

# Trinity News

A newsletter for members & friends of Trinity United Presbyterian Church

March—April 2020

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

# Holy Week

*Holy Week*  
you're invited  
to worship

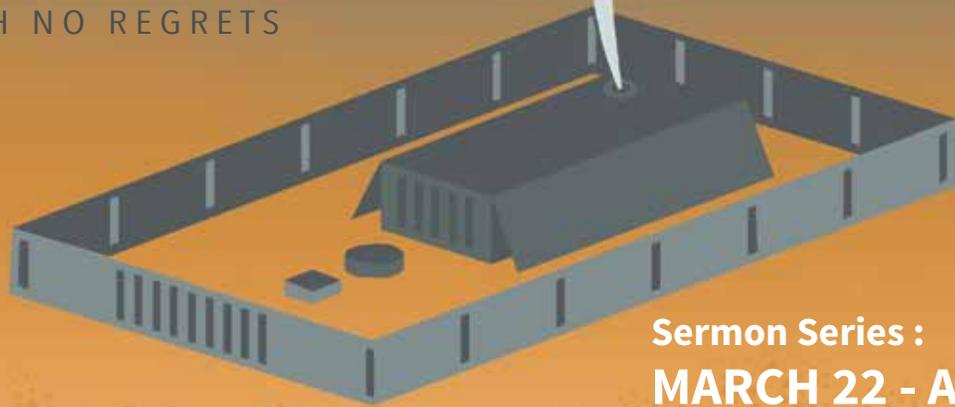
**SUMMER CAMPS!**  
Registration begins March 29

**INSPIRING MUSICALS!**  
**UNLEASHED** · FREEDOM AWAKENS  
*Malice in the Palace*

introducing the  
**NEW!**  
10:40AM  
Fellowship Hall  
Service

# EXODUS

LIVING WITH NO REGRETS



**Sermon Series :**  
**MARCH 22 - APRIL 10**  
**“Meeting God”**

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# On My Heart

## STAYING ON COURSE: A NEW WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY STARTING SUNDAY MORNINGS

*A message from Pastor Doug Rumford*

What keeps you on course, day in and day out?

I often think our lives are like ships on heavy seas: we need a strong rudder and stabilizers to keep us on course, heading to the right destination. So, what's your rudder? And how do you determine your course and destination in the first place?

With all my heart, I believe this is where the Church comes in. The high seas represent life in this world. The Lord is both our ultimate destination and, also, the power that propels us through life. The ship is the Church. And the rudder? That's worship. In worship, we gather as God's people in community to offer our praise and gratitude to the Lord and to receive God's Word to nourish our lives.

Rather than trying to make our way by swimming or piloting makeshift rafts, God has made it possible for us to travel together in a fellowship that supports, instructs, challenges and uses us to continue God's work in this world.

Sadly, many people have no idea there's an alternative to the waves that beat and batter them. That's where you come in! You can tell the people who matter most to you there's a different way to go. By God's grace, there's Trinity. It may sound "cheesy" to say, but at a time in history when many churches are struggling to survive, Trinity is thriving. Why? So that others can find the Lord and become fully alive in Christ.

Because we are growing, and because we want to help more people get and stay on course, **we are adding an additional Fellowship Hall Service on Sunday mornings**, beginning Sunday, April 19. We are providing a full Sunday School program as well. (See details on

page 12). We also will add an additional Easter Sunday service at 11AM in Fellowship Hall.

As we head into Easter, we pray you can use this as another opportunity to which you can invite your neighbors and networks to experience our community fully alive in Christ.

So, let me get back to what keeps us on course. I suggest three factors are essential:

FIRST, commit to gathering with God's people weekly. Don't make Sundays optional. If you neglect to re-calibrate your vision and values weekly, it's far too easy to drift or be driven off course.

SECOND, be intentional about inviting others to join you on Sunday. Your simple invitation can change a life, a family, a destiny.

THIRD, practice radical hospitality, putting others first. Make the effort to be a host who welcomes others on Sunday mornings, instead of seeing yourself as a guest to be taken care of.

See you in church!

Faithfully yours,



**Doug Rumford**

*Lead Pastor*



*You won't want to miss this!*

*Below is the beginning of one of Pastor Doug's blog's ...*

**Heart and Mind**

*A Spiritual Journal*

BY DOUG RUMFORD

*Life cut short magnifies death.*

*The sudden death of basketball legend Kobe Bryant (age 41), his daughter Gianna (age 13), and seven others (ages 13-56) in a helicopter crash in Southern California on January 26th has shaken many people to the core. The impact is similar to the global shock and grief in response to the deaths of Princess Diana (age 36), Dodi Fayed, and their driver, Henri Paul in August 1997. Statistically, about 151,000 people ...*

**To read more, you can find Pastor Doug's weekly blog ON THE TRINITY APP or at ([dougumford.com](http://dougumford.com)).**

**Watch for it—and share with your friends!**



## LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

### The Sheepfold: A Safe Place

by Lee Gordon, Trinity Liaison



Women and children living in safety at The Sheepfold.

Back in the early 80's, I remember my father telling me about a friend of his who told him that she had felt the call of God to open a home for women and children affected by domestic violence. His friend's name was Fran Lundquist. Forty years later, The Sheepfold still ministers to homeless women and

children by providing spiritual guidance and offering them a home as they seek to gain footing with housing and jobs, as well as with spiritual and emotional stability.

All residents agree to "work the program," participate in a daily Bible study and attend church services. House Managers support the residents in the home and are a vital part of the ministry. Individuals and churches from many denominations participate in supporting The Sheepfold by providing financial assistance, as well as participating in events with and for the residents. The Sheepfold Boutique & Thrift Store operates in Orange, California and benefits the work of the organization.

