

Trinity Tidings

April 2018

**Trinity Church is a fellowship seeking to share the love and word of Jesus Christ
with all.**



**Ladies Tea
Spring Small Groups
Campus Cleanup
Earth Day**

From the Pastor

What the Empty Tomb Means

We celebrate Easter on April 1st and we shall do so with customary joy, flowers and singing. On April 2nd we shall continue our lives.

But if April 1st is a celebration of the empty tomb and the truth that Christ is risen, then April 2nd should be different. For if the tomb is empty, then we know and can live by these truths:

God's eternal plan of salvation has been victorious and will be victorious.

Nothing can permanently stop God's unfolding purposes on this earth.

There is no need to fear or worry about anything in life, for God will win.

Death is nothing to fear, for it's just a door into our far better and glorious future.

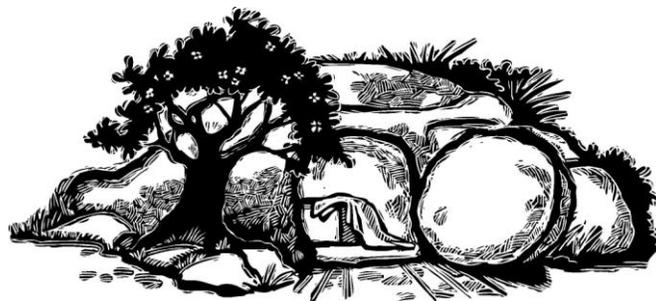
All that Jesus taught us about how to live offers a life of meaning, purpose, joy and love.

God is with us every moment of every day, closer than the air we breathe.

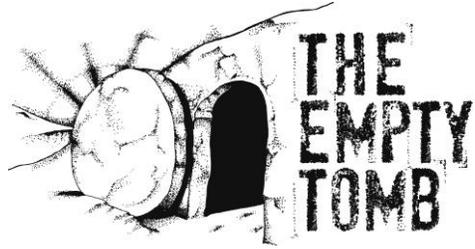
I pray you will embrace these truths, for the tomb WAS empty and Jesus IS alive. And therefore, life is a blessed journey and God is so very good.....all the time.

Together in Christ's service,

Frank



The Lord is Risen!



Easter Worship Services

April 1st

Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m.

Chapel Worship, with Holy Communion

9:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship, with choirs and brass ensemble

11 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship, with choirs and brass ensemble

Worshippers who know the Hallelujah Chorus are invited to sing it with the choir at the end of the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services. There will be no KidVenture or Sunday Student Ministry on Easter; families are encouraged to worship together. There will be nursery care provided and Creative Activities during the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services.

Walking through Holy Week Prayer Experience

This multi-sensory prayer experience will be open through Sunday, April 1st in Room 111 (KidZone). Multiple prayer stations that will engage all of your senses will be available to you to help you connect more deeply in this holiest of time. Children are welcome with parental guidance. Many of the stations are appropriate and engaging for all ages. Come early to one of the Holy Week services or stay after. Spend ten minutes or spend an hour. This opportunity is very flexible and self-guided. No sign up is necessary.

Staff News

With the announcement last month that Pastor Jenny Smith Walz will be leaving Trinity to become the lead pastor of the Princeton UMC, leaders of the church have carefully and prayerfully considered our clergy staff situation. They have determined that we will not be replacing Pastor Jenny with another clergy person (she has been serving half time with us during the past two years). This will leave our clergy staff at the same level as the past nine year average. Rather, a staffing task force has been established by the Administrative Board to consider Trinity needs regarding future staffing matters. They will be bringing a report to a future meeting of the Board.

The Bulletin Board

Martha Friendship Circle: Monday, April 2nd

Monday, April 2nd, Martha Friendship Circle will meet again in the Heritage Room at Heath Village at 2 p.m. Spring is slowly arriving and that's a good feeling. Dr. Frank Fowler will be our guest speaker, along with several of his travel companions. They'll share their adventures to the Holy Land with stories, pictures and memories. Please plan to join us for this very special gathering. Bring a friend. Everyone is welcome! You know we always have great snacks. See you then. Happy Easter to all, Lauren and Ginny. If you have any questions, call 908-852-6431.

