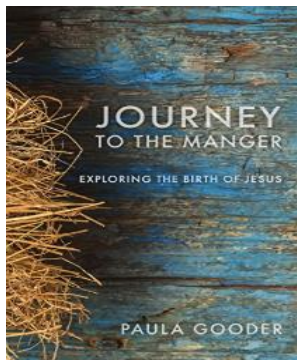


News update for November 10 2022

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Advent Study



Rev. Ruth will be teaching out of this book AND sharing about her journeys during her recent renewal leave
**Starts this Sunday
 Nov 13th**

This Week at Trinity

Friday (November 11th)

- Office Closed

Sunday (November 13th) 23rd Pentecost Sunday

- Donuts before worship 9:30 am
- Indoor, In-Person Church and Video Worship on Facebook Page @ 10:10
<https://www.facebook.com/TUMCIF>
- Potluck Lunch 11:30 am

Monday (November 14th)

- F.I.S.H meeting 10:00 am
- Girl Scout Leadership 6:00 pm
- Book Club 7:00 pm
- NA Just4Today2 7:00 pm

Tuesday (November 15th)

- NA Book Study 7:00 pm
- Admin Council Meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday (November 16th)

- Upper Room 10:00am
- Pack 6 Meeting 6:30 pm
- Troop 6 Meeting 7:30pm

Worship on 11/13

Theme: "Don't Panic!"

Sermon: "Jesus, Don't You Have Any Good News?"

Luke 21:5-19

One day people were standing around talking about the Temple, remarking how beautiful it was, the splendor of its stonework and memorial gifts. Jesus said, "All this you're admiring so much – the time is coming when every stone in that building will end up in a heap of rubble." They asked him, "Teacher, when is this going to happen? What clue will we get that it's about to take place?"

He said, "Watch out for the doomsday deceivers. Many leaders are going to show up with forged identities claiming, 'I'm the One,' or, 'The end is near.' Don't fall for any of that. When you hear of wars and uprisings, keep your head and don't panic. This is routine history and no sign of the end."

He went on, "Nation will fight nation and ruler fight ruler, over and over. Huge earthquakes will occur in various places. There will be famines. You'll think at times that the very sky is falling. "But before any of this happens, they'll arrest you, hunt you down, and drag you to court and jail. It will go from bad to worse, dog-eat-dog, everyone at your throat because you carry my name. You'll end up on the witness stand, called to testify. Make up your mind right now not to worry about it. I'll give you the words and wisdom that will reduce all your accusers to stammers and stutters.

"You'll even be turned in by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends. Some of

you will be killed. There's no telling who will hate you because of me. Even so, every detail of your body and soul – even the hairs of your head! – is in my care; nothing of you will be lost. Staying with it – that's what is required. Stay with it to the end. You won't be sorry; you'll be saved.

John Wesley Quote

Continued from last week:

....Whenever you open your lips, let it be with love: and let there be on your tongue the law of kindness.... Be not straitened or limited in you affection, but let it embrace every child of man. Every one that is born of woman has a claim to your goodwill.... Be as eyes are to the blind, as feet to the lame; a husband to the widow, and a father to the fatherless.



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UWF News

Greetings!

Don't forget about The World Thank offering



United Women in Faith

which will be collected in December. It's not too late to set aside a special container to put in offerings of gratitude for the month.

Have you been reading books from the UWF reading list? Your completed list is

due in December (not January as I have mentioned before – OOPS!) Kay Pottorff will be collecting those lists.

For those of you who know Virginia Brown, she recently celebrated her 101 birthday. Joni Pace received a lovely letter from her and her daughter. Joni has the details.

See you Thursday. Guests are always welcome

Just a reminder about the November meeting which will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (270 N Placer Ave) on Tuesday the 15th at **10:00**.

Please note that all monthly meetings will be held at 10:00 going forward.