Over the years our family has found many ways to participate in the work of The Sheepfold. Our Scout group donated food to one of the homes. We've donated both our finances and goods to the thrift store. For the past 4 years I've enjoyed helping wrap donated Christmas gifts for the women and their children. Everyone has something to offer! A Trinity contingent spent a few hours working at the thrift store during our February 22 Super Serve Day and we hope to put together "Birthday in a Bag" kits in the next few months.

If you feel God calling you to get involved with The Sheepfold, you are invited to contact Lee Gordon ([philleegor@ca.rr.com](mailto:philleegor@ca.rr.com)) or Guy Ormes ([guyormes@cox.net](mailto:guyormes@cox.net)), Trinity's Community Liaisons to The Sheepfold. There is a place for everyone's particular gifts of service! I know you will be blessed as you bless others!

## GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

### Building Hope in Tijuana

by Anna Liao, Ministry Partner



Grandma Ana and family alongside the Liao's; (LtoR) Katrina, Anna, Simon and Garret.

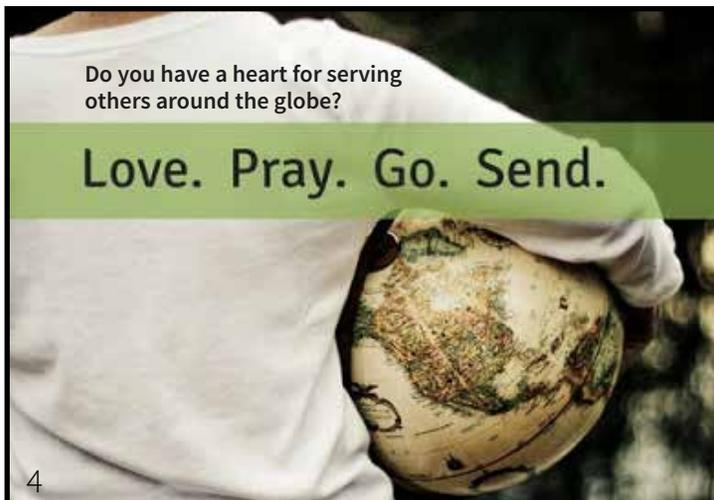
Grandma (*Abuela*) Ana was telling us the story of how her family escaped the fire that destroyed her home in October. I listened intently, not just because she was speaking Spanish, a language with which I have limited abilities; but also because I could relate to the fear she must have felt. Our family lives near Peter's Canyon and

about two years ago, we had to evacuate our home because of the encroaching Canyon Hills 2 Fire. Listening to the grandma's story brought back those memories again.

This year's trip to Tijuana at YWAM'S Homes of Hope made it clear that the Lord was using our teams of Trinity families to be instruments of love and service to a community that suffered loss. We built four homes for four different families who were victims of wind-swept fires. We were the body of Christ, working together with our Mexican brothers and sisters to help them rebuild their lives.

On our final workday, Sean Lambert, the founder of YWAM's Homes of Hope ministry, told us that our work that weekend would have taken 10 years for each family to accomplish (saving up for materials plus the actual construction work) but thanks to many at Trinity who supported this mission project physically, financially and through prayer, these 4 families did not have to wait long for a new home.

Upon completion of the home, we gathered in front to share words of encouragement with the family, passing along the keys before they were given to them. Grandma Ana's mother-in-law, Reyna, wiped away tears of gratitude during this key ceremony. She recognized that the Lord had indeed blessed them with hope and a new beginning.



## SHORT-TERM MISSION OPPORTUNITIES!

Contact Laura ([laura@tupcsa.org](mailto:laura@tupcsa.org)) for more details.

**to Shell, Ecuador with the Williams MAY 31-JUN 8**  
For sophomore, junior & high school senior students.

**to Sao Paulo, Brazil with JOY! JUL 5-JUL 14**  
For college students & young adults.

**to Central Asia with the Treeces JUL 23-AUG 4**  
For adults.

Visit the [Global Missions page on our website for more info!](#)



## Care & Prayer Ministries



### Come Learn More About Inner Healing

Our Inner Healing Team meets on Sundays once a month from 1-3PM. Our next meetings are March 15 & April 19. If you are interested in learning about how Inner Healing Prayer works and other topics that relate to the power and work of the Holy Spirit, come join us! Contact Pastor Steve (714.505.6254 x103; [steve@tupcsa.org](mailto:steve@tupcsa.org)) if you would like more information.

Sundays, Mar 15 & Apr 19 | 1-3PM | Room 502

### Welcome Tom Randall, New Visitation Coordinator!



With Roger Purdy retiring after 58 years in the ministry and the new 10 by 20 Vision growth plans for Trinity, our care ministries needed someone to fill in for some of Roger's pastoral responsibilities. Tom Randall, a member since 1985, a Commission Lay Pastor (CLP), Trinity Presbyterian Elder, and experienced prayer leader, was hired for Care Ministries.

Tom's primary responsibilities will be to address pastoral visits and care for Trinity and the community. He will work with prayer ministry, visitation ministry and those who need pastoral counseling. In addition to hospital/home visitations, Tom will conduct/assist in memorial services and serving Holy Communion to the home bound.

He will provide staff support to the following ministries: The Samaritan Care Center, the Prayer Ministry Team, PrimeTimers Ministry as well as GriefShare and Military Support, as needed.

With Trinity's congregation who have illness and/or major concerns in their life, Tom will invite them and other prayer warriors to the Trinity Prayer Room, laying on of hands, praying over them and anointing them with oil, according to James 5:13-16.

