

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for March 3, 2022

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We are on our way!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner & Races returned to Trinity on March 2nd. Trinity had the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner and races. Our marvelous kitchen crew provided ham, eggs and pancakes for all attendees. After dinner hilarity ensued with pancake races.

On Ash Wednesday, Reverend Ruth was stationed at south east end of the Broadway bridge again this year to give ashes to anyone passing by who was interested. Between 11am and noon 22 people stopped by to receive ashes. Many of them were folks who had come to the bridge in previous years for ashes. Some were

completely unchurched and several found this a useful tool to transition back to church. Ashes were also available in Trinity's Sanctuary between 2pm and 6pm. Ash Wednesday is important because it marks the start of the 6 week Lenten period leading up to Easter.

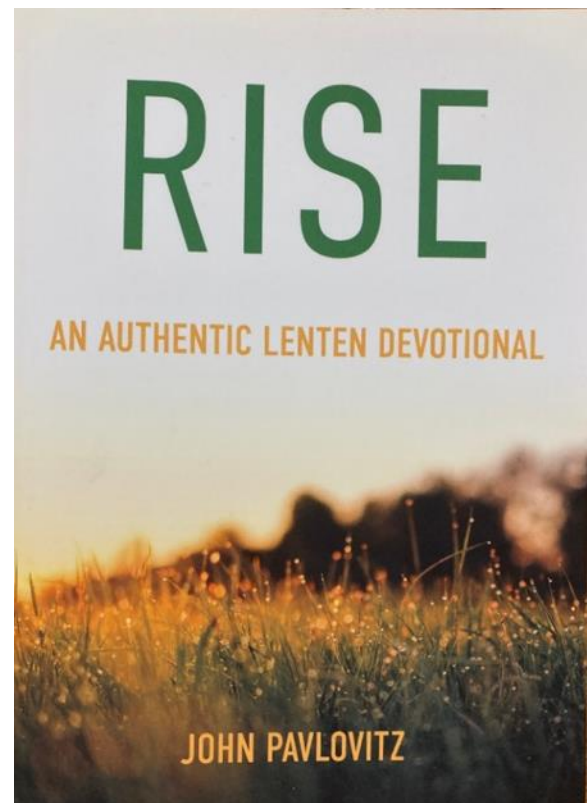


"Rise," Lenten Devotional

The books are here! This year's after-worship Lenten Study will be based on John Pavlovitz's book "Rise." You may pick your copy in the church office! I'm looking forward to seeing you in-person in the Parlor during Coffee Hour, or via Zoom, Sundays at 11:30am, beginning March 6th.

Blessings,

Rev. Ruth



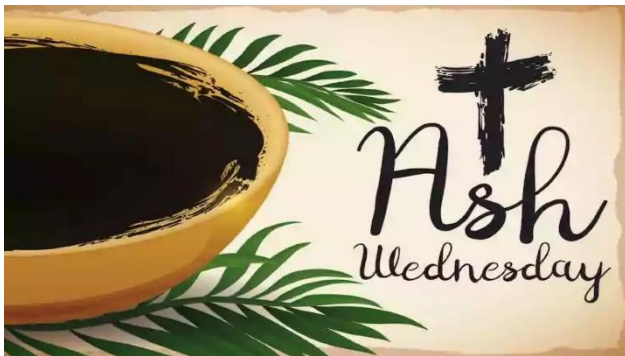
Sermon from 2/27

“What’s Waiting For Us
at the Bottom of the Hill”
(Based on Luke 9:28-43a)



Today is Transfiguration Sunday. It is the final Sunday in Epiphany, that season of “ah-ha” moments when we recognize Jesus. Jesus the infant, Jesus the precocious tween in the temple, Jesus the “Oh Mother” adult son at a wedding, and Jesus on the mountain who has conversations with Moses and Elijah. This is Jesus, the son of God Almighty, for God, has spoken aloud, twice, the first time at Jesus’ baptism and the second time in today’s scripture lesson, “this is my son, listen to him.”

This is also the Sunday that we prepare to embark on the pilgrimage of Lent, the trip to the bottom of the hill of everyday life.