We will have Joseph Mitchell of Idaho Falls Bridge Builders as our speaker. I am attaching the agenda in two different formats, since I have been informed that some people have been unable to open it.

Also, here is the link again with the information about the Inter Faith Thanksgiving Service which will be held this Sunday at the Willard Art Center in the upstairs room at 4:00.

Sunday Fellowship

Sunday Food after Church,

We are expanding our Sunday food to add some variety.

- November 13th – Potluck brunch after Church – Bring your favorite dish to share
- November 20th – Scouts make brunch after church (3rd Sunday) – This is a fundraiser for our own Troop 6 and a wonderful meal to share as we visit.
- November 27th - Potluck Brunch after Church – Bring your favorite dish to share
- December 4th Soup & bread Brunch after church bring your favorite soup and bread

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Everyone is invited to the Idaho Falls Interfaith Council - Thanksgiving Service

- Nov 13th 4:00 PM

- At the Colonial Arts Center - Hartwell Room (upstairs)

This special interfaith Thanksgiving Service will feature:

- Five Religious Representatives that will present some short messages.

- Special Musical Numbers

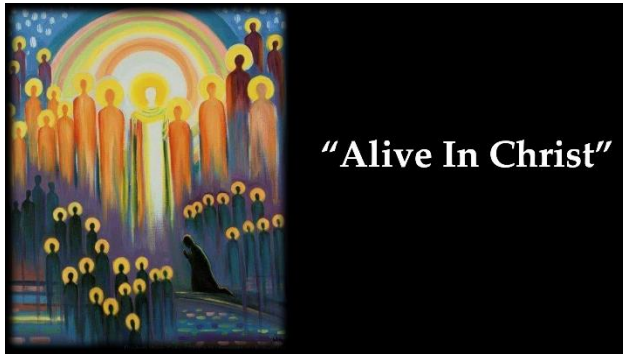
- Treats will be served following the presentations

Questions - or more information contact the Idaho Falls Interfaith Community Council at 208-523-6333

<https://facebook.com/events/s/idaho-falls-interfaith-council/898364964483910/>

Last Week's Sermon 11/06

Theme: "Keeping Good Company"
 Sermon Title: "Alive In Christ"
 Based on: Luke 20:27-38



Today's Gospel lesson is one in a series of stories about various religious groups coming to interrogate Jesus after he arrived in Jerusalem.



Those who have got it in for him are ganging up and taking turns to try to trap Jesus into incriminating himself with their tricky questions. The chief priests and scribes have a go, the Pharisees have a go, the Romans have a go, and in this episode, the Sadducees have a go. Luke introduces them by telling us that the Sadducees don't believe in a resurrection.

There were two prevalent views of life after death in Jesus's day and this story is part of
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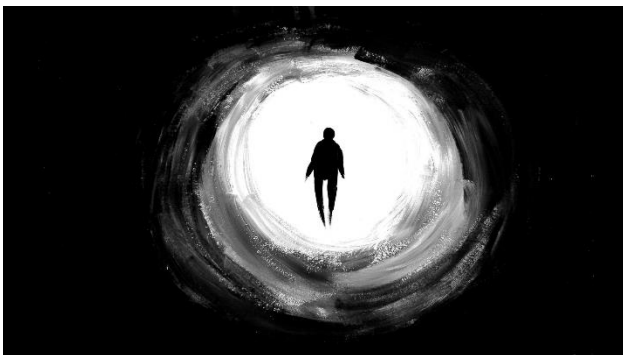
the debate between the two. One view was that the only way you live on is through your children, hence the connection to marriage and child-rearing. The other, which Jesus defends, is that there will be a day when all the dead are raised back to life. The modern view that you live on as a disembodied spirit after your body dies wasn't even on the radar.

If I was faithfully preaching the message of our gospel reading, this would be a sermon about resurrection, not marriage. But the question put to Jesus is framed as one about marriage.