Trinity UMM Fellowship Breakfast: Saturday, April 14th

All attendees are invited to join the Musconetcong Watershed Association on its annual cleanup of the river here in Hackettstown after the breakfast. The breakfast is 8 - 9:30 a.m. in Starr Hall (7:45 a.m. coffee for early arrivals). All are welcome.

New Members Reception: Sunday, April 15th

The process includes a dinner on Saturday, April 14th, and on the 15th, a class at 9:15 a.m. and reception into the fellowship of the church during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. If you find Trinity is a good place for you to worship and serve, please consider joining. For more information or to join, let one of the pastors know, call the church office at 908-852-3020, or indicate your interest on the *Just Say Yes* form in the worship bulletin or on the fellowship sheet. The next new members reception will be June 10th.

Baptism: Sunday, May 13th

The sacrament of baptism for babies, youth and adults is during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. For information, call the church office at 908-852-3020 or see the application online at our website. The next baptism will be on July 8th.

Interfaith Hospitality Network: June 24th - July 1st

Safe Harbor Ministry: Saturday, April 28th

**Midnight Run: Friday, April 6th
Friday, June 15th**

Holy Communion Dates

- Sunday, April 1st at the 7:30 a.m. Chapel service
- Saturday, May 5th at the 5 p.m. Saturday Night Worship
- Sunday, May 6th at the 8 a.m. Chapel service

Ladies Tea

The Ladies of Trinity Church are invited to a Tea to discuss and brainstorm women's ministry.

What is it you want or need to help you grow in your spiritual journey? Let's gather and talk about it.

Where: The Rotunda

When: April 28th

Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Finger sandwiches and other refreshments will be served.

*R.S.V.P. by April 21st to Pastor Deb at
ddevos@catchthespirit.org*



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Spring Small Groups Are Coming

Groups we're offering thus far:

| Group/Study Name | Leader | Duration | Day and Time |
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| <i>Half Truths</i> by Adam Hamilton | Pat Riegler | 5 weeks | Wed., 7 p.m. Start: April 25 |
| Same Kind of Different as Me | Pastor Deb De Vos | 6 weeks | Thurs., 7 p.m. Start: May 17 |
| Cycles of Grace (motorcycle riders) | Sharon Hoff | Ongoing through end of fall | April date TBD |
| Helping Hands (Helping local people with light home repairs, gardening, errands.) | TBD | TBD | TBD |

Look for sign up details in your church bulletins!

Campus Spring Cleanup: Saturday, April 7th

It was a hard winter, so there are many things to be done on our property and in our buildings. Please consider coming out on Saturday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. to help clean up. We can use many hands for the various tasks. Maybe you can come help all morning or join us for one of the two-hour blocks of time: 8 – 10 a.m. or 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. This is a great family opportunity, so bring the kids and grandkids along. Sign up to participate on the *Just Say Yes* form in the worship bulletin or call the church office. This is also a great way to support Trinity's Creation Care ministry!

Free Community Dinner

All are welcome to our monthly FREE community dinner, held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Just come along to Starr Hall between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. and enjoy a meal with your friends and family.

Care at the End of Life Ministry

We welcome all members, especially newcomers who are interested in our group in supporting the terminally ill and their families. We meet as often as needed to discuss and address relevant issues. We're actively seeking new members for our ministry, so if you're interested and have any questions or need more information, please contact Joan Hagaman at 973-702-1282 or jonihagaman@gmail.com.

Seeking Women to Host Savor Suppers



Savor Suppers are opportunities for women to gather for faith-filled fellowship, a simple meal and rich conversation. Suppers include no more than five women plus the host allowing for women to really connect with one another over a simple meal.

If you're willing to open your home for a Savor Supper, please email Pastor Deb at ddevos@catchthespirit.org. You choose the date and time! Please include that information in your email, as well.



UMM Matters

Bill Blaskopf

On April 14th, after our breakfast meeting, all attendees are invited to join the Musconetcong Watershed Association on its annual cleanup of the river here in Hackettstown.

On April 14th, Steve Somers will speak to us on *Guiding Your Child/Grandchild to Reach His/Her Potential*. No program is set for May, yet.

