

News Update for August 17, 2020

17-18 Jesus came back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. God in heaven let you in on this secret of who I really am. And now I'm going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out."

(Matthew 16:17-18 The Message)

Sunday's Message:

In the gospel lesson from Matthew today Jesus asks, "Who do the people say the Son of Man is?" If we had read this passage from the gospel of Mark, the question would have been presented as Jesus asking, "Who do people say I am?" It is a similar question to the one I have been asking myself at camp this week as I mourn the passing of my mom, "Who will people say that I am?"

"Who am I" is an important question in the context of today's scripture, since it leads the same Peter whom Jesus pulled up out of the drink while in wonder of his "little" amount of faith, to understand and proclaim Jesus to be Messiah. Peter, in realizing who Jesus was, learned who he himself was meant to be. Our passage from Matthew is formative in helping us understand Jesus as Christ. This week, as I thought about who my mom was, I came to have a greater understanding of who I am, especially in relationship to the Lord of Love to whom I have committed my life.

My mom was so practical – until it came to love, and then she was extravagant! I hope that people will say that I am the daughter that my mother intended to raise, who was in turn the daughter her mother intended to raise.

This is a small piece of the story about how those practical daughters came to be women of extravagant love:

Many decades ago, Grandma and Grandpa took in a young man named Adrian at the request of the pastor. By that time, my grandparents' children were out of the house except for the youngest girl. Adrian was the hired hand they needed but was part of the family from that time forward.

When I chose unwisely to leave home and get married at 16, Mom and Dad said that they refused to let me out of their lives and stood beside me, even as I balked at being loved by them. Before I came back to run the farm, Mom and Dad had a hired hand named Mike, whom they loved like a son and stood beside, even when he went to prison.

Now that my kids are grown and out of the house, I, like my mother and grandmother before me, have welcomed an adult "son" into my home. This one is a recovering meth addict, and the first of about a dozen young adults and others who are hungry for love, most without adequate shelter, who hang around the church and call me mom.

The truth, as I currently know it:

- Extravagant love is a real thing
- Peter was the rock on whom the church is built
- I am the daughter whom I was bred and raised to be
- Jesus is Messiah in whom I trust and have life in

Praises be to God. - Amen.

I miss you and love you.

Blessings,
Rev. Ruth

Remember to hold
each other tightly in
your heart.

Sunday's Worship

Sunday's worship theme was "Who will people say that I am?" The scripture lesson was Matthew 16:13-20, if you would like to reference it before you watch the video. The video is available on our Facebook page and on our YouTube channel. (See the last page for all the links.)

Quick ZOOM Links:

Sunday Prayer and Connect Time

August 23, 2020 10:15 AM America/Boise

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4609079844?pwd=OGxNaTNpRFdhNHhRUUVJczNtaE83UT09>

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Theology on Tap

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UMW Update

While summer is winding down, UMW activities never got started. Our Sunshine Circle meeting for August has now been cancelled. Please note UMW local, district and conference wide are still functioning with the “new normal.” The UMW Executive Board will keep you posted on what our September meetings will look like. Pray we can all be together soon.

Mary Nagel



Work around the church by Don Rohde

Rob was out in the alley this morning, putting the final coat of driveway sealant on the patch in the alley. This ends Rob’s month-long battle against the water from the alley that was leaking into the basement through the boiler room hall outside steps. It has been dug out, patched, crack-filled and now seal coated. I am feeling good about the odds that he has fixed the problem. We are so fortunate for have Rob here to take care of our beautiful building.



Trinity Scholarship Announcement

The Trinity Endowment Committee Congratulates our Scholarship recipients for the 2020-2021 school year! We wish all recipients continued success with their schooling and future careers and give thanks to those that made these scholarships possible.