The biblical marriage law that the Sadducees are referring to when they say, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother," comes from Deuteronomy 25: 5-10. The practice goes by the name of Levirate marriage, a word that comes from the Latin word for brother-in-law. Its purpose is clearly stated: "the first son will be considered the son of the dead man, so that his family line will continue in Israel."

There are only two stories in the Bible, other than this hypothetical one, that describe Levirate marriage happening. There is Tamar and Judah in Genesis 38, and Ruth and Boaz in the book of Ruth. Yet in both cases, when a genealogy is later given for a descendant, it is not the dead man who is named as the father, but the actual biological father. So despite the stated aim of passing on the name of the dead man, it doesn't seem to have worked that way in practice.

Yes, it would have still functioned to keep the dead man's property in the family, but if we lay it alongside other teachings about the care of widows, it seems that the practice was actually more concerned with ensuring the welfare of widowed women. In a very patriarchal society, few women had the possibility of financially providing for themselves, so they were dependent on the support of fathers, husbands or adult sons. In that context, this law sought to protect widowed women from being cast into destitution. As the Tamar and Judah story shows, the practice was not particularly popular with men, but it did serve to protect women. —Enough about marriage, that was just the red herring used by the Sadducees to prod Jesus into offering theology not understood to be found in the Law of Moses. Let's get back to thinking about resurrection and being alive in Christ!



Have you noticed that we use the word "alive" in two different ways? When we say things like "this time last year he was still alive", or "she's been badly hurt, but she's still alive" we mean something quite different from when we say, "she is so much more alive when she's here", or "you could see him coming alive that summer", or "I didn't know I was alive until I met you."

We could probably refer to these as the literal and the metaphorical meanings of the word. Today though, I want to ponder if what we consider "real" and "metaphor", may mean that we mostly fail to comprehend the life that God is calling us to, and offering to us, precisely because we mistakenly think that the primary meaning of being alive is simply not being dead. What if the real meaning of being alive is so different, so mind-bogglingly huge and powerful, that the question of whether or not you are dead is completely irrelevant and insignificant?

The most popular view of life after death is that death is just a horizon over which we pass to an immediate continuation of life — without a body — somewhere else. However, the more strongly attested view in the Christian Scriptures is that we die, body and spirit, and stay dead until the day of resurrection when God will raise everyone to new life.

What does Jesus say to the Sadducees about life beyond death? Jesus says that they don't know their scriptures, and he proceeds to break out of their apparent checkmate, not by arguing for the validity of the later scriptures, but by quoting from the scriptures they accept, and not just some obscure passage, but the books of Moses. Jesus points to the story of the burning bush. You can't get more solidly Moses than that. "The fact that the dead are raised is shown by Moses himself," says Jesus, "for Moses speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now God is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to God all of them are alive."

There may be a dissonance for many of us here. We've grown up with the Greek view that souls live on without bodies, and despite Jesus saying that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob all being alive to God shows that the dead are going to be raised, we would more naturally see it as evidence that they are living on somewhere else now, prior to the day of resurrection. To us, it sounds like better evidence for the Greek view, doesn't it?

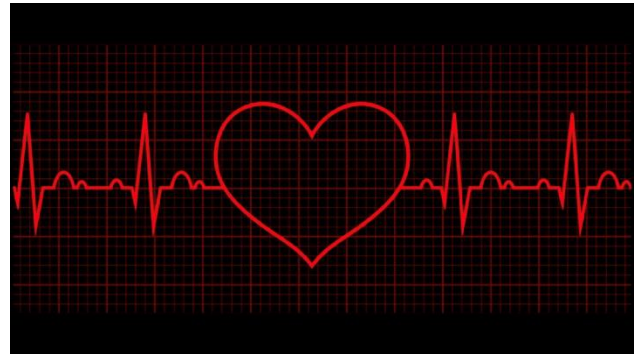


But if Jesus didn't see it that way, what are we to make of it? Perhaps Jesus is telling us that we are wrong too, because we do not comprehend the power of God either.