For special prayer, please contact Tom, Pastor Steve or Mary to schedule prayer time and anointing with oil in the Prayer Room.

### New Class! Christian Caregiving: A Way of Life

Jesus gave us a new commandment to "Love one another as He has loved us" (John 13:34). So as we have received love from Jesus, we must go and love others. But sometimes we feel ill-equipped to provide love and care to others that exemplifies Jesus' love through us.



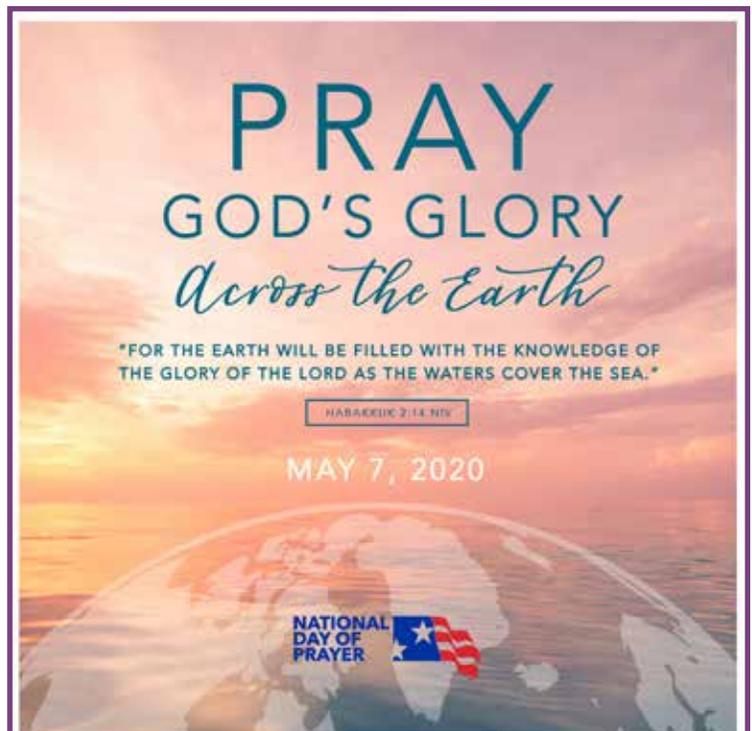
During this 7-week course (skipping May 10), you will learn positive, concrete ways to provide care and relate to others in a distinctively Christian way. By reading the materials and participating in group experiences, you will raise your Christian consciousness and practice in the world around you in a very natural way. A great staff of leaders will

share and encourage you with excellent material.

The goal of this class is for you to become natural and comfortable sharing God's love for others. You might segue into new opportunities such as Stephen Ministry, visitation, or Deacon ministry. Use your new skills to show your faith in your neighborhood or at the grocery store... who knows what God has planned as you move forward in his plan for your life?

Register online @trinityconnection.com (\$15 materials fee). Contact Nancy (714.505.6245 x123; [nancy@tupcsa.org](mailto:nancy@tupcsa.org)) for more information.

Sundays, Apr 26-Jun 14 | 10:30AM-12PM



Be a part of a wonderful day of prayer for our nation, state, region and local community. This year, Trinity will have two ways you can participate in the National Day of Prayer. First will be Dawn Prayer in the Lodge (6:30-7:15AM), and then breakfast in Fellowship Hall (7:30-9AM) for a full program and speaker. Tickets for the breakfast (\$10) can be purchased after April 15. There is no cost for the Dawn Prayer gathering. Contact Mary (714.505.6254 x102; [mary@tupcsa.org](mailto:mary@tupcsa.org)) for more information.



## Alpha is Being Taught in Mandarin Chinese!

Trinity has been running The Alpha Course for nearly 20 years but we have just started something new!

The Alpha Course going on now is using Mandarin Chinese subtitled videos for each of the lessons. This has allowed some new folks to participate and ultimately to give their hearts to Jesus! One Chinese woman said that she had been hungering to know Jesus before Alpha and the videos with subtitles really helped her to make that a reality. What a praise!



*The enthusiastic group using Mandarin Chinese at Alpha.*

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. It's for anyone who is curious. Typically run over 10 weeks, each session looks at a different question that people can have about the faith and is designed to create conversation. It's just an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. The talks are designed to explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Each session includes food, a short video lesson and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts.

Alpha is designed for anyone who has questions about the relevance or evidence of the Christian faith. Everyone is welcome!

## Financial Peace University



Are you tired of money stress? Then you're ready to join more than five million people whose lives have been changed by Financial Peace University (FPU)! This nine-lesson course taught by Dave Ramsey and his team

of financial experts helps you work a plan to nail a budget, defeat debt, and free yourself from money worries!

You'll join a small group for discussions and lessons—all rooted in biblical wisdom and common sense. FPU includes your member workbook and a free year of Financial Peace Membership, with online tools created to support your journey.

The first class is FREE! If you choose to continue, there is a \$99 materials fee per household. For more info, contact Pastor Ron (ron@tupcsa.org).

Sundays, Mar 22-May 24 | 9-10:10AM | Room 505

## We Celebrate 30 Years of the Information Booth Ministry!

The Trinity "info booth" as it has been affectionately called, was built in 1990 by George Pohlman.



*The wonderful folks that served for so many years in the Info Booth.*

*Front left to right: Dave Pardekooper, Dee Pardekooper, Mary Getten, Joan Kilgore, Lew Hill, Marilyn Hill.*

*Back left to right: Dianne Yoss, Maggie Pohlman, Judy Northrup.*

It was staffed by many, many warm and welcoming folks over the years who would answer questions, walk new families to kid's classrooms, and always share wonderful smiles. The booth was located in various locations on the patio over the years until it found its final spot pretty much right in the middle of everything. George was very good at maintaining the info booth and keeping dry rot and termites at bay but sadly without him, we needed to relocate the information ministry. Before the booth came down, a

celebration memorial for all that the Lord has done through the info booth was held.