On June 9th, Brian Duggan, District Director of the Forks of the Delaware Boy Scout Council, will speak on *The Future of Scouting*. And we'll recognize any boys of Troop 416 who have become Eagle Scouts this year.

Summer 2018: Our Second Annual Balls and Strikes will occur, when we'll make arrangements to see a local professional baseball game and go bowling. You may participate in one or the other or both. More details to follow.

Finally, please remember, **UMM is not just for men**. We invite all Trinity parishioners to attend. Among our goals is to provide a sense of community, a meaningful presentation and a fantastic breakfast. Blessings to you all.

Your Last Will and Testament - Thank You Charlotte

We recently received a letter from an attorney informing us that the church was included in the last will and testament of Charlotte Lewis. Charlotte lived for a few years at Heath Village with her husband, who predeceased her. Charlotte was only at Trinity for a short time, but in that time she realized that she could help the church do its vital work after her death by including Trinity in her will. Have YOU considered taking this step?

Greetings Ministry ~ April 8th

Come to the Greetings Ministry table in Starr Hall on Sunday, April 8th. We have cards, envelopes, stamps and the names of people who need a friendly, caring greeting from Trinity. All YOU need to do is just sit down for a few minutes and write a note of care, compassion and hope. Or you may know someone who would enjoy receiving a greeting. We also want to send mail to service men and women to let them know we remember. Send name and current mailing address for any military folks to Edna Barrier at nebarrier@aol.com or Sue Bernard at bernards1963@aol.com.



Earth Day 2018: End Plastic Pollution

April 22nd

From poisoning and injuring marine life to disrupting human hormones, from littering our beaches and landscapes to clogging our waste streams and landfills, the exponential growth of plastics is now threatening the survival of our planet.

In response, Earth Day 2018 is dedicated to providing the information and inspiration needed to fundamentally change human attitude and behavior about plastics.

Go to www.earthday.org for a *Plastic Pollution Primer and Action Toolkit*.

Remember to recycle all plastic you use at Trinity in containers located around the campus.

Plastic: Reduce, Refuse, Reuse, Recycle, Remove.



With Our Sympathy

- ❖ Pauline Churchill on the death of her mother, Eileen Marsom
- ❖ Cindy LaBar and Thomas Kimpland and their families on the death of their mother, Barbara Kimpland
- ❖ Family and friends of Ruth Bartow

The Lord's Pantry

Kellie Pennington

Our biggest food drive of the year is getting closer and we need your help! On Saturday, May 12th, post offices across the United States will be sponsoring the annual "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive. On that day, people are asked to place non-perishable foods by their mailboxes. Postal workers will pick up the bags of food while delivering the mail, and the collected food is then donated to local food banks and pantries.

The Hackettstown and Budd Lake post offices graciously donate their collected food to us, and we need many hands that day to pick up, sort and store the food. There are many ways that you can help:

- Leave non-perishable food items (no glass, please) out that day at your mailbox, or deliver food to your post office or directly to the Lord's Pantry.
- Tell friends and family about the event. Maybe your business or organization can sponsor a private food drive and deliver the food on May 12th.
- Consider volunteering your time that afternoon, either as a driver to pick up food from the post offices or as a food sorter. Watch for future *Just Say Yes* forms in the worship bulletin for your opportunity to sign up.

Thank you for helping to fight food insecurity in our area!

During the month of February we served 1,073 people (372 families): 312 children, 635 adults and 126 seniors.

Donate to the Pantry on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,
9 a.m. – 12 noon, or take donations to the church office when it's open.





Jr. Prayer Shawl Group

Attention Jr. Prayer Shawl small group members *AND* all who are interested in attending this small group fellowship ministry for kids, eight years old and older, who like to knit or crochet *OR* who want to learn to knit or crochet:

Our meeting this month will be on Wednesday, April 11th, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in Room 104. Jr. Prayer Shawl meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Mrs. Thorp, Mrs. Huff, Mrs. Tuxhorn and Mrs. Neumann are looking forward to seeing you on the 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Thorp at gthorp@catchthespirit.org or 908-852-3020, ext. 16 or 908-894-0173.

