



“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

Remember to hold  
each other tightly in  
your heart.

## News Update for May 7, 2020

*For everything that happens in life – there is a season, a right time for everything under heaven:*

*A time to be born, a time to die;  
a time to plant, a time to collect the harvest;*

*A time to kill, a time to heal;  
a time to tear down, a time to build up;*

*A time to cry, a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, a time to dance;*

*A time to scatter stones, a time to pile them up;  
a time for a warm embrace, a time for keeping your distance;*

*A time to search, a time to give up as lost;  
a time to keep, a time to throw out;*

*A time to tear apart, a time to bind together;  
a time to be quiet, a time to speak up;*

*A time to love, a time to hate;  
a time to go to war, a time to make peace.*

*(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, The Voice)*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Over the past few years, I have had many conversations with folks about how quickly time passes “these days.” In the blink of an eye, years whirr by and children grow up; towns grow or wither away. We slide between

moments of realizing that we, like the people around us, have aged, and still feeling quite young at heart.

During this season of COVID-19 I have experienced time doing very peculiar things. On one hand it feels like time has almost come to a standstill; yet on the other hand, everything seems to be happening all at once! For me, it is sort of like looking at one single frame of a movie and then setting all the frames in motion. At first, they seem to go by so quickly that I feel almost out of breath trying to catch up. Then the speeding frames begin to blur and soon become a single picture again as they reach “movie” speed. Depending on the momentary plot line, time in this new video is either moving so slowly as to be nearly imperceivable, or racing by at break-neck speed.

There will come a time when we can gather in the sanctuary for worship, but I don't know yet whether it will feel like a speeding car is racing towards us, or like a train in the far distance that doesn't appear to be drawing any closer. How quickly that day arrives will depend on your perspective. Until then, try to use your time wisely. Enjoy being at home with your loved ones (two footed or four footed). Practice spending time listening to birds singing, God speaking, and the sound of your own soul.

*It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us...\**

Know that you can call or email me so we can chat about what's going on in your mind and heart.

I miss you and love you.

Blessings,

Rev. Ruth

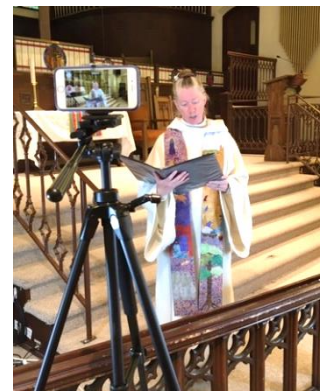
\*Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

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## **This Week's Worship**

This Sunday's Worship video is about the "Seeing the Risen Christ in the Places We Go." While the theme sounds like it should explore the glories of traveling, this week we think about home. The scriptures are John 14:1-14 if you would like to reference them before you watch the video. As always, the video will be available on Facebook on Sunday morning and our YouTube channel by Monday.



*God's home is designed to accommodate all of you. If there were not room for everyone, I would have told you that. I am going to make arrangements for your arrival. I will be there to greet you personally and welcome you home, where we will be together. You know where I am going and how to get there.*

*John 14:2-4 (the Voice)*

## **Pew Restoration Project**

Rob has all the pews replaced and anchored down. Next will be a good cleaning with Murphy's soap and restaining the top surface where people hold on to when they get up.

The new first class seating will be available when we return to worship in the sanctuary.



## Sunday Morning Gathering of Prayers by ZOOM

The Sunday morning Zoom call is a good opportunity to chat about the morning scripture lesson, share your prayer requests, to see each other and hear each other's voices.

If you are new to Zoom and would like some training and a practice a Zoom session call, text or email Don Rohde (860-810-3227 - [DonRohde@aol.com](mailto:DonRohde@aol.com) ) and he will set up a practice Zoom call so you can figure out how to run the program and get all the settings right while you are at home and Don is at church. Then you will be ready for this Sundays 10:15am Zoom Meeting. Zoom is free and once you learn it you can use it to contact your family and friends.



Look for the Zoom invitation from Ruth on the Trinity Facebook page.

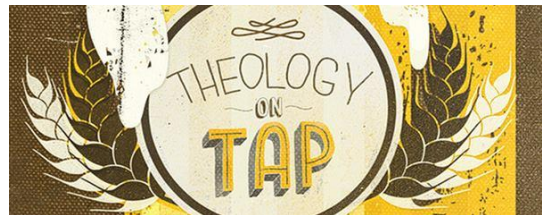
## Are you still waiting for your stimulus check?

The stimulus money from the federal government is showing up in bank accounts and in mailboxes soon. Thank you so much to those who have already donated stimulus money to Trinity so it can be used for ministry. If your income has not been negatively impacted by COVID-19, I would ask that you prayerfully consider whether you can afford to do this also.



## Theology on Tap - The Home Edition

Theology on tap is going strong with the weekly Zoom calls. On Monday afternoon check the Facebook page for the Zoom meeting number and password. At 7pm pour your favorite beverage, warm up an appetizer and be prepared to think deep thoughts with your Monday night community. Call or email the office if you want to be added to the Theology on Tap Facebook group.



## Checkout all the Worship Videos

Each Sunday Worship videos will get posted on Trinity’s Facebook page ([Trinity United Methodist Church in Idaho Falls](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUnitedMethodistChurchIdahoFalls)). If you go to Trinity’s web page ([www.TUMCIF.org](http://www.TUMCIF.org)) you can find a link to the Facebook page. Be sure to “like” and “follow” Trinity’s Facebook page if you want our content to show up in your personal Facebook feed. Please call Ruth at 208-419-7870 if you have difficulties finding the videos.

Check Trinity’s YouTube channel for videos of weekly worship at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZz1YGrdRCH6HIND2LpVCgg>

Please know that I am holding you and the entire Trinity community in my daily prayers. - Reverend Ruth Marsh

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## Mother’s Day Blankets

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