

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

News Update for June 11, 2020

In the beginning, God created everything: the heavens above and the earth below. Here's what happened: At first the earth lacked shape and was totally empty, and a dark fog draped over the deep while God's spirit-wind hovered over the surface of the empty waters. Then there was the voice of God.

Genesis 1:1-2 (The Voice)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Folks often ask me if they could get a copy of my sermon. Usually the answer is no, but while we are preparing on-line worship, I have needed to change how I prepare preaching material. Since I have it, I thought it might be nice to share last week's sermon from Trinity Sunday.

This is the Sunday when I normally get try explaining the Triune God who is Three-in-one. Many of you have heard the explanation of “although I am Grandma, Mom, Aunt, Wife, and Daughter, I am still one person and all of these, at the exact same moment, and I am Ruth Marsh.”

Whew, one topic checked off. On to number two.

The news cycles during the pandemic seem to stack heartbreak after heartbreak. Overwhelming death counts from COVID-19, followed by the tragic murder of George Floyd, followed by rioting in the streets, followed by followed by peaceful protestors, some who even belonged to St. John's Episcopal parish, being teargassed to make room for the President to have photo op in front of the church.

What does all of this heartbreak have to do with the Triune God? Well, really it has to do with us, God's people, and how we find ways to fight the evils of oppression, injustice, and the sin of racism. Although we are all human, we go about things in

many different ways, those doing their best to change unjust systems, those doing their best to do the right thing within an unjust system, and those who have yet to figure it out. And so we do nothing.

The connection is that our Triune God is willing to reach out to the whole of humanity in ways we can understand and use: creating new opportunities for us every day, continually healing hearts, minds, bodies and souls, and by breathing life empowering love into us. This is God in three persons, blessed Trinity. Amen.

I am available by phone or in person (with careful physical distancing and face mask) at just about any time. Please let me know if you would like to stop by for an in-person visit.

I miss you and love you.

Blessings,
Rev. Ruth

Remember to hold
each other tightly in
your heart.

Sunday's Worship

This Sunday's worship theme will be "Gathering Flocks (and shepherds)." It will be about about bringing the Good News to the neighborhood.



The scripture lesson will be Matthew 9:35- 10:20 if you would like to reference it before you watch the video. The video will be available on our Facebook page on Sunday morning and on our YouTube channel on Monday. (See the last page for all the links.)



Pay particular attention to:

⁵⁻⁸ Jesus sent his twelve harvest hands out with this charge:

"Don't begin by traveling to some far-off place to convert unbelievers. And don't try to be dramatic by tackling some public enemy. Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously.

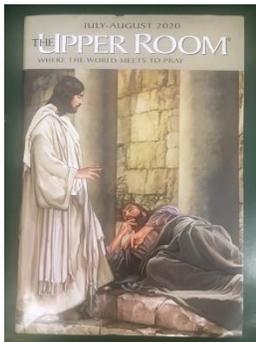
Matthew 10:5-8 (The Voice)

Outdoor Cleanup Week

This week Rob concentrated on outdoor work. The grass is growing so there was lawnmowing to do and the weeds have been cleaned out of the flower beds. Rob is also removed some things left over from restoration. Even though there is no in-person worship, the usual maintenance activities need to take place.



Upper Room Books are in



The July/August Upper Room booklets have arrived. You can stop by the church and pick one up or you can call or email the church office and Pam will mail your copy to you at home. Please specify if you would like the large or regular print.

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

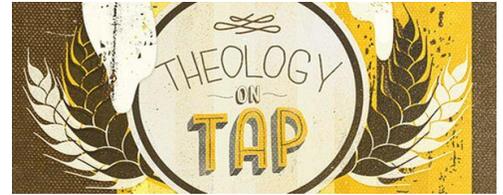
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Theology on Tap - The Home Edition

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.



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 the Trinity Facebook page.

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) 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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