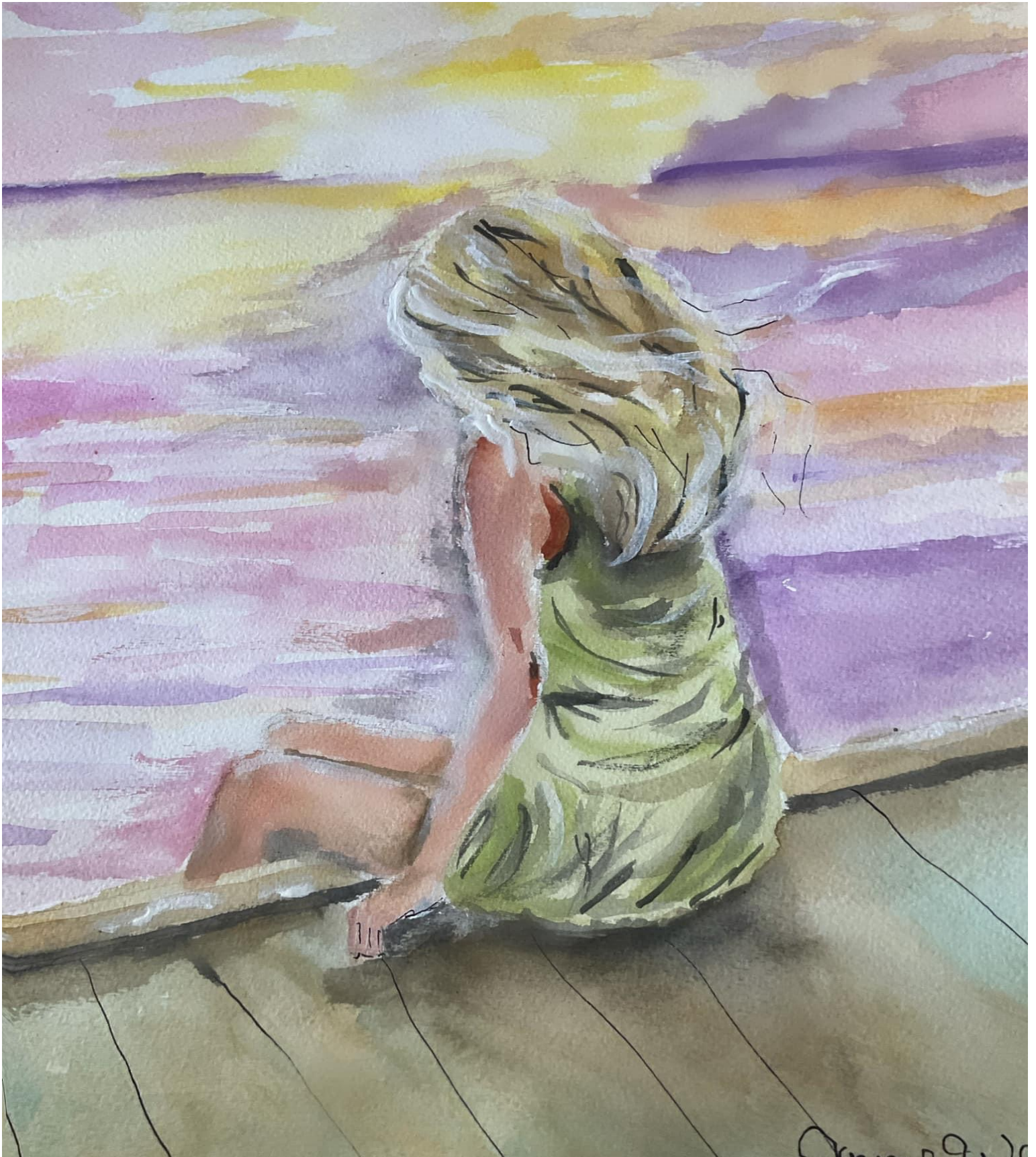


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Trinity Trumpeter



Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. (v. 15 NIV)

Read: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Some news is just too good to keep to ourselves. With beaming faces, we tell complete strangers why we are happy: a new baby, a promotion, a clean bill of health after a long bout with disease. Our belief in Christ ought to be like that, too. Christians should radiate a joy that requires explanation. We should display so much hope that strangers ask us why.