Family Ministry Small Groups

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| Monday April 2, 16 | High School Fellowship Meets 1 st and 3 rd Mondays | 7 – 8:30 p.m. Pami residence |
| Wednesday April 11, 25 | High School Girls Meets 2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays | 6:30 – 8 p.m. Upper Room |
| Wednesday April 11, 25 | High School Boys' Group Meets 2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays | TBD |
| Wednesday April 11 | Jr. Prayer Shawl Small Group (Ages 8 & older) Meets 2 nd Wednesday of the month | 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Room 104 |

4th and 5th Grade Fellowship

April 21st is the 4th and 5th grade family trip to Sterling Hill Mineral Mine in Ogdensburg, N.J. A parent must accompany their child. Siblings and friends are welcome! The trip is \$8 for children ages 4 - 12 and \$11 for adults and children 13 or older. We'll be meeting at Sterling Hill at 9:45 a.m. and the tour starts at 10. It lasts about two hours. Please RSVP by April 15th to Danielle Witt at dwitt@catchthespirit.org.

April 23rd meeting in the KidZone, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. for a special topic, "Gossip Is Like Glitter". RSVP by April 15th to Danielle Witt at dwitt@catchthespirit.org.

KidVenture Corner

April 1st, Easter Sunday, KidVenture will not be held. Children are encouraged to worship with their families at either the 9:15 or 11 a.m. service. Creative Activities will be offered at both services.

April 8th and April 15th, Unit 4 in KidVenture will continue. The children are hearing the story of Jesus' baptism in Luke 3:1-22, while rotating to science, art and spiritual practices.

April 22nd, the children in KidVenture will focus on their "The Heart of..." memory verse. This is the overall theme for each grade for the year and what we hope our Trinity children walk away with and are able to use as inspiration for the rest of their lives as Christians. The children will be sharing some of these at the Children and Youth service in June.

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| 4 year olds | Song: Jesus Loves Me |
| Kindergarten | The Golden Rule |
| 1 st grade | The Lord's Prayer |
| 2 nd grade | 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 |
| 3 rd grade | Learning the Word (Bibles) |
| 4 th grade | The Ten Commandments |
| 5 th grade | Prayer/Beatitudes |

April 29th, the children in KidVenture will be starting Unit 5, "The Good Samaritan", with the storytelling lesson.

Third Grade Bible Blast

April 22nd will be the family celebration for our third graders who have spent the year exploring and learning all about their new Bible. Parents are invited to attend this special gathering in Starr Hall during the KidVenture hour. Please RSVP to Danielle Witt by April 15th if you plan on attending with your child at dwitt@catchthespirit.org.

Children's Sabbath

April 29th is the final 5th Sunday Children's Sabbath of this school year. All children in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to take part in the 10:45 a.m. service as ushers, greeters, readers or musicians. Please contact Danielle Witt if your child would like to serve in this special way at dwitt@catchthespirit.org.

The View from Here

Easter. I was thinking when I began writing this that the day would be over by the time some readers received their newsletter. But then I had the idea that Easter is every day for a believer. That's a big idea.

These days, I could run off a list of personal troubles that make living daily life a real chore. That cause me no end of stress and unhappiness. And I'm sure, if someone was into one-upmanship, he or she could top me.

I thought about a friend who experienced WWII in Germany. She developed a lifelong terror of mice resulting from spending time in underground bunkers in the dark with rats running over her. She came to America as a war bride, knowing no English. Her life was hard, working in a factory while raising a family and doing all the daily household tasks. Later in life, she and her husband started building their retirement home. He died of cancer before it was completed and she developed cancer a few months later. The litany of serious physical illnesses and chronic conditions she's endured all these years since would be too long to include here. It truly amazes me how she's able to keep going, and going with her belief in God intact and a quietly accepting spirit. I don't think she's ever not in pain. And added to all this are the tragedies her family has faced.

There are others like her that I've known. So how in the world would I say that Easter is every day for all those of us who find it a challenge to get up in the morning and try to psych ourselves into facing the day? Because Easter says the risen Christ is alive and well and walking around in our lives. The one who loved us first and loves us best. The one who says, "I will never leave you or forsake you." The one who understands what stress and pain and grief are really like to the umpteenth degree.