The same wonderful folks continue doing the same wonderful ministry, only now they're located in the lobby of the church office. Every Sunday, the office doors are OPEN and people are there to welcome you! Inside are opportunities to ask questions, register for events, get more info about ministries at Trinity, and so much more. Come visit and check it out!



OUR NEXT EXPLORATIONS CLASS IS . . .

Friday, May 1 | 5:30-8PM

Saturday, May 2 | 9AM-2:30PM

Sunday, May 3 | 12-12:45PM

# SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER CAMPS 2020

TRINITY STUDENT & FAMILY MINISTRIES

REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 29!



## TRINITY KIDS

(AGE 4 YEARS - GRADE 5)

SPORTS CAMP (GRADES 3-5) | JUNE 3-5

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (AGE 4 - GRADE 5) | JUNE 22-26

THE VILLAGE AT FOREST HOME (GRADES 3 - 5) | JULY 5-10

GOPHER GULCH (GRADES 1 & 2) | JULY 21-24

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

(GRADES 6 - 8)

FOREST HOME | JUNE 14-19

THE COAST RETREAT | JUL 28-30

## HIGH SCHOOL

(GRADES 9 - 12)

FOREST HOME | JUNE 14-19

## COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT

ZION NATIONAL PARK | JUNE 29-JULY 3

\*ALL GRADES REFER TO FALL 2020 STATUS

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A SUMMER TO...

# FOCUS

ON GOD'S LOVE,  
WILL & DIRECTION



## TRINITY KIDS : Infant-Grade 5

Diane Grams, Director (diane@tupcsa.org)

### -----SAVE THE DATES!-----



#### SPORTS DAY CAMP: Grades 3-5

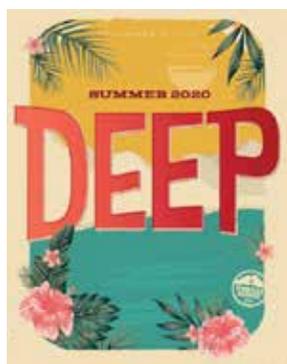
June 3-5 | 9AM-12PM

Come join the fun as we play sports together!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 22-26 | 9AM-12:15PM

Register on the app or online @TRINITYCONNECTION.COM



#### THE VILLAGE AT FOREST HOME:

Grades 3-5

July 5-10

An unforgettable experience! A safe place where kids will learn about their great God through age-appropriate teaching, engaging worship, and time outdoors in His creation. Plus a hallmark of summer camp is the outrageously fun games and activities!



#### GOPHER GULCH: Grades 1 & 2

July 21-24 | 9AM-1:30PM

The best four days of summer! You're invited to join our western day camp—so dust off your cowboy hats and get ready for some fun. We'll be singin', dancin', and pannin' for gold at the gulch—Gopher Gulch that is!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY : Grade 6-8

Chris Watkins, Director (chrisw@tupcsa.org)

In our last Trinity News, I closed by describing how God is doing great work in the life of our Middle School Ministry, and requested that we all be praying for everything that God is going to do in the start of 2020. As we are already a couple of months into the new year, I could never have expected all that God was already doing!

First, our time at winter camp was AMAZING! The worship was impactful, the speaker spoke directly to the hearts of each of our 50 students, relationships were formed and strengthened, and at least one of our students accepted Jesus into his life while others made decisions to dive deeper into their understanding of Him. We came back from Forest Home with a fire and love for Jesus that's helping each of us to "Shine" God's love into the darkness we face in this world.



Group of 8th Grade boys during worship at winter camp at Forest Home.



Students during Bible Study at EPIC on Tuesday nights.



Group picture of the 61 students and leaders who went to Winter Camp.

This desire to shine and know God better has been evident in our EPIC midweek meetings. Since the start of the new year, students have been excited to bring their friends into this community, and I cannot begin to tell you the power of watching a group of about 100 middle schoolers (many of which don't attend church regularly) who were active and running

around suddenly switch gears and focus their attention to God in worship and Bible study. God is definitely at work in the lives of our students and it is incredible how deeply we feel that expectation as our students grow and invite others to their faith!

I share this because as we come close to the end of our school year and start looking ahead toward summer, the prayers we've asked for before are even more important. As we start inviting students to all of our summer activities and get ready to send them off to high school, we are praying for Jesus to be an even greater foundation in their lives. We are praying that they end this school year transformed by all that God has done in them and through them, and that they see the impact that has had on their community.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Summer Camp Preview @EPIC | Tuesday, Mar 31  
Summer Camp @Forest Home | June 14-19

**HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY : Grade 9-12***Joel Mitchell, Director (joel@tupcsa.org)***30 Hour Famine Prayer**

Our high school and junior high students just participated in the 30 Hour Famine. It was an impactful experience where students learned about global and local issues of injustice. We learned about how we can work with World Vision to

help farmers, improve water access, fight children's malnutrition, and deliver refugee aid. They served as they saw that as Christians, we are called to be a part of God's restorative work in the world. But the work doesn't stop when the famine ends! We will be continuing to raise money for World Vision throughout the month of March.

You can specifically support us by joining us in praying for:

- The students to boldly share about issues of hunger, poverty and injustice.
- World Vision's work to end hunger and build sustainable communities.
- That the money we raised will be able to better the lives of those it goes towards helping.
- Students to make serving others a regular part of their lives.