Mariano Estrada: Mariano is studying Mathematics at the University of Idaho. He will be a freshman this fall and plans to graduate in May 2024 with his Bachelor's Degree. Mariano's future plans include pursuing a PhD and becoming a Mathematics professor at the collegiate level. Mariano was awarded a \$9,000 Pete Isaksen scholarship and a \$1,000 Hazel Skelton scholarship.

Shaylee Cuter: Shaylee is studying Microbiology and Health Science at Idaho State University. She is in her third year and plans to graduate in May 2022 with her Bachelor's Degree. Shaylee hopes to continue her education by getting a Master's Degree in Microbiology. Shaylee continues to gain strength from her Mom's spirit and wants to honor her wishes by completing her degree. Shaylee was awarded a \$7,000 Pete Isaksen scholarship.

Kaden Cutler: Kaden is starting his graduate work this fall in Health Informatics at Idaho State University. He plans to graduate in May 2021 with his Master's Degree. Kaden is an analytical thinker and hopes to combine this with his interest of data and the health care industry. He is very motivated and focused on completing his graduate degree. Kaden was awarded a \$7,000 Pete Isaksen scholarship.

McKenna Perez: McKenna is starting her junior year at Utah State University this fall. She is majoring in Animal Science and plans to graduate with her Bachelor's Degree in May 2022. McKenna plans to pursue a Master's Degree in microbiology or chemistry. Her goals include a position as a researcher, hoping to study genetics and further stem cell research. McKenna was awarded a \$7,000 Pete Isaksen scholarship.

Reopening Committee - Phase 2

In Phase 2 the church staff is allowed back full time. Pam will be in the front office from 9 am to 1pm Monday - Thursday. Volunteers are also allowed in the church building as needed for the homeless mission work and producing worship videos. Technically the church building is still closed to the public.

We are in Phase 2

1. Face masks are required in the building.
2. 6-foot physical distancing is required.
3. High risk population please stay home.
4. No in-person worship allowed.
5. Entrance limited to staff, designated volunteers and persons receiving services.

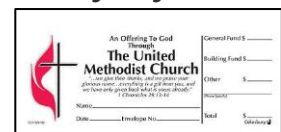
Updated 7/29/2020 Don Rohde



#IGiveUMC supports local church missions and spreads encouragement on social media. This month, we are celebrating teachers and teacher-figures who are selflessly facing changing realities. Join us as we honor these role models – classroom teachers, Sunday school teachers, mentors, clergy and others – for their leadership and care.

Thank you for your continued financial support of Trinity by:

- a. delivering your regular giving personally
- b. calling the office and give via credit card
- c. using US Postal Service to send a check
- d. going to Trinity’s website and give via credit card or PayPal
- e. or, signing up for bill-pay at your bank so they can send a check



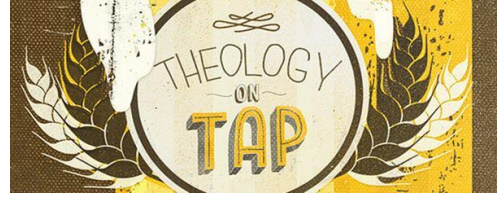
Continuing Needs for the Homeless Drop-ins:

Top Needs:

- Disposable Razors
- Body Wash (large)
- Shampoo (large)
- Conditioner (large)
- Deodorant (stick)
- Ice Cream
- Gold Bond Powder – Travel Size
- Shaving Cream
- Laundry Soap Pods
- Dryer Sheets
- Canned Soup (hearty)
- Beef Stew (pop top lid)
- Chili with meat
- Vienna Sausage

Theology on Tap - The Home Edition

Theology on Tap is going strong with the weekly Zoom calls. On Monday afternoons 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.



Monday Theology on Tap 7:00 pm ZOOM Link:

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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) 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 page 3 or the Trinity Facebook page.

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Checkout all the Worship Videos

Each Sunday Worship videos will get posted on Trinity's Facebook page ([Trinity United Methodist Church in Idaho Falls](#)). If you go to Trinity's web page (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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