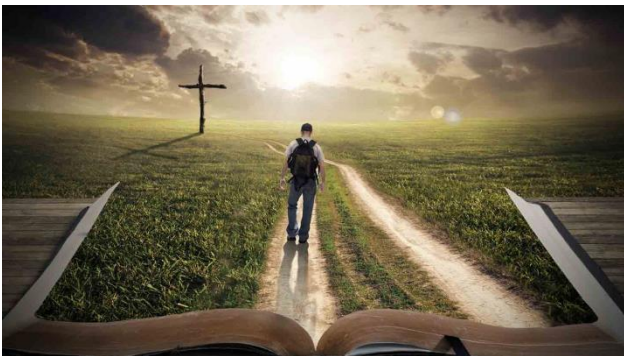


The season of Lent begins this week, on Wednesday, Ash Wednesday to be exact! The Ash Wednesday rite of receiving a mark, usually on your forehead, made from the ashes of last year’s Palm Sunday palms, sets the tone for Lent by calling the church to a time of prayer and reflection, inviting all who will, to step aside from the busyness of our lives a while, in order to go on pilgrimage with Jesus. Our preparation for this pilgrimage is to hear Luke tell the story of Jesus’ transfiguration before the awestruck eyes of his disciples, Peter, James and John. It is a story which, if read carefully and with discernment, is able to shed a great deal of light on what the Christian pilgrimage of Lent is all about.



The first lesson we may learn from this story is in its first line: “Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.” Here we learn that pilgrimage is about going where Jesus goes, and doing what Jesus does. Simple to say, but not so simple to do, huh? The fact of the matter is that some of us may not, in fact, want to go with Jesus. Frankly, some of us may have other plans – to make enough money to purchase a comfortable lifestyle, or to work very hard to gain the respect and recognition of family or society. If these are your plans then, of course, going on pilgrimage with Jesus is not going to be an attractive option. For Jesus would ask

that you put such plans. Jesus would ask that you be able to say, “not my will but yours.” And that, no doubt about it, is a big ask! But listen to what Jesus says, all you people who know what you want, or think you do. “Those who want to save their lives will lose it, but those who forfeit their lives for my sake, will gain it.” (Lk 9.24). The promise of Jesus is this: “if you go where I go, and do what I do, even unto death, you will find what you are looking for; because unlike you, I actually know what it is!”



How do we learn that Jesus-lesson-plan for our lives? We read the gospels, the stories of Jesus inviting people “on the way” through his teaching and examples. But there is more to knowledge of Jesus than reading about him. There is also that personal communion with a living Jesus that is called – wait for it – prayer. So, pilgrimage is about being at prayer. Like the Apostle Paul would say, pray without ceasing. Make your life a prayer. Prayer is not something we are able to do by ourselves because it is being in relationship with God. It is participation in the river of life and very being that is the Trinity – Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

Now we arrive at perhaps the most important lesson about pilgrimage. You may have noted that the disciples in the story began their journey not as

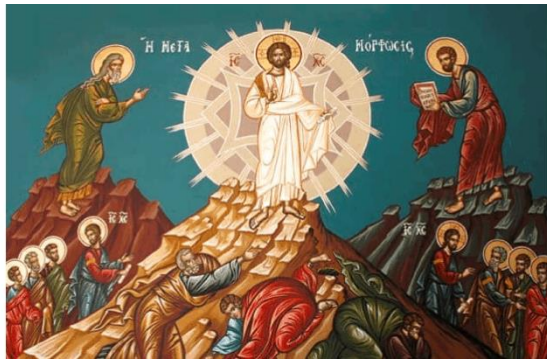


individuals, but as a company. Peter, James & John were regarded as the three pillars of the earliest Christian church. Luke uses them to represent the church as a whole. Therefore, we undertake the Lenten pilgrimage not only with Jesus, but with our siblings in faith. Which is great, because things can get pretty scary along the way, and I don’t know about you, but when I get scared I feel comforted that others are there with me, and may be just as perplexed as I am.

