

# Weekly news & updates for St. Paul's

Week of April 5, 2021 | Volume 14

## Upcoming Events for the week

- April 7 - Noon Day Prayer at Chapel - In person - Masks required
- April 11 8:30 a.m. Forum
- April 11 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
- April 11- Vestry meeting following Coffee hour

Did you miss St. Paul's Easter Service? Tap on blue box below to view on youtube.

A video edited by Alan

[St. Paul's Easter Service](#)

## Jesus is risen!



### Do not be alarmed

*But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here."*

"Our work goes on. Our labor for love continues," Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said in his Easter 2021 message. "We will not cease, and we will not give up until this world reflects less our nightmare and more God's dream where there's plenty good room for all God's children."

Watch Michael Curry's Easter message ... Tap on gray box

[Michael Curry's Easter Message](#)

## Organ Crawl ~ Sunday April 11

### YouTube video - "Dalles" Organ Crawl 2021



The "Organ Crawl" featuring five historic pipe organs in The Dalles happens every other year, and 2021 is the year. Only this time the local tradition will be presented virtually. Organ Crawls began in 2007, organized by Robert Carsner. Friends have continued to produce the event since Carsner's death in 2014.

This year local organist Garry Estep will present classical favorites on each of the organs for a YouTube video. The program will be available starting Sunday, Apr. 11, and it can be found via a search on "Dalles Organ Crawl 2021."

The program will begin with two "Ave Marias," the Bach/Gounod and Schubert, on the Kilgen Organ at St. Peter's Landmark. "Trois Gymnopédies" by Satie is the feature on the Wicks Organ at United Church of Christ, Congregational. The familiar Pachelbel's "Canon in D" is planned for the Reuter Organ at First Church of Christ Scientist.

Barber's "Adagio for Strings" will be played on the Phelps-d'Autremont Organ at Zion Lutheran Church. The program will conclude with "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach and Jeremiah Clarke's "Trumpet Voluntary" on the Kimball Organ at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Estep will introduce each piece with commentary on the instrument and why he chose the music to fit the organ.

Organ crawls have traditionally been free with free-will offerings to cover expenses of the biennial events. This year contributions may be sent to any one of the venues marked "Organ Fund," for each of the organs needs periodic maintenance in order to produce its unique music.

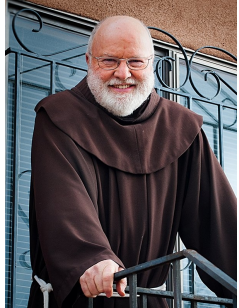


## A Summer Camp Invitation! ... Ascension Summer camp for kids

Located in the heart of the Grande Ronde Valley in Eastern Oregon (just outside La Grande), the Episcopal church is offering summer camps for beginners, combined, junior high and senior high age students. Ascension School Camp and Conference Center is in Cove, Oregon, and has been a special 'place apart' for nearly 100 years. The camps offer cabin style accommodation, blending rustic living with modern amenities in a safe environment. Daily activities center on small group interaction. With a Christian emphasis, Ascension Camp seeks to build trust and relationships with God and with one another. This summer of 2021, youth camps will focus on the theme of "Creation Speaks". St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the hill in The Dalles invites your student aged child to consider attending this year's camp. Experience the magic of Cove.....swimming, crafting, singing, learning the way of love and embracing the natural world. Financial aid is available through our local parish. Interested parties can contact us locally at (541) 296-9587 and/or stop by St. Paul's Church located at 1805 Minnesota Street, or visit the camp website at [www.coveascensionschool.com](http://www.coveascensionschool.com). All are welcome.

*All will be well, and all will be well, and every kind of thing will be well.*

—Julian of Norwich, Showings, chapter 27



Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which allows faithful Christians to trust that, indeed, all will be well. I like to think of the resurrection as God’s way of telling us that God can take the worst thing in the world—the killing of the God-Human Jesus—and change it into the best thing: the redemption of the world.

To believe that Jesus was raised from the dead is actually not a leap of faith. Resurrection and renewal are, in fact, the universal and observable pattern of everything. We might just as well use non-religious terms like “springtime,” “regeneration,” “healing,” “forgiveness,” “life cycles,” “darkness,” and “light.” If incarnation is real, if material creation is inspirited, then resurrection in multitudinous forms is to be fully expected. Or to paraphrase a statement attributed to Albert Einstein, it is not that one thing is a miracle, but that the whole thing is a miracle!

If divine incarnation has any truth to it, then resurrection is a foregone conclusion, not a one-time anomaly in the body of Jesus, as our Western understanding of the resurrection felt it needed to prove—and then it couldn’t. The Risen Christ is not a one-time miracle but the revelation of a universal pattern that is hard to see in the short run.

Simply put, if death is not possible for the Christ, then it is not possible for anything that “shares in the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4). God is by definition eternal, and God is Love (1 John 4:16), which is also eternal (1 Corinthians 13:8), and this same Love has been planted in our hearts (Romans 5:5; 8:9) by the Spirit dwelling within us. Such fully Implanted Love cannot help but evolve and prove victorious, and our word for that final victory is “resurrection.” Peter states this rather directly: “By raising Jesus Christ from the dead, we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoiled or soiled or fade away. It is being kept for you in the heavens . . . and will be fully revealed at the end of time” (1 Peter 1:3–5).

My book *The Universal Christ* is about the Eternal Christ, who never dies—and who never dies in you! Resurrection is about the whole of creation, it is about history, it is about every human who has ever been conceived, sinned, suffered, and died, every animal that has lived and died a tortured death, every element that has changed from solid, to liquid, to ether, over great expanses of time. It is about you and it is about me. It is about everything. The “Christ journey” is indeed another name for every thing.

Adapted from Richard Rohr, **The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope for, and Believe** (Convergent: 2021, 2019), 99, 100, 179–180, 186.

## A church neighbor had fun on April Fool's Day

Photo taken by Marilyn Roth



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES ...**



**April Birthdays:**

- 8 Carolyn Thomas
- 9 Helen Elsmore
- 10 Verna Browne
- 10 John Hildebrand
- 20 Sandy Leibham

**Please pray ...**

For your prayers: Peggy Davis, Skip & Carol Fisher, Bobbi Green, Ross Hucke, Don and Alice, Dale Newton, Ginger Crowley, Ruth Welle (Carol Yakish's sister), Sarah, Barbara Portwood, John Davis, Carol healing from lung cancer, Lorrie (friend of Alan Alford), Lee Keifer, Andrew Larive, Melanie from Ascension, Stuart Foster (Jim Foster's son healing from a ski accident), Kathy Scarborough's cousin who has Covid, Mary who is suffering from ALS ( a friend of Amy McIlvenna), Pete Speight (Georgia Giacobbe's husband), Denise Beasley, the Jeff Krier family as they grieve his death, the Carolyn Thomas family as they grieve the loss of Griff Thomas, and relief from the Covid-19 virus spread throughout the community and country, and our Nation.

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*To submit articles or pictures for the weekly newsletter, please submit them by Friday. Some articles may be held over for the following issue due to immediacy and space. Your articles keep us smiling and feeling like a community. Thank you, Marilyn*