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Greetings,

I hope you find this
devotional helpful in
your daily journey.

Blessings, Pastor Dan

Reflection: Revealed Truth

Greetings:

From Dante's **Divine Comedy**, Rodin depicts the gates to hell, this unlucky fellow is called The Thinker. He is trying to reason his way through, with little success. As we journey towards Easter Sunday, or the celebration of the resurrection, we too are called to know a revealed Truth. It is something that transcends our ability to reason it through. An example of this is the disciple Peter, who is asked by Jesus, "Who do you say that I (Jesus) am? Peter's quick retort is "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16) Jesus then responds that it is not flesh and blood that revealed this to Peter (or a reasoned de-



duction), rather it was revealed to him from the Father. So too, we are to be people whose lives have been transformed by this revealed Truth. He is risen, He is risen indeed - is the Easter invocation. God's love has entered the world and calls to each one of us. How we respond is an act of faith, given what we have come to believe. It does not mean that we do not ever struggle with questions, rather we choose to live differently in the face of them. May God's Spirit enlighten you more each day.

Grace and peace, Pastor Dan

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Upcoming Dates

Monday: Bounty Food Bank: 9 am to Noon, Volunteers welcome.

Friday: *Bounty Food Bank* needs Volunteers every Friday for food pickup and storage help. Call 253-335-7860.

Next Sunday: Worship Service 11:00

Monthly

1st Saturday: Bethany Garden Club - 11:30 a.m.

2nd Thursday: Finance/Trustees - 6 p.m./7 p.m.

2nd Saturday: Food Bank Board Meeting - 10:30 a.m.

Food Bank Open - 1:00 p.m. ~ 3:00p.m.

April

18th - Maundy Thursday -7:00 p.m.

19th - Good Friday Service - 7:00 p.m.

21st - **Easter Sunday**

May

11th - Ad Council 11 a.m.

A FEW PERFORMERS NEEDED!

Once again The BAP (Bethany Art Players) will present "A Visit to the Last Supper: Words from the Disciples" and we are looking for people (men and women) to join the cast. NO experience required. Thirteen are needed and we have 10 so far. Interested? Feel free to let La Roy know. This year's performance takes place on Maundy Thursday, April 18, at 7 pm in the Fireside Room downstairs.

We also need a couple of readers for the Good Friday Service - April 19th- if you are willing, please let Pastor Dan know.

Bounty Food Bank Item of The Week:

This week, consider adding this item to your food bank donation. Also - We are always needing plastic bags - So, if you shop where they still give out plastic bags, the food bank would love to take them off your hands.

Please keep in your prayers...

Danielle - and family

Dee Baker

Laura Tippie

Liz Best

Gail Rocheleau

Mary Egeland

James & Jenifer Angus

Rev. Barbara Brown

Elaine & Jerry Ramsey

Anderson-Gammel family

Spring & her family

Judy Egan & her family

Please continue to keep our U. Methodist church in your prayers as we reflect on what occurred at the Conference in St. Louis.