha Drake, and Lois Tow.

Our next unit meeting will be May 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a speaker from the Shepherd’s Inn

Resource Center. The hostesses will be Joni and Kay.

Mission U will be July 14-15 at Trinity. It will be viewed on ZOOM. Times are 9-3. Bring your own lunch. Registration is now open. Please let Mary Nagel know if you are interested in attending.

A big shout out to Bev Kemp. Thanks, Bev, for all the beautiful cards you send each month. I’m sure the recipients enjoy getting some mail, especially something they can treasure and look at for a long time.

Enjoy the warmer weather. Get outside and watch for signs of spring.

## Stained-Glass Window Repair

Restoration efforts continue on our beautiful stained-glass windows. We had a talk hosted by Richard Dickson about the glass. There we learned about all of the symbolism that can be found in the panels, and Richard showed off his impressive knowledge of the restoration.



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