

THE PIPER

MAY 28/29, 2022



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# MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

## TRINITY EVENTS

### SATURDAY, MAY 28

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Outdoor Worship  
w/Communion

### SUNDAY, MAY 29

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

9:30 am Outdoor Worship  
w/Communion

10:45 am Worship w/Communion

### TUESDAY, MAY 31

5:00 pm Trinity Wheelmen

5:45 pm Zumba

### THURSDAY, JUNE 2

5:45 pm Zumba

### SATURDAY, JUNE 4

10:00 am Zumba

5:00 pm Outdoor Worship  
w/Communion

### SUNDAY, JUNE 5

CONFIRMATION

8:15 am Worship w/Communion

9:30 am Outdoor Worship  
w/Communion

10:45 am Worship w/Communion  
YouTube Worship Service Recorded

### Readings

Acts 16:16-34

Psalms 97

Revelation 22:12-21

John 17:20-26

### PRAYER LIST

#### TLC DISCIPLES

Jerry Wion, Carol Bernlohr, Dee Kiel, Linda  
Leslie, Bonnie Knapp

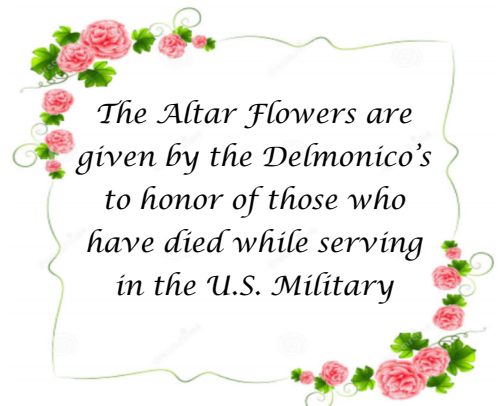
#### TLC FRIENDS

Rita Shetler, Lynne, Jessica, Amber, the  
Ukrainian People, Nancy Dana, Uvalde, TX

### Worship Service Recording for Sunday, May 29th

Due to the holiday and people being  
away, there will be no recording of our  
Sunday, May 29th Worship Service  
posted to our YouTube link.

Sorry for the inconvenience. We hope to  
see you are one of our regular in person  
worship services, listed to the right.



*The Altar Flowers are  
given by the Delmonico's  
to honor of those who  
have died while serving  
in the U.S. Military*

# *From the Pastor's Desk*

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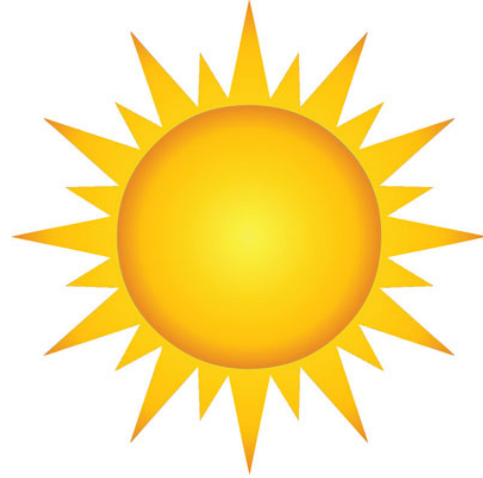
Years ago, when I first attended the Boy choir school, the father of one of the students had access to a newly produced LP album—that's "Long Playing" records! I received one by a new artist named John Denver. I loved that album. Many of the songs became very popular in this country and around the world.

One song was about sunshine, the lyrics of which many of you recall from "Sunshine on My Shoulders:

Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy  
Sunshine in my eyes can make me cry  
Sunshine on the water looks so lovely  
Sunshine almost always makes me high

If I had a day that I could give you  
I'd give to you a day just like today  
If I had a song that I could sing for you  
I'd sing a song to make you feel this way

Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy  
Sunshine in my eyes can make me cry  
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I often think of that song when the sun is shining, especially when the clouds part to let the sun shine down. I suspect I am not the only one who finds their mood suddenly improves when the sun suddenly appears from the gloom.

Once again, the rain falls on us in the wake of yet another school shooting. It is so hard to find the words. What can one say? I think of the story of the little four-year-old that went next door to their neighbor whose wife had just died. When the child returned home, the mother asked what they talked about. The child replied, "We didn't talk about anything, I just sat there and helped him cry." Perhaps these days the best we can do is just help the victims and their families cry.

Of course, the conversation regarding what we as a nation should do about gun violence is polarized and political. No clear direction for us to pursue. We all have our own thoughts and ideas on the subject. In the meantime, we ought not underestimate the power of prayer.

From the cross, Jesus cries, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46, NIV) I am sure some of those who have lost loved ones, especially children, share that prayer. God has not forgotten us. To the contrary, in times like these God is like that four-year-old above, crying with us when we cry. Still, gun violence, along with all other forms of violence, will not have the last word. God has the last word and God's last word it is Jesus. "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Mt 28:20, NIV)

It is hard to imagine what good can come for these mass shootings occurring these days, but I hope and pray that the God who raised Jesus from the dead can bring new life to those who are struggling with the reality of death.

May the sunshine of God's grace shine upon us and give us love, joy, peace, and life!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Ron". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Pastor Ron