**We are so excited for these two topics that High School students will be engaging with in this next season:**

**SUNDAYS Building from the Ashes**

Doesn't it seem like all our culture does is tear things up and burn things down? So much of what social media and the news is made up of is critiquing others and tearing down with words. When Jesus saw the ashes of a culture that had

fallen apart politically, socially, and religiously he offered a radical approach: Build don't burn. Build other people up, love your enemies, show compassion to outsiders, connect with those of different races and socioeconomic statuses. This lent we will be inviting teenagers to start building something beautiful from the ashes.

Sundays | 10:40AM-12PM | WELL Room

**WEDNESDAYS Guardrails: Keeping You from the Edge**

My whole life my grandparents have had a cabin up in Crestline. We would take the winding road of the 18 back and forth, through fog, darkness, and sometimes even ice. I remember looking out the

window and always taking a lot of comfort in the cold metal barriers on the edge. They were all that would keep us from the dark valley below. Guardrails are designed to keep vehicles from straying into dangerous or off-limit areas. They are there to direct and protect us. They minimize damage by keeping us in the safety zone. But the highway isn't the only place we need guardrails. We need them for life. So much future regret could be avoided if we help teens embrace the freedom of guardrails for their morality, dating, friendships, finances, and technology use. But our culture doesn't value guardrails, it values "painted lines," which often leave us in a ditch. Guardrails are a gift to keep us on track towards the purpose and life Jesus freed us for!

Wednesdays | 7-9PM | WELL Room

**COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY***Tanner Lowe, Director (tanner@tupcsa.org)***College Group at Santiago Canyon College!**

*Tanner Lowe with several college students during Club Rush.*

We have had the exciting opportunity to partner with CRU (formerly Campus Crusade) to start a Bible study on campus at SCC (Santiago Community College). It has been an awesome opportunity to reach out with Christ's love to the closest college campus to Trinity! There are already students coming

to College Thursdays, worshipping on Sunday mornings, volunteering with Middle School ministry, and attending retreats.

**Pray for our Students!**

Pray that God would prepare hearts to receive Him this semester, that He would open up paths to reach students for Him, and that existing leaders would be radically loving, hospitable, and bold in spreading the good news.

**SAVE THE DATE for Zion: June 29-July 3**

Due to popular demand, we are headed back to Zion National Park! Come adventure with us through the Narrows, up Angel's landing, and into God's Word. This is the best way to get away with friends and kick off the summer. Spaces are limited so sign up soon!



*Hiking through The Narrows, a favorite hike of the week!*



*The college students gather after a hike up Angel's Landing.*



THE PASSION OF CHRIST

# Holy Week

2020



**PALM**  
**SUNDAY APRIL 5**

9AM | Sanctuary &  
Fellowship Hall

10:40AM | Sanctuary



**GOOD**  
**FRIDAY APRIL 10**

1PM | Sanctuary

7PM | Fellowship Hall



**MAUNDY**  
**THURSDAY APRIL 9**

7PM | Sanctuary



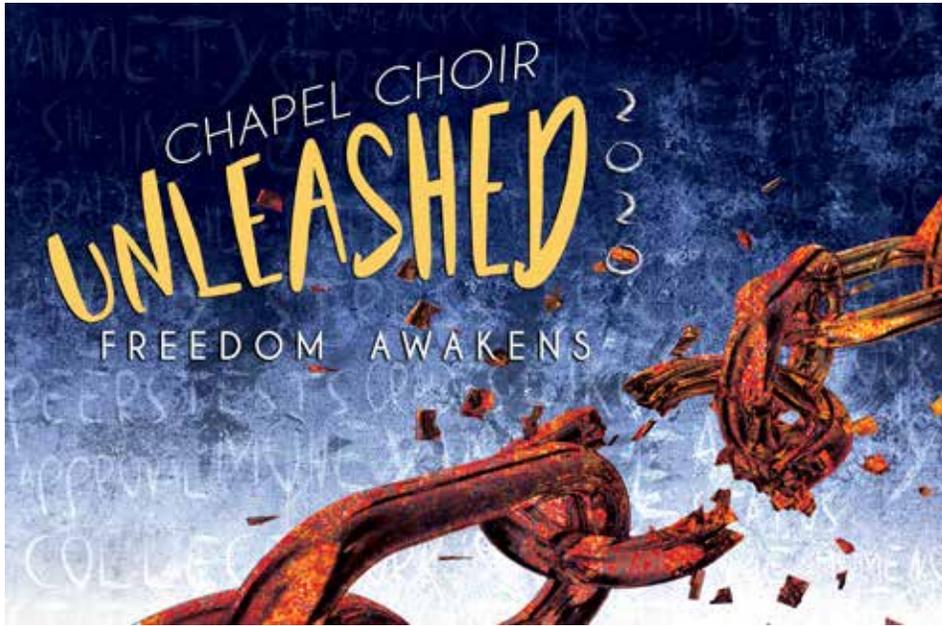
**EASTER**  
**SUNDAY APRIL 12**

8AM | Sanctuary

9:30 & 11AM | Sanctuary &  
Fellowship Hall

The Christian year climaxes in services of Holy Week, focusing on the central events in the life of Christ that led to our redemption. The week begins with Palm Sunday and moves steadily onward through the "Three Days"—one service of worship beginning Thursday evening and concluding on Easter Sunday morning. Set apart these worship times as holy and central in your life.

