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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JEANIE

This week's passage is one we all know by heart, "Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God, trust also in me." And then that poignant description of God's house having many rooms, a place for all of us, a place which is safe, open, and where we know we are loved.

And then Thomas, the disciple who quietly speaks what maybe we are all afraid to say, questions Jesus again. "Lord," he asks, "we don't know where you are going, how can we know the way?"

I have been dwelling on this wonderful haunting verse all week. The many rooms speak to me, locked as we all are in the rooms of our homes. But the question that Thomas poses sure hits the mark. Lord, where are we going in all of this? How can we know the way?

All those things that I thought that I knew, like my calendar with its notes on conferences and meetings, weddings and vacations, all crossed out or peppered with question marks. Lord, where are we going?

And as we film at church with our generous music and film team, I count the pews to see how many we can safely get in to our sanitized, squeaky clean sanctuary when the time comes. Lord, where are we going?

Or when I mask and glove up to venture to the grocery store, obediently following the one way arrows on the floor. Lord, where are we going? How can we know the way?

Jesus answers, "I am the way, I am the truth, and I am the life" and in the next verse comes something so comforting. "You know me," Jesus says.

And then I remember. I know Jesus in the passing of the peace with you all. I know Jesus in the glint of sun playing on the Truckee River this morning. I know Jesus as I visit on doorsteps and doorways and share this journey with you. I know Jesus as we pray with one another, fiercely and tenderly, on our Sunday Zoom calls. I know Jesus the comforter as I pray for Kathy Schaffer as she grieves the death of her mom this week.

"You know me," Jesus says. And we do. We know that He is with us in all this. We know He will be with us as we maneuver these uncharted ways. We know Jesus.

Join us tomorrow as we worship. I invite you to read John 14 and please join us for Prayers of the People and fellowship on Zoom tomorrow at 10:30.

Blessings and peace.

Pastor Jeanie

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OPERATION GRATITUDE - Update from Pastor Jeanie

We make a difference in sharing our gratitude. We make a difference with our prayers. We are "being the church!" This week we continue to honor the post office workers and delivery personnel in our community. I invite you to pray for them every day this week and write a note of thanks to the following two branches:

**Truckee Post Office
10050 Bridge St.
Truckee, CA 96161
AND**

**Donner Post Office
11415 Deerfield Dr.
Truckee, CA 96161**

Gracious God, Mighty Deliverer,

Some of us need strength, because we are facing a big challenge.

Some of us need hope, because we are feeling like giving up.

Some of us need love, because we are feeling alone.

All of us need protection as we work in the midst of trouble.

We trust you will guard and protect our postal workers and delivery personnel, as they serve so many in our community.

Be present with them.

AMEN

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Remember the worship time survey? Council decided this past week that we will hold off making any decisions about time until we

have a clearer understanding of how and when to safely move forward with in-person worship. Hopefully, we will know more next month. In the meantime, enjoy watching the YouTube videos of our services whenever you want and participating in Zoom prayers and fellowship at 10:30.

Your Council President,

Lori Breuch

UPCOMING AT TLPC

Everyone needs God's word and comfort... Please consider forwarding links to worship services to your friends and neighbors!

Sunday, May 17

- 10:00 am: Worship and Holy Communion - Pastor Jeanie preaches this week; her sermon is entitled "Preparing." A link to the service will be posted on the TLPC website (TLPC.org). Click the play button to view the service.
- 10:30 am: Prayers of the People and fellowship via an on-line Zoom Meeting. A link to the Zoom Meeting will be emailed to you.

Tuesday, May 19

- 7:00 pm: Together Tuesday. An opportunity for fellowship via an on-line Zoom Meeting. Instructions for participating in the Zoom Meeting will be emailed to you prior to the meeting.

Ongoing

- Sunday Worship Services: will be videotaped and posted to the TLPC website (TLPC.org) every week.
- Sunday School: A children's message and on-line Sunday School materials parents and their children can use at home will be emailed to you each week.
- More Worship and Faith Formation Opportunities: We are working on additional ways for us to safely worship and study God's word from home. We will keep you up to date on new opportunities as they are developed.

STAYING IN TOUCH (WITHOUT TOUCHING)

Please open this attachment for a list of who to contact at TLPC:



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YOUR CHURCH OFFERING

TLPC's expenses have continued to increase as we find ways to respond to new needs in our community and the world. We understand the current situation not only impacts TLPC's finances, but also yours. We are hoping you will be able to continue your regular weekly offering. We also ask you to prayerfully consider an additional contribution to help TLPC cover its increased expenses while we wait for the time when we can again safely pass the offering plate. Giving is easy! Instructions for how to give, including a secure online giving option, are outlined on the "Giving" page of the TLPC website or by clicking this link: <http://tlpc.org/giving/> Thank you for your faithfulness!!

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

What can you do to help while sheltering-in-place? **Pray** people of TLPC, **PRAY!**

(As part of *Operation Gratitude*, please add a petition for post office workers and delivery personnel to your daily prayers this week.)

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If you have requests for announcements to be included in future editions of TLPC NEWS, or if you have ideas on additional topics to be included in future issues or ways we can improve, please call or email Mark Heyne: 612.741.9119 / mheyne8@gmail.com Thank you!