To be fair to the Sadducees, the disciples, and everyone else, what Jesus was trying to say was probably incomprehensible prior to his resurrection. Even after meeting the crucified and resurrected Jesus, we still struggle to get our heads around it. Perhaps we can catch some glimpses together by trying to hear what Jesus is saying here in light of our subsequent experience of his resurrection.

The aliveness we encounter in the crucified and risen Jesus is so far beyond merely not being dead that it is right off the scale. In Jesus, we encounter an aliveness that

breaks open tombs, breezes through locked doors of fear, drops doubters to their knees, and erupts with overwhelming love and mercy for betrayers, deniers, conspirators, and crucifiers alike. In Jesus we encounter an aliveness that makes everything we have ever known look like nothing more than death warmed up.



Most importantly and mind-bogglingly, we encounter an aliveness that cannot even be defined as the opposite of death. We think that alive is the opposite of dead, but Jesus is so extravagantly alive that he can be dead at the same time, and it doesn't make a bit of a difference. You see, the risen Jesus is still the crucified Jesus. He presents himself to us, still bearing fatal wounds. He is not just a dead man walking, but a dead man who is so bursting with life that being dead does not pose the least threat to his being alive. Jesus is far too alive to let a little thing like being dead worry him.

That's what being alive means. That's the aliveness we encounter in Jesus and taste here at his table. That's the aliveness which is the promised destiny of each and every one of us. It opens up the possibility of understanding what Jesus says about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in a quite different way. He is not saying that they are not dead, but that being dead doesn't

diminish them in the least. God relates to them in their aliveness, not in their deadness.

I am suggesting that when we die, we don't go off as free-floating souls to live somewhere near God, but that we live "in" God, our lives held securely in the unfading memory of God, so perfectly remembered that we continue to be loved just as fully and constantly and extravagantly as we were before our deaths, and as we will be know still on the day of resurrection.

We're standing on tippy toes and trying to make some sort of sense of the resurrection life that we're glimpsing and tasting. You should be able to catch another glimpse, fragrance, or taste of that love here today in the body of Christ gathered around this table and the body of Christ broken and shared from this table.

Let that love draw you into the radical aliveness you were created for. And when you have been drawn all the way in, and are completely immersed in the love and life of God, it will no longer matter which side of death you are on, because everything will be bursting with aliveness and overflowing with love without limit.

Amen.

Reverend Ruth Marsh (she, her)
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Anniversaries

November

Edward & Kay Kiefner	23rd
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Birthdays

November

Alice Kay Wilson	10 th
Martin Edwards	12 th
Dylann Rhys	15 th
Robert Erickson	16 th
Tim Lybeck	17 th
Bailee Rhodes	17 th
Olivia Schaffer	18 th
Matthew Gaskill	19 th
Clara Jacobson	19 th
Lucas Rutz	19 th
Marlene Empey	20 th
Robert Nobles	20 th
Traci Allison	22 nd
Lisa Schulhauser	23 rd
Rob Empey	25 th
Jaxon King	26 th
Denny Kemp	27 th
Steven Simqu	27 th
Linda Wooten	27 th
Presley Zwygart	27 th
Kay Kiefner	29 th
Amanda McClure	29 th
Judith Blackburn	30 th
Heather Rutledge	

Financial Statements

Our church's financial status January 1 – September 30, 2022



Income	\$103,573
Expenses	\$140,573
Net Income	<\$37,000>

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

Plastic Bag Recycling

We are making our first Trinity deposit towards our goal of 500 pounds of recycled plastic bags



This delivery was 84 pounds or 17% of our goal reached. Please continue to bring in your recycled plastic bags, and we will soon be the owner of a new park bench

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>

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:

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Chair of Trustee

Don Rhode (860)810-3227-

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Chair of Finance

Scott Taylor (208)201-5593

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