Make no mistake. I'm not "feeling" these words as I write them. There are plenty of times when doubting Thomas and I are kindred spirits. But I'm going to keep on writing the words and saying them, even if I'm doing that by rote. Because the alternative is unthinkable for me. Because we want the Easter story to be true. Because we choose to continue believing the story is true even when life would have us think it isn't.

So we say, "Christ has risen." And when we're floundering around on an open sea, we scan the shoreline looking for a small fire and a living savior beside it who's eagerly waiting for us to join him. Every day.

Be well and God bless, Carol

2018 Trinity UMC Scholarships

Application deadline for scholarships: May 10th at 12 p.m. Application forms are available in the church office or via the church website. Please contact Pastor Don Gebhard at the church office with any questions.

The Sanman/Spender Scholarship for beginning and continuing students

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 1999 in memory of Ivan Sanman and Frank H. Spender, Jr., is to provide for an area high school senior or high school graduate (under age 21) to begin or continue his/her higher education at a college or trade school. The applicant must be accepted to or currently attend a college or trade school. The criteria for award of the scholarship are: character, Christian discipleship, community citizenship and financial need. The award may be divided among up to three applicants at the discretion of the scholarship committee. This scholarship is open to members of the community and does not require the applicant to be a member of Trinity.

The Leveto Scholarship for beginning and continuing students

The intent of this scholarship, awarded in memory of Lon Leveto, is for ministry students, high school seniors and adults seeking further higher education or trade school enrollment. Candidates should be members of Trinity and have discipleship background in church and/or community service and financial need. This scholarship is open to members of Trinity Church.

The Mathias Severin Torgersen Memorial Scholarship for beginning students

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 2008 in memory of Rev. Matt Torgersen by the United Methodist Men, is to provide a high school senior to begin his/her higher education at a college or trade school. The applicant must be an active participant in the ministry of Trinity Church and a regular worship attendee. This scholarship is open to members of Trinity.

The Ryan James Cameron Scholarship for beginning and continuing students

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 2013 in memory of Ryan James Cameron, is to provide a high school senior or high school graduate (under the age of 21) to begin or continue his/her higher education at a four-year college. The applicant must be accepted or currently enrolled at a four-year college. The criteria for the award are: character, Christian discipleship, church and community service, and financial need. The award may be divided among up to two applicants at the discretion of the scholarship committee. The applicant should be a member of Trinity.

Ruth E. Frost Scholarship for beginning and continuing students

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 2017 in memory of Ruth E. Frost, is to assist church youth who have a demonstrated health need, financial need or ill parents with his/her educational costs. The applicants will be evaluated on their Christian character (following the moral and ethical teachings of Jesus), Christian discipleship (displaying willingness to follow and serve Christ), financial need, health needs, or illness of a parent.

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Seelinger-Thompson Scholarship for post-graduate students

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 2017 in memory of George A. Seelinger and Katherine Thompson, is to assist those who are continuing education at the post-graduate level. Applicants must be accepted to or currently enrolled in a post-graduate program. The criteria for the award are: character, Christian discipleship, church and community service and financial need.

Nelson Scholarship for beginning students

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 1995 in memory of Norma G. Nelson, is to provide for a high school senior within the church who is continuing his/her higher education at a four-year college. The applicant must be accepted to a four-year college in pursuit of a bachelor's or comparable degree. The criteria for the award are: Christian character, Christian discipleship and financial need.

The Rev. Paul L. Wells Scholarship for beginning students

The intent of this scholarship, first awarded in 2018, is in honor of Rev. Paul L. Wells for 26 years of voluntary, dedicated and inspirational ministry, made possible by members of Trinity Church. This scholarship is meant to assist a high school senior to begin his/her higher education at a college or trade school. This scholarship is open to members of Trinity, active participants in the ministry of Trinity and regular worship attendees.

Anonymous Scholarship for beginning and continuing students

This scholarship will first be awarded in 2018. This scholarship is meant to provide a high school senior or current college student assistance with his/her higher education at a college or university. The recipient shall be engaged or intending to engage in the field of the humanities, as opposed to math or science. This scholarship is open to members of Trinity Church who are regular worship attendees.

Serving God with Us in April

Chapel Ushers

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| April 1 | Dennis & Pattie Huff |
| April 8 | Rob De Vos |
| April 15 | Leslie Felix Mulé |
| April