**We invite you to join us for the whole journey!**



Friday, March 27  
Saturday, March 28  
7PM in Fellowship Hall

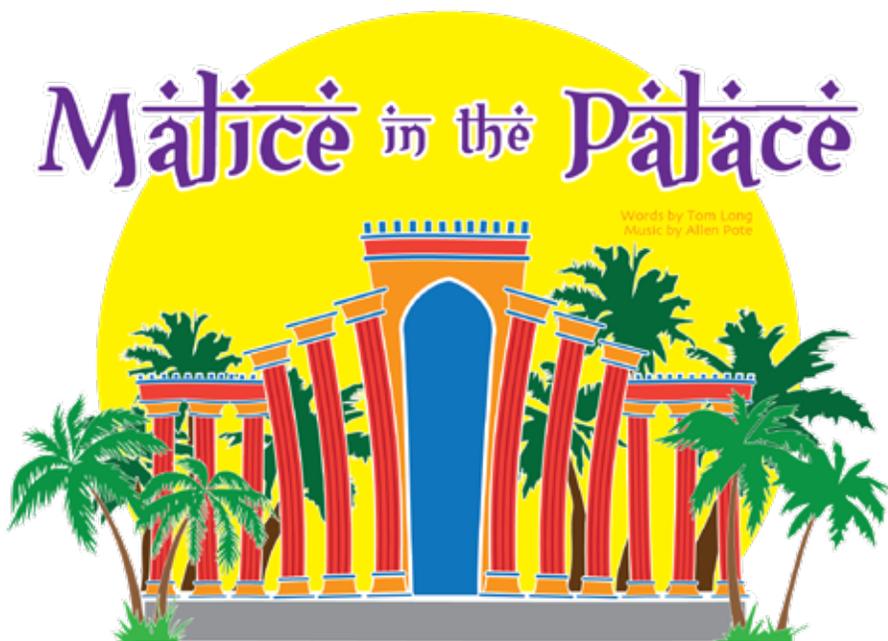
Get ready for an uplifting evening presented by our Chapel Choir (High School/Young Adult)! Enjoy a delicious dessert and show featuring 20 songs from movies, musicals and more! Because of our study in Exodus this year, we will be highlighting selections from *The Prince of Egypt*. Be sure to mark your calendars and get your tickets soon!

Tickets are \$10 general and \$5 children (12 & under) and can be purchased from the Music office or by calling (714.505.6254 x256). Childcare available for ages 5 & under with RSVP ([childcare@tupcsa.org](mailto:childcare@tupcsa.org)).

### Trinity's Musicals Helped Me Grow in So Many Ways

by Katrina Liao, Chapel Choir Member

When I was in middle school, I was blown away by the Chapel Choir musicals, and I couldn't wait until I was old enough to be in them, too. Now I am thrilled to have been part of several Chapel Choir musicals. They truly embody Trinity's mission statement of "building a community fully alive in Christ." Performing in a show is no solo job—it takes a whole village! Trinity's amazing team of singers, dancers, directors, and musicians work so hard together to put on huge productions. In the months of rehearsals leading up to the show, I have grown not only in my singing and dancing abilities, but also in my friendships with my fellow choir members. I have also gained more confidence performing on stage in front of an audience. Most importantly, the Chapel Choir musicals give me the opportunity to worship the Lord, express my faith, and share the gift of music with others. At the end of each performance, the entire cast extends an arm upward to give God the glory—I love this reminder of why we do what we do. This year, I am excited to explore the theme of freedom through some of my favorite songs. I know that God will be using the cast in powerful ways to deliver this gospel message.



Saturday, April 25  
Sunday, April 26  
7PM in the Sanctuary

Our 4th-8th grade choirs and instrumentalists are excited to present the story of Esther in *Malice in the Palace*: a thrilling story from the Bible of a beautiful and spirited heroine, a dark-hearted villain, a twisting plot full of danger and intrigue, and a cliffhanger of a climax. In the midst of this excitement we find a powerful message—the smallest person acting bravely can make an enormous difference, for God has placed us where we are for a reason.

Come and join us for a wonderful show! No tickets necessary. Voluntary offering. Childcare available for infants and toddlers with RSVP ([childcare@tupcsa.org](mailto:childcare@tupcsa.org)).

*introducing the*

**NEW**

**10:40AM**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL SERVICE**

*beginning* **APRIL 19**



We praise God that Trinity is in a season of growth and invitation! We have especially seen this the past two years through the 25% growth in the 9AM Fellowship Hall Service. In addition, God has used the monthly Night of Worship to reach a younger generation and many who were disconnected from church.

During this time, Trinity's ministry partners, attendees, staff, pastors and elders have been praying for the best timing to launch an additional weekly worship service. After months of discernment and development, we are excited to announce that beginning April 19, we will launch an additional worship service in Fellowship Hall at 10:40AM. Our prayer is that this service will provide an additional worship opportunity, not just for those attending Trinity now, but also for those that need a new space to encounter God.

It is our continued prayer and commitment, for every service to be a place of dynamic worship, learning and community. Pray for God's Spirit to be at work in a powerful way during our services, especially during this launch!

We will also launch a NEW second hour Sunday School for Grades 1-5 on April 19!

**Be a part of the launch! Who will you invite?**

# Session Update

*Julie Turner, Clerk of Session*

## **Session Report for February 2020**

**Recent Work** Session approved another Fellowship Hall Service for Easter 2020, due to the extremely full attendance at this service in 2019. The additional service will take place at 11AM, resulting in 5 worship services on Easter Sunday as follows: Sanctuary at 8, 9:30 & 11AM and Fellowship Hall at 9:30 & 11AM.