One way to realize the communal dimension of the pilgrimage is to join a small group, like the book study beginning next week after worship, in which you can explore the tradition with others, asking the questions that perplex you in a safe environment where no question is a dumb question, and together looking to Jesus for strength and encouragement. There are no experts in this church, only some who have struggled a little longer or a little more intentionally. In the book study we all are learners, and there is only one teacher: Christ.

Perhaps you are seeking to discern the particular shape of the life to which God in calling you in the year to come. Lent provides an opportunity to bite the bullet,

to stop drifting about like a rudderless ship, and seek God's guidance for the way you would most profitably go. Some of you are wondering, no doubt, about jobs and careers. Others are wondering about how you can best contribute to the ministry of Christ's church. Some are perhaps struggling with relationship issues, you know, should I stay or should I go, should I let go or should I hold my ground. That kind of stuff. Lent is an opportunity to take all that seriously, and make some serious progress. A time to be more honest with yourself, face the truth, and let God help you.



When the disciples arrived with Jesus at the top of the mountain, right in the middle of their prayer, an amazing thing happened. The appearance of Jesus' face changed and his clothes became all dazzling white. He became like Moses when he encountered God on Mt. Sinai. Jesus became a conduit or image for the divine glory. This means, literally, that his face was othered, that his divine self, usually hidden from human eyes, suddenly shone out through his human face, without at the same time making that face or humanity into something false, a mere mask or disguise for something more real. Now, in Luke's story, this event—usually called the 'transfiguration'—has a particular purpose. It shows the disciples, those who are about to join Jesus in his pilgrimage to Jerusalem,

that their journey shall not be in vain. Yes, there will be very difficult times. There will be misunderstanding and suffering, there will be the fracturing of the community of disciples, and there will even be torture and death. But the transfiguration assures them that for all this, God will not abandon them. God will be as present and active in all of this as he is in the human Christ they see before them. His glory may be hidden, but it is real and present nevertheless. Out of death will come life, out of crucifixion will come resurrection, out of darkest night will spring the glory of resurrection.

We must carry the Good News back down



the hill because the world is filled with so much bad news.

That, my friends, is the glorious promise of the Lenten pilgrimage: that mere human beings, tossed and broken like small vessels on an angry sea, might reach safe harbor. The storm is the suffering, the loss of property and status and ego, the loss of our Oh-so-human plans and desires. For us Christians, the safe harbor is Christ. The place we will reach God's unfathomable ambition to make the whole world new in justice and peace.

Have a blessed pilgrimage, one and all.
Amen.

Blessings, Reverend Ruth

John Wesley Quote

Ever since I heard of it first, I felt a perfect detestation of the horrid slave trade...Therefore, I cannot but do everything in my power to forward the glorious design of your society.



To Granville Sharp, 1787

Today's Greatest Needs:

- **Winter coats, clothing**
- **Boots**
- **Warm Gloves**
- **Kitchen Storage Containers**

Worship on 3/6

This Sunday Reverend Ruth's sermon will be: "No Way!" The theme for the day is: "Turning Temptations into a Positive Outcome"

Lesson from the Christian Gospel

(Luke 4:1-13)

When Jesus returned from the Jordan River, He was full of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit led Him away from the cities and towns and out into the desert.

For 40 days, the Spirit led Him from place to place in the desert, and while there, the devil tempted Jesus. Jesus was fasting, eating nothing during this time, and at the end, He was terribly hungry.

At that point, the devil came to Him saying, "Since You're the Son of God, You don't need to be hungry. Just tell this stone to transform itself into bread.

Jesus replied, "It is written in the Hebrew Scriptures, 'People need more than bread to live.'

Then the devil gave Jesus a vision. It was as if He traveled around the world in an instant and saw all the kingdoms of the world at once.

All these kingdoms, all their glory, I'll give to You. They're mine to give because this whole world has been handed over to me. If You just worship me, then everything You see will all be Yours. All Yours!

Jesus said, Get out of My face, Satan! The Hebrew Scriptures say, "Worship and serve the Eternal One your God – only God – and nobody else."

