

## ANNOUNCEMENTS: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020

### **Trinity Social Hour — Fridays @ 4 PM**

Join other members of the family in an informal Zoom conversation. It goes without saying, “Bring Your Own Beverage”! This is the invitation link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/822684505>.

This is a recurring weekly event, running at least for a few more weeks ... **and beyond!!**

### **Adult Forum — Sunday @ 9 AM (on-line)**

Our weekly adult forum meets weekly, offering a time of fellowship, as well as a chance to exchange information or engage in deeper reflection. Please join us. Here’s the link to this weekly Zoom gathering:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89012551409?pwd=UVl5azZDYs9ZaE9CNUw5dUl4UWovZz09>

We celebrate the Feast of St. Francis this morning, giving thanks for the joy of God’s creatures. That celebration carries into a reflection on our calling to be stewards of creation during the forum time.

Next Sunday, we’ll return to a consideration of faith and politics. We are not looking for partisan endorsements or arguments. In truth, we are obliged to show mutual care and respect in the midst of differing understandings. That said, our Presiding Bishop, among others, has reminded us that “it’s important to remember that partisan neutrality does not mean moral neutrality.”

### **Sunday @ 10 AM (on-line)**

Our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, together with leaders in the Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran churches of Canada and the United States, invites us to celebrate the “Season of Creation.” The liturgy we’re using this morning picks up on the theme. (Next week, we’ll return to a good old-fashioned Prayer Book liturgy.)

If you have prayer requests for this weekend, send them to [trinitybendprayers@gmail.com](mailto:trinitybendprayers@gmail.com) no later than 8 am on Sunday.

We thank you for continuing to be so generous. You can continue to give by check or online @ <https://trinitybend.org/donations/>. Your financial support is critically important.

### **YouTube**

As always, we’ll be streaming on YouTube. Here’s the (NEW) YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/FjD8bVK34wE>. You just need to click on the link at 10 am on Sunday to join us live. (If nothing happens, go to the Trinity Episcopal Church Bend” YouTube channel and look for a video with “Live Now” and click there.)

### **Facebook**

We’re also streaming live from our Facebook “group” @ [www.facebook.com/groups/1058566457549205](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1058566457549205). Once we start, you should be able to make it a “watch party” and let all your friends join us, as well.

If you have a Hymnal at home, we’ll be singing the following three hymns:

Opening Hymn:	“All things bright and beautiful”	Hymnal 405
Gospel Hymn:	“Jesus Christ, yesterday, today and forever”	
Closing Hymn:	“Lord, make us servants of your peace”	Hymnal 593

### **Coffee Hour — Sunday @ 11:15 AM ... or thereabouts (on-line)**

Following Sunday worship, we invite you to gather with friends and loved ones and enjoy a cup of coffee and something tasty to eat ... whatever you provide! Join us on Zoom this Sunday at 11:15 am. The invitation link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/991927954?pwd=ZU5aekJ3R3NPMHpRYnFIWU5Hd21DQT09>.

### **Prayers in the Evening — Tuesday @ 4 PM (on-line)**

We invite you to join us for a chance to join our weekly opportunity to check in with one another and then offer our prayers at: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/196797551?pwd=Vos4dEZqb1hNTFJydIVqSUIaNEgZZz09>.

### **Sermon Reflections — Wednesday @ 9 AM (on-line)**

The weekly “Sermon Reflections” group meets every Wednesday @ 9 am. Join the conversation on Zoom @ <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/837943460?pwd=Mm5DMFpPV2tvNoNsbC5vVWlkbFduUT09>.

### **Noonday Prayers — Wednesday @ 12 noon (on-line)**

We gather for noonday prayers every Wednesday @ 12 noon. Look for the “This Week at Trinity” email on Monday – or our parish website – for more information about plans for this week.

### **Ordination to the Priesthood of Ray Jeff Spreier — Saturday @ 11 AM**

Ray Jeff Spreier will be ordained to the priesthood at Ochoco Creek Park, in Prineville, next Saturday, October 10, at 11 am. Due to current health and safety restrictions, only a very few have been invited to attend in person. But EVERYONE can attend virtually.

The service will be streamed live via Zoom at this link: <http://www.tinyurl.com/rjsordination>.

The service booklet can be downloaded and printed here: <http://www.tinyurl.com/rjssvcbook>

### **United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering — NEXT Sunday**

For generations, the women of the Episcopal Church have relied on the combined pool of gifts gathered by those who employ “little blue boxes” to offer gifts to support innovative mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and Provinces of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Each year, during Diocesan Convention (see below), the pooled collection for each congregation is added to the larger whole.

If you have a box to return, please bring it by the church office this coming week or write a check to cover your gift, specifying UTO ingathering in the memo line.

### **Diocesan Convention Worship — Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

This year’s Diocesan Convention will be held virtually. Something is lost, but something else is gained. We lose the time and space that an annual gathering affords for the wider community to be together for fellowship and worship. But we’ll gain a unique opportunity for the WHOLE Diocese to participate this year. Everyone can enjoy the decision-making process, take part in workshops that affect us all, etc.

And we’re invited to join with others from across the whole of Eastern Oregon for our morning worship service on Sunday, October 18. Details about how to log on will be provided in the coming weeks. But make plans now to join this worship at 10:30 am that day (slightly later than our normal start time).

In the meantime, we offer prayers:

O God, by your grace you have called us in this Diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishops Patrick, and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



SUNDAY, OCT. 4, 2020

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth  
Eaton, Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

+ Pentecost 18 (Lectionary 27)

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 |

Psalm 19 | Philippians 3:4b-14 |

Matthew 21:33-46



*The law of the Lord is  
perfect, reviving the soul.* Psalm 19:7

In the story of creation God provided a paradise. All of creation was in balance and was a delight. And God set clear boundaries so that balance could be maintained and all created things could flourish. These boundaries provided definition that made possible the amazing diversity of the created world. Far from being a constraint, these boundaries provided freedom and, paradoxically, real connection.

But humankind rebelled and continues to rebel. It is almost as if we view boundaries as an offense and limits as an affront. Creation is ours to use! But that denies the truth that we have this one earth and this one temporal life.

As I write this, we are living in a pandemic. The coronavirus that causes COVID-19 has spread throughout the world, bringing sickness and death. Viruses are strange creatures. They have no nucleus or membrane; they are unable to

differentiate like normal healthy cells and are completely dependent on a host cell to survive. They will use up that cell even if it means the death of the host.

So God, through the law, gave us the gift of limits. God is God and we are not. We are responsible to each other. Our actions have consequences. We are not to live as membrane-less viruses.

The law of the Lord is perfect, sure, right, clear, pure and true. It brings wisdom, rejoicing, enlightenment and righteousness.

*Creator God, help us to accept your boundaries so that all created things can flourish. Amen.*

Suggested hymn: **“Light Dawns on a Weary World”**  
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 726).

