



# Tradewinds

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Wednesday 6-8:00 pm – THE WELL - Worship at 7:30pm  
Saturday - 5:00pm – Informal Service with Holy Communion  
Sunday - 8:00am – Traditional Service with Holy Communion  
Sunday – 10:45am – Traditional Service with Holy Communion\*  
Sunday – 9:15am – Sunday School for ALL ages, even adults!  
\* Children's Sermon & Nursery Provided

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a strange Lenten season we have this year, but then again, maybe not. We will begin Lent on Valentine's Day. Is this a gift of love from God? We will celebrate the resurrection of Christ on...wait for it...April Fool's Day! What a marvelous April Fool's Day joke. Christ is dead... Oh, no he's not!

*Sundays and Seasons*, a resource book for clergy and church musicians, asked this question in its "Preparing for Lent" section: "How will you help Lent be a time of anticipation and restrained celebration, an encounter with Christ who comes to us in word and meal no matter what season of the church year?"

Well, this question got me thinking about the word anticipation. (I must admit that my mind started playing the Heinz ketchup song...the one that's in your head right now!). And so we chose "Anticipation: Watching, Waiting...Joy!" as our Lenten theme for this year. In a world of immediate gratification, I think it will be helpful to teach our children that a time of anticipation can be good, often helpful. Even when we know the end result, living in a time of watching and waiting can be good. Leaning into it can even be more helpful.

Some people like to give up things during the Lenten season. This is fine; just keep it to yourself, and do it. Don't wear it as a badge of courage. The discipline is the faithful duty of doing it selflessly, and not promoting it to others as something that makes you better than they are. You can also take on other activities of service by doing extra things to help you move beyond self, seeing Christ in those who need our help and assistance.

How about we anticipate this new day of Christ's resurrection, living out Christ's love every day of Lent? How about we watch to see Christ in action in our world? How about we watch to see where we can be Christ's hands, working in love to make a difference in God's peoples' lives? How about as we wait, we lean into the joy of Lenten disciplines: fasting, praying, and giving donations that help others. These are the disciplines of Lent. And I promise that in doing them you will get little tastes of the joy of Christ's resurrection.

This is what we will celebrate each and every Sunday in Lent, our Lord's feast day. In the midst of our 40 day Lenten journey, we will anticipate the joy of the resurrection. I pray I will see you with an anticipatory smile, a little glint of Easter in your eye each Sunday, as we watch, wait, and celebrate the joy of Jesus this Lent! We know the ending. Let's anticipate it together! See you in church!

In Christ's Service,

*Pastor Bill*