Then the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem, and he transported Jesus to stand upon the pinnacle of the temple.

"Since You're the Son of God, just jump. Just throw Yourself into the air. You keep quoting the Hebrew Scriptures. They themselves say,

He will put His heavenly messengers in charge of You to keep You safe in every way.

And,

They will hold You up in their hands so that You do not smash Your foot against a stone.

Jesus answered yes, but the Hebrew Scriptures also say, "You will not presume on God; you will not test the Lord, the one True God."

The devil had no more temptations to offer that day, so he left Jesus, preparing to return at some other opportune time.

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UMW News

Our next meeting will be March 10 at 1:00 in the church parlor. Marilyn Taylor will present a program on Prayer and Self-denial (spiritual growth). Mary Nagel will hostess. We invite all women to join us.



Staying Connected

Each Sunday Worship videos will be posted on Trinity's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>). 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>

Sunday Activities 2022

We are happy to report that we have resumed some opportunities for families, adults, children, and youth to participate in meaningful worship, study, and fellowship.

Sunday Worship - each week

- 10:15 a.m. In person and on the internet "Kid's Time" is back in Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Parlor - Coffee & Fellowship
- 11:30 a.m. Lenten book study
- Childcare Available from 10 - 12:30 p.m.

*See you at
Trinity United Methodist Church!*

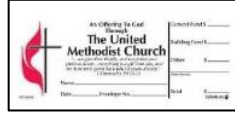
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lily Bottcher	1 st
Pat Dunzik	2 nd
Kristy Enkhjargal	3 rd
Chad Jakovac	3 rd
Chelsey Jakovac	3 rd
Josie Brown	4 th
Elenore Hampton	4 th
Camron Robertson	4 th
Art Jensen	7 th
Sheila Mullin	10 th
Chelsea Gaskill	11 th
Ruth Anne Cole	12 th
Adellyna Castillo	13 th
Rosella Caveness	13 th
Mike Croson	15 th
Scott Brown	16 th
Jared Sene	16 th
Eliana Castillo	18 th
Giovanni Castillo	19 th
Marcie Miles	20 th
Heidi Empey	21 st
Analea Hruska	21 st
Gene Summers	25 th
Diane Gates	27 th
Jim Anderson	28 th
Leslie Perez	28 th
Thomas Demopoulos	29 th
Bill Clemons	30 th
Sharen Trickey	30 th
Whitney Wade	31 st

John & Kathy Harder 7th

Finance & Giving

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

Our church’s financial status for year-to-date January 31, 2021:



Income = \$ 18,073
 Expenses = \$ 30,285
 Difference = <-\$12,212>

Thank you for your continued generosity. More than ever, the world needs what our church offers!

Crockpot Lunches Needed



Compassionate Care Need!

We need crock pot or casserole lunches for the homeless people that stop by the Day Shelter.

We will provide the cooking container and the ingredients, as necessary. Please help with all the love in your heart. Contact Don in the office.

The next available dates are March 6th, 7th & 8th.

Also, donations of canned food would be greatly appreciated. Examples of greatest needs are:

- Ramen Noodles
- Pasta (for example Chef Boyardee)
- Corn, Green Beans, & Mixed Vegetables
- Meats
- Soups
- Spaghetti Sauce

Thanks to Ann Shively, Jill Ecklesdaffer, Joe Goyen, Cindy Woolf, Heather Rutledge, Dixie Oswald, Kay Kiefner, Kathy Harder, Bev Kemp, Pam Mayes, Jo Ann & Gary Rose, and Marcia & Tommy Lew for their preparation of food, generous donation of time, and compassion in helping with feeding the hungry.

Egg Donation

Betty Anderson's daughter Heather has been donating eggs to the shelter over the last few weeks. The eggs are cooked 3 dozen at a meal and mixed with ham, peppers and onions to make a really great breakfast. Shown is a shelter guest making eggs for the group.



Trinity Leadership

Below are the names and contacts for the leadership positions for the next year. Please let the appropriate leader know how you are willing to serve.