Amarjeet lives in a little town in northern India where people speak a language called Garhwali. Less than 1 percent of Amarjeet's people are Christians. Religion in the Garhwal region is a mixture of animism and Hinduism, which results in many occultic practices and a strong belief in magic. In such a remote place, it seemed like there was little hope for Amarjeet to hear about Jesus. But Amarjeet received a radio from a local pastor and was told about a Christian radio program he could listen to. Through God's grace, Amarjeet has now found hope. He attends church regularly and has been baptized.

Better still, the story doesn't end there. Amarjeet decided to share his reason for hope with several of his friends and family members, and they too have given their lives to Christ. "I came to know about Jesus by listening to radio," says Amarjeet. "Now I share the good news with others, and tell them about the radio station as well." — Megan Nollet, WOH staff


Prayer: Lord, fill us with hope so that others will be drawn to you.

Taken from Words of Hope Daily Devotional, December 7, 2017

If you have any prayer requests or praises, please contact:

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Announcement Highlights

 **Spring Clean Up** Trinity Church needs your help to make the building and grounds look beautiful. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 14 spring cleanup. Activities will include outdoor spreading bark, washing windows, general cleanup; indoor activities will include dusting, washing windows, general cleanup. Cleanup will begin at 9am. Please bring cleaning supplies and outdoor tools if able, but is not necessary, your presence is most important.

A Friendly Reminder: The PaperGator will take paper, sale ads, books, magazines & cereal boxes, just drop them off! Invite your family, friends, co-workers & neighbors to help fill up our Green PaperGator bin. We earned \$46.64 from PaperGator this year! Thanks to all who have supported the GREEN PaperGator bin in Trinity's parking lot! 😊

Special Note: Pastor Jack & Mary Doorlag will be in Florida for the month of April per Pastor Jack's agreement last summer with Trinity Church. Pastor Dick VanDop, the Classis-Appointed Supervisor, will be the primary contact person for any pastoral needs.

Trinity Sunday Worship Options: For those unable to attend services on Sundays or who do not have the ability to connect online at the church website, CD copies are available upon request so you are able to listen at home. Please contact the church office (616.842.9480) to request a CD copy.

The May 2022 Mission of the Month is Mosaic Counseling. See additional information about Mosaic Counseling in the rack by the entrance to the Sanctuary or by visiting <https://mosaiccounseling.com>



May Celebrations!!

Happy Birthday

12	Joe Bierman	26	Jim VanDoorne
17	Julie Hoebeke	27	Sonia Musgrave
20	Chris Hajdu	28	Jay Hoebeke
	Micah Lee	31	Lisamarie Davis

Happy Anniversary

4	Jon & Kim Carl
18	Ted & Carolyn Breimayer

Humor

Experience outrageous joy



Chuck Swindoll asks,

How is your sense of humor? Are the times in which we live beginning to be reflected in your attitude, your face, your outlook? Solomon . . . says three things will occur when we have lost our sense of humor: a broken spirit, a lack of inner healing, and dried-up bones [Proverbs 15:13, 15; 17:22] What a barren portrait! . . . Humor is not a sin. It is a God-given escape hatch . . . a safety valve. Being able to see the lighter side of life is a rare, vital virtue.

A refreshing sense of humor is never distasteful, ill-timed, or tactless. Instead, it lightens our spirits and energizes our thoughts. It helps us step back and not take this fleeting life quite so seriously.

“Three tests of good humor: Can you laugh at your own mistakes? Can you restrain when it isn’t fitting? Can you enjoy it all alone?”² If you can’t yet answer yes to these questions, we invite you to enjoy these resources. You may feel your strained muscles relax as your troubled thoughts are chased away by good old-fashioned laughter.

Humor

Advice from a garden:

**Cultivate lasting friendships;
sow seeds of kindness
and -
No Vining!**

Submitted by Barb Busman



“The environment of love our Lord Jesus creates—sprouts hope in the heart of the hurting.”

Thoughts from daily Bible reading for today – April 13, 2022

Written by Boyd Bailey

In the crowd that day there was a woman who for twelve years had been afflicted with hemorrhages. She had spent every penny she had on doctors but not one had been able to help her. She slipped in from behind and touched the edge of Jesus’ robe. At that very moment her hemorrhaging stopped. Jesus said, “Who touched me?” Jesus insisted, “Someone touched me. I felt power discharging from me.” When the woman realized that she couldn’t remain hidden, she knelt trembling before him. In front of all the people, she blurted out her story—why she touched him and how at that same moment she was healed. Jesus said, “Daughter, you took a risk trusting me, and now you’re healed and whole. Live well, live blessed! Luke 8:43-48, MSG

Jesus, on His way to heal a dying 12-year-old girl, encountered a woman who had a chronic health condition, having plagued her for 12 years. One young and without a touch from Jesus, was about to die—one older and without a touch from Jesus, was ready to die. Though on His way to the young one, the Lord was not too busy to heal one who had depleted all her resources on doctors and medicine. Now lost, fearful and embarrassed, she needed the Great Physician’s hope, emotional comfort, pure love, forgiveness of sin and physical healing. Her shame made her feel hidden and alone, but love drew her out to touch the garment of God. She may have never felt a father’s love, so Jesus tenderly called her *daughter*, affirming her trust with healing and blessing!