*Your staff & session at the retreat during the end of January.*

Session recently held their annual retreat at the Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside. Session and staff members worked on setting goals to achieve Trinity's "10 by 20 Vision" which is to grow by 10% through intentional invitation, radical hospitality and renewed commitment by the end of 2020. We believe God is calling us as a congregation to reach our community for Jesus Christ and to mobilize to reach the world. The retreat also included time for personal prayer and reflection and fellowship.

The Executive Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (EAPNC) has begun to meet weekly, working on completing paperwork needed to begin the search for a new Executive Associate Pastor to replace Ron Oldenkamp. The committee is co-chaired by Rich Dutriscac and Jim Gilmore with members including Kevin Astor, Debbie Ewing, Jim Licata, Maria Mancini and Julie Turner.

**Financial Update** The Session is extremely grateful to God for answering prayers for a balanced budget for 2019. This was made possible through the generosity of the entire congregation! The deficit was erased not just by a few large gifts but rather by many households who gave the extra \$375. This resulted in Sunday offerings totaling over \$1 million in December, a Christmas offering of \$83,000 (exceeding the goal of \$75,000), and almost \$50,000 being received for the 2 Steps Forward/Finishing Well Campaign in December. In addition, a special gift of \$300,000 was given by a Trinity family. The generosity of our congregation is overwhelming, and we are so thankful for each and every gift given.

**ECO Conference** A contingent of commissioners from Trinity will attend the 2020 ECO National Gathering in Dallas, TX, February 4-6. During this time, a synod meeting to conduct the business of ECO will take place as well as opportunities for worship, fellowship and breakout sessions. Pastors Jeff Wagner and Steve Miller will attend along with staff members Tanner Lowe and Joel Mitchell, plus elder commissioners Maria Mancini, Jeff Herrmann, John Marder and Nancy Mosqueira.

## **WELCOME New Covenant Partners!**

Joined February 1, 2020



Tina  
**Bernardo**



Russell  
**Callihan**



James & Becky  
**Carter**



Yvette  
**Goemaat**



Henry & Marlene  
**Hsu**



John  
**Hyatt**



Ken  
**Konechy**



Sherry  
**Nuzzo**



Alix  
**Riley**



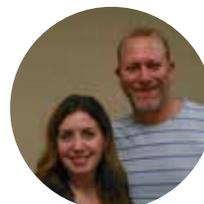
Steve & Kim  
**Roudebush**



Jeff & Dianna  
**Rountree**



Luis **Tobon** &  
Naomi **Miller-Tobon**



Greg & Chrissy  
**White**



Thomas  
**Wyatt**

# Important Dates MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Hope's Nest 12PM Chapel Choir Rehearsal 1:30PM NAMI 6:30PM	<b>2</b> Women in the Word 9:15AM & 6:30PM Childrens Storytime 10AM HS-Adult Bells 5:30 & 7PM <b>Deacons' Meeting 6:30PM</b>	<b>3</b> Prayer 8AM Trinity English Center 9:30AM PrimeTimers 11AM Middle School EPIC 6:30PM Kids CLUB 6:30PM Financial Peace Class 6:30PM	<b>4</b> Women's Precept Study 9:15AM & 7PM GriefShare 3:30PM Kids Choirs & Bells 4, 5:15 & 6:15PM High School WELL 7PM	<b>5</b> Alzheimer's Support Group 2:30PM College Thursday Nights 7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15PM	<b>6</b> <b>Women's Connection 9AM</b> International Bible Class 9:30AM	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Hope's Nest 12PM Chapel Choir Rehearsal 1:30PM <b>Reunion-Night of Worship 6PM</b> NAMI 6:30PM	<b>9</b> Women in the Word 9:15AM & 6:30PM Caregivers' Support Group 3:30PM Truth & Grace 7PM HS-Adult Bells 5:30 & 7PM	<b>10</b> Prayer 8AM Trinity English Center 9:30AM PrimeTimers 11AM Middle School EPIC 6:30PM Kids CLUB 6:30PM Financial Peace Class 6:30PM	<b>11</b> Women's Precept Study 9:15AM & 7PM GriefShare 3:30PM Kids Choirs & Bells 4, 5:15 & 6:15PM <b>Man Night 6:30PM</b> High School WELL 7PM	<b>12</b> MOPS 9AM <b>A Matter of Balance 9AM</b> College Thursday Nights 7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15PM	<b>13</b> International Bible Class 9:30AM <b>Trinity Kids' Night Out 4:30PM</b> Beyond Grief 6PM	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b> Chapel Choir Rehearsal 1:30PM NAMI 6:30PM	<b>16</b> Women in the Word 9:15AM & 6:30PM Caregivers' Group 3:30PM HS-Adult Bells 5:30 & 7PM Truth & Grace 7PM	<b>17</b> Prayer 8AM Trinity English Center 9:30AM PrimeTimers 11AM Alpha 6PM Middle School EPIC 6:30PM	<b>18</b> Women's Precept Study 9:15AM & 7PM GriefShare 3:30PM Kids Choirs & Bells 4, 5:15 & 6:15PM <b>Session Meeting 6:30PM</b>	<b>19</b> A Matter of Balance 9AM College Thursday Nights 7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15PM	<b>20</b> International Bible Class 9:30AM <b>Game Night 6PM</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Financial Peace Class 9AM</b> Chapel Choir Rehearsal 1:30PM NAMI 6:30PM	<b>23</b> Women in the Word 9:15AM & 6:30PM HS-Adult Bells 5:30 & 7PM	<b>24</b> Prayer 8AM Trinity English Center 9:30AM PrimeTimers 11AM Alpha 6PM Middle School EPIC 6:30PM	<b>25</b> Women's Precept Study 9:15AM & 7PM GriefShare 3:30PM Kids Choirs & Bells 4, 5:15 & 6:15PM High School WELL 7PM	<b>26</b> MOPS 9AM A Matter of Balance 9AM College Thursday Nights 7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15PM	<b>27</b> International Bible Class 9:30AM <b>Chapel Choir Musical: Unleashed 7PM</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Chapel Choir Musical: Unleashed 7PM</b>
<b>29</b> Financial Peace Class 9AM Chapel Choir Rehearsal 1:30PM NAMI 6:30PM	<b>30</b> Women in the Word 9:15AM & 6:30PM HS-Adult Bells 5:30 & 7PM	<b>31</b> Prayer 8AM Trinity English Center 9:30AM PrimeTimers 11AM Middle School EPIC 6:30PM	<b>1</b> Women's Precept Study 9:15AM & 7PM GriefShare 3:30PM Kids Choirs & Bells 4, 5:15 & 6:15PM	<b>2</b> A Matter of Balance 9AM Alzheimer's Support Group 2:30PM College Thursday Nights 7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15PM	<b>3</b> International Bible Class 9:30AM Beyond Grief 6PM	<b>4</b> Chancel Choir Holy Week Rehearsal 9AM