- Bev Kemp - Chair of Staff/Parish Relations
208-569-6149
bevmkemp@gmail.com
- Don Rohde - Chair of Trustees
860-810-3227
donrohde@aol.com
- Robin Stewart - Chair of Administrative Council
208-521-6358
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- Scott Taylor, Chair of Finance
208-201-5593

How to Watch on Facebook

Watching Trinity Worship Video Without a F.B. Account. ^(P)

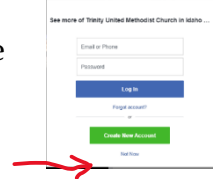
Yes, you can watch Trinity Sunday morning worship video without a Facebook account.

ON THE COMPUTER:

1. go to GOOGLE CHROME web browser and type in:
2. <https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>
3. The Trinity Facebook page comes up and you can see the video.
4. Then a Facebook "sign on" window comes up
5. At the bottom of the Sign on Window there was a "NOT NOW" button
6. Push that button and you are free to watch the live stream on a laptop without a Facebook account.

ON THE CELL PHONE:

1. go to web browser and type in:
2. <https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>
3. The Trinity Facebook page comes up and you can see the video.
4. Then a Facebook sign on window came up
5. Using your finger scroll down the screen
6. A second Facebook sign on window comes up
7. Close that 2nd window by pressing the "X" box up in the top right corner
8. You can see the video on the screen and play it by pressing the play triangle
9. It only shows the latest videos.
10. If you press SHOW ALL you can see all the videos back to March.
11. You are free to watch the live stream on an iPhone without a Facebook account.



This Week at Trinity

Thursday (March 3rd)

Friday (March 4th)

Saturday (March 5th)

Sunday (March 6th) Lent 1

- **Indoor, In-Person Church and Video Worship** on Facebook Page at 10:15 a.m.
- **Lenten Book Study** 11:30 a.m.

Do church in person or from the comfort of your couch!

(<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF/>)

Monday (March 7th)

- **FISH** 10:00 a.m.
- **Theology on Tap** 7:00 p.m. Zoom
- **NA "Just 4 today II"** 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday (March 8th)

- **Trustee Meeting** 6:30 pm Zoom
- **Cub Scout Pack Meeting** 7:00 pm

Wednesday (March 9th)

- **Upper Room** by zoom 10:00 am
- **Finance Meeting** 6:30 pm

Thursday (March 10th)

- **UMW Unit Meeting** 1:00 pm

Upcoming events:

Saturday (March 12th)

- **Spring your clocks forward**

Sunday (March 13th) Lent 2

- **Indoor, In-Person Church and Video Worship** on Facebook Page at 10:15am.

Daylight Saving Time begins March 13



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: purple; text-align: center;">March</p>		<p>1 March Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Races 7pm 7:00 Cub Scouts Pack & Den</p>	<p>2 Ash Wednesday 10a Upper Room by Zoom 11a to 2p Ashes-to-Go at the Broadway Bridge 2p to 4p Drop in for Ashes in the Sanctuary 6:30 pm Gather at the Table (zoom) 7:30 Troop 6</p>	3	4 Office Closed	5
		<p>6 Lent 1 10:15 In-person worship with Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Lenten Book Study and Coffee hour 4:00 Handbell Practice</p>	<p>7 10:00 FISH 7:00 Book club 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom) 7:00 NA Just4Today2</p>	<p>8 6:30 Trustee Meeting 7:00 Cub Scouts Pack & Den</p>	<p>9 10:00 Upper Room by Zoom 6:30 Finance Meeting 7:30 Troop 6</p>	10 1:00 UMW Unit meeting in Parlor
<p>13 Lent 2 10:15 In-person worship with Live stream on Facebook 11:30 Lenten Book Study and Coffee hour 4:00 Handbell Practice</p>	<p>14 7:00 Theology on Tap (Zoom) 7:00 NA Just4Today2</p>	<p>15 6:30 Ad Council 7:00 Cub Scouts Pack & Den</p>	<p>16 10:00 Upper Room by Zoom 6:30 pm Gather at the Table (zoom) 7:30 Troop 6</p>	17	18 Office Closed	19
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