Charles Spurgeon, London’s prodigy preacher of the mid to late 1800’s, shares these insights on the ailing older woman’s choice of hope over despair: *She had resolved not to die if a cure could be had. She was evidently a woman of great determination and hopefulness. She knew that this disease of hers would cause her life to ebb away, and bring her to the grave; but she said within herself, “I will have a struggle for it. If there is a possibility of removing this plague it shall be removed, let it cost me what it may of pain or payment...Spurgeon continues on the presumptuousness of despair, None are more presumptuous than the despairing. When men have no hope, they soon have no fear. Is not this a dreadful thing? May the Lord save you from such a condition! Despair of God’s mercy is an unreasonable thing: if you think you have grounds for it, the lying spirit must have suggested them to you. Holy Scripture contains no justification for hopelessness. No mortal hath a just pretense to perish in despair. Neither the nature of God, nor the gospel of God, nor the Christ of God, warrant despair.*

“Nevertheless, that time of darkness and *despair* will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali *will be humbled*, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be *filled with glory.*” (Isaiah 9:1, NLT).

The environment of love our Lord Jesus creates—sprouts hope in the heart of the hurting. Unhurried He stops to offer hope to the hurting heart that reached out to touch Him. As Spurgeon highlighted, the sick woman’s determination was fueled by her hopefulness, not a naïve presumption but an educated gumption—her hopeful heart was captured by her Creator. She had heard of the Great Physician, and now she encountered Him in the flesh; and she was in need of her flesh to be made whole. The physician with the best bedside manner stood still to calm the heart of this precious daughter of the King with His gift of hope and healing. Her grief led her to God instead of driving her away in despair. Hope motivated her even more the more she experienced loss.

Curt Thompson, one of my favorite writers/teachers, describes the pain of the grief process:

Grief is our emotional inflammatory response to loss. It is an interpersonal neurobiological event with which we react when we are deprived of something—anything—to which we have a significant emotional attachment, to which we have ascribed salient meaning. It could be a relationship. An object. An event or experience. A job, a title, a savings account, an expectation or hope.

This dear woman did not allow her loss of health to cause her to lose faith in Jesus. Broke and broken she continued on to pursue her *Suffering Servant*, who felt her grief and recognized her desperate situation. He rewarded her perseverance and hopefulness with love and healing!

“Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me” (Psalm 66:20)!

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I celebrate my hope in Christ and praise you for your faithfulness, through Christ’s love and in Jesus’ name, amen.

Application

What fear is causing me despair that I need to replace with hope and rest in the Lord’s peace.

Related Reading

Ezra 10:2; Job 11:18; Philippians 2:19; 1 Timothy 4:10

May

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am Worship COMMUNION Pastor Jack 11:30am Beautiful Soul Ministries Service	2	3	4 7:00am Men's Bible Study @Hendricks Office Anniversary: Jon & Kim Carl	5	6	7
8 10:00am Worship Pastor Dick 11:30am Beautiful Soul Ministries Service Happy Mother's Day	9	10	11 7:00am Men's Bible Study @Hendricks Office	12 Birthday: Joe Bierman	13	14 9am Spring Cleanup
15 10:00am Worship Pastor Jack 11:30am Beautiful Soul Ministries Service <i>Trumpeter Articles Due</i>	16	17 6:00pm Elders 6:30pm Consistory Birthday: Julie Hoebeke	18 7:00am Men's Bible Study @Hendricks Office Anniversary: Ted & Carolyn Breimayer	19	20 Birthday: Chris Hajdu Micah Lee	21
22 10:00am Worship 11:30am Beautiful Soul Ministries Service	23	24	25 7:00am Men's Bible Study @Hendricks Office	26 Birthday: Jim VanDoorne	27 Birthday: Sonia Musgrave	28 Birthday: Jay Hoebeke
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