# Important Dates APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>9 &amp; 10:40AM</b> Financial Peace Class 9AM Hope's Nest 12PM Chapel Choir Rehearsal 1:30PM NAMI 6:30PM	<b>6</b> Women in the Word 9:15AM & 6:30PM Childrens Storytime 10AM HS-Adult Bells 5:30 & 7PM <b>Deacons' Meeting 6:30PM</b>	<b>7</b> Prayer 8AM PrimeTimers 11AM Middle School EPIC 6:30PM	<b>8</b> Women's Precept Study 9:15AM & 7PM GriefShare 3:30PM Kids Choirs & Bells 4, 5:15 & 6:15PM High School WELL 7:30PM	<b>9</b> MOPS 9AM A Matter of Balance 9AM Alzheimers Support Group 2:30PM College Thursday Nights 7PM <b>Maundy Thursday Service 7PM</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Good Friday Services 1 &amp; 7PM</b> Beyond Grief 6PM	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY Sanctuary— 8, 9:30 &amp; 11AM</b> <b>Fellowship Hall— 9:30 &amp; 11AM</b>	<b>13</b> Women in the Word 9:15AM & 6:30PM Caregivers' Support Group 3:30PM HS-Adult Bells 5:30 & 7PM	<b>14</b> Prayer 8AM Trinity English Center 9:30AM PrimeTimers 11AM Middle School EPIC 6:30PM	<b>15</b> Women's Precept Study 9:15AM & 7PM GriefShare 3:30PM Kids Choirs & Bells 4, 5:15 & 6:15PM <b>Session Meeting 6:30PM</b> High School WELL 7:30PM	<b>16</b> A Matter of Balance 9AM College Thursday Nights 7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15PM	<b>17</b> International Bible Class 9:30AM	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Financial Peace 9AM <b>Christian Caregiving Class 10:30AM</b> <b>Launch of NEW Fellowship Hall Service 10:40AM</b> Chapel Choir Rehearsal 1:30PM NAMI 6:30PM	<b>20</b> Women in the Word 9:15AM & 6:30PM HS-Adult Bells 5:30 & 7PM	<b>21</b> Prayer 8AM Trinity English Center 9:30AM PrimeTimers 11AM Middle School EPIC 6:30PM	<b>22</b> Women's Precept Study 9:15AM & 7PM GriefShare 3:30PM Kids Choirs & Bells 4, 5:15 & 6:15PM High School WELL 7:30PM	<b>23</b> MOPS 9AM A Matter of Balance 9AM College Thursday Nights 7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15PM	<b>24</b> International Bible Class 9:30AM	<b>25</b> <b>Love Tustin Serve Day</b> <b>Kids Musical: Malice in the Palace 7PM</b>
<b>26</b> Financial Peace Class 9AM Christian Caregiving Class 10:30AM NAMI 6:30PM <b>Kids Musical: Malice in the Palace 7PM</b>	<b>27</b> Women in the Word 9:15AM & 6:30PM HS-Adult Bells 5:30 & 7PM	<b>28</b> Prayer 8AM Trinity English Center 9:30AM PrimeTimers 11AM Middle School EPIC 6:30PM	<b>29</b> Women's Precept Study 9:15AM & 7PM GriefShare 3:30PM Kids Choirs & Bells 4, 5:15 & 6:15PM High School WELL 7:30PM	<b>30</b> A Matter of Balance 9AM College Thursday Nights 7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15PM		

## Upcoming Important Dates

**Friday & Saturday, May 1 & 2 :** Explorations Class

**Thursday, May 7 :** National Day of Prayer

**Friday, May 8 :** Rock 'n' Roll with the Edsels | 7PM

**Wednesday, May 13 :** Man Night | 6:30PM

**Friday, May 15 :** Game Night | 6PM

**Sunday, May 17 :** Handbell Concert | 4PM

**Monday, May 18 :** Trinity & Friends Golf Tournament | 8AM

**Sunday, May 25 :** Memorial Day Holiday (*Offices Closed*)

**Sunday, May 31 :** Chancel Choir Spring Concert | 4PM



## WORSHIP WITH US EVERY SUNDAY!

**9AM**

**SANCTUARY** | Traditional & contemporary blended worship

**FELLOWSHIP HALL** | Contemporary worship

**10:40AM**

**SANCTUARY** | Traditional & contemporary blended worship

**FELLOWSHIP HALL** | COMING APRIL 19!



Trinity's students worship during last month's High School Winter Camp at Forest Home.

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