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General Information:

Worship Schedule:

Sunday Service

9:00am

Fellowship Time

10:00am

Sunday School

10:30am

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Cultivating kindness

*Kind hearts are the gardens.
Kind thoughts are the roots.
Kind words are the flowers.
Kind deeds are the fruits.*

*Take care of your garden
and keep out the weeds.
Fill it with sunshine,
kind words and kind deeds.*

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Anticipating life's waves

Joni Eareckson Tada, who was paralyzed after a diving accident, described swimming in the ocean as a child. Because the waves looked so high, her first inclination was to swim away from them. That, however, just left her tossed about and sometimes held underwater. "The best thing," she discovered, "was to swim fast *toward* [the waves] and dive *under* them before they had a chance to break on top of you."

That's true with life's "waves of crisis or difficulty" too, says Tada. "The best way to beat those waves of trials and tough challenges is to *face* them. Head-on. Almost anticipating them. Sometimes I find myself literally diving into the middle of a problem before it has a chance to crash on top of me." When problems are about to break on top of you, what helps you face them and stand your ground?

—adapted from *The Wired Word*



Special dates

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021

Good Friday, April 2, 2021

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

Administrative Professionals Day, April 21, 2021

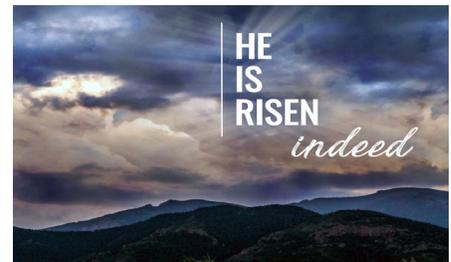


Dear Friends:

Last year we did not observe Easter in the sanctuary. And it was the first Easter when I did not gather in the Arendtsville cemetery with our Lutheran neighbors; for a sunrise service. The cemetery is on the highest hill in town, and is surrounded by orchards. For decades our tradition was to stand shivering in the darkness, proclaim “He is Risen!” and wait to see a magnificent sunrise over the hills and orchards. We would then share in Communion with the Risen Christ. Depending on the timing of Easter, the apple trees might be blossoming, or they might be bare and dark. Regardless, we knew that resurrection was on its way. Transformation was coming just as sure as the fruit trees surrounding the cemetery would soon be blossoming.

Resurrection is a rising to life from death. Like the transformation of bare branches into a leafy, fruited tree, resurrection denotes a transformation. Jesus Christ, man and god, rose from the dead and ascended to the Father. In that dying and rising there is a teaching more powerful than could ever be attested to in our creeds, hymns and prayers. Victory over the grave is not just some nice platitude. It is the central truth of our faith. Christianity has endured for 2000 years, not because of the empty tomb, but because the first disciples saw the risen Christ. On that morning when everything seemed final and still, a dead branch blossomed.

In the gospel account in John, Mary Magdalene is at the tomb. She was the first to witness the empty tomb, the first to tell the news, and the first disciple to whom the risen Jesus spoke. This man who had died on a cross appeared in a new and transformed resurrection body. That body was different from his earthly body, because Mary, one of his closest friends, did not recognize him. Yet he called her by name with his very human voice, and then she recognized him.



The news that Mary ran to tell the others, was too good to be true. It still is. We still have trouble believing the good news. That’s why God has woven resurrection into every aspect of our world. There are reminders everywhere we turn.

Spring should remind us as nothing else does. Hills that are bare and brown come to life with color and beauty, while fragrant blossoms fill the air. Dried up looking bulbs go into the cold earth and emerge as beautiful flowers, vivid and alive. Lambs are born, green shoots burst forth from new plowed fields, and the sun warms the cold earth. It’s easy to make a case for resurrection this time of year. In fact, it seems as though resurrection is hard-wired into nature.

But nature is not the only place where we see transformation. Resurrection happens, when communities care for each other in mutuality and love. It happens when broken relationships are healed through forgiveness. Everyday resurrection is woven through our lives when an addiction is overcome, when we are finally able to laugh again after losing a loved one, or when we receive healing in body, mind, or spirit. The resurrected Christ is loose in the world, with power to raise us up from whatever is dragging us down, right now.

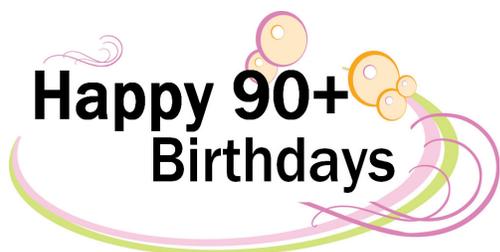
On Easter morning we sing alleluia, even though death is very real. We can sing alleluia because new life is ordained by God and present in the world. The man who Magdalene thought was the gardener was just as real after death as he was before. That same Jesus calls us by name, and is just as present to us in our lives. He is Risen, for you and for me, and for all time.

Peace, *Pastor Kim*



Day	Name	Yrs.	Day	Name	Yrs.
5	Barbara and Donald Jackson	56	20	Ronald and Patricia Ruth	52
7	Anita and Dennis Rhodes	48	23	Ellen and Jim Oaster	38
10	Kim and Scott Rau	39	24	Angela and Andrew Krentler	39
14	Susi and Frederick Guinn	21	24	Joyce and Alan Zinneman	39

Note: *If your anniversary was omitted, please contact the office to update your records.*



Dorothy Shaffer **April 8th**
Mary McMaster **April 20th**
Charlotte Lobach **April 29th**



Peggy and I would like to thank our Trinity friends for your cards, phone calls and prayers of support since my diagnosis for prostate cancer. Your kindness and concern helps us to remain positive and reminds us that we have much to be grateful for.

Allen Myers

Thank you for all the cards and outpouring of condolences for the loss of my husband and Sandy's father. We appreciate it very much.

Nancy and Sandy Sanders



Palm Sunday, March 28 at 8:30 & 10:30am

On this day we celebrate our Lord's entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday (Service of Shadows) April 1 at 7pm

This service will include Holy Communion and the traditional order for Tenebrae.

Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, April 3 at 7pm

A service of light in which we celebrate the power and promise of our baptism and remember God's mighty saving acts and participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday, April 4 at 8:30 & 10:30am

*We celebrate the joyous occasion of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered.*

Heartfelt Thank You!

The response to our fund-raising for the Houston Food Bank was excellent. Our members donated \$1000, and the Finance Committee has earmarked another \$500 for the effort. Although the extreme weather crisis has passed, residents of Texas are still struggling with sky-high utility and repair bills. And both family and food bank resources were already stretched thin during the pandemic. The Houston Food Bank actually serves 18 counties through a network of community partners. Last fiscal year 159,000,000 meals were served, and 92,835 families were served every week. Thanks, Trinity, for responding.



***Called Home
to Heaven***

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>
Dolores R. Albright	December 6, 1921	February 16, 2021
Eugene V. "Ben" Fuhrman	August 13, 1932	February 23, 2021
Leigh Anne Foreman McGonigal	March 29, 1967	March 7, 2021

April	4	11	18	25
	Easter			
Consistory Team	2	3	4	5
Worship Leader	Kay Altland	Aaden Reichart	Brittany Breighner	Josiah Leckrone
Altar Flower Sponsor	Orendorff	Open	Open	Kessel
Chancel Flower Sponsor	Open	Jim Berwager	Noel	Open
Bulletin Sponsor	Johanna Berwager	Stauffer	Rhodes	Albright

Please call the church office to schedule a flower or bulletin dedication for any available date. The cost is \$40 for altar flowers and \$25 for pedestal arrangements (plus tax), and \$20 for bulletins.

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Trinity's Mission Statement: Trinity United Church of Christ strives to be a warm, caring family of Christian believers. Our calling is to witness and strengthen the Christian faith through meaningful worship, Christian education, and Christian living in the home, the community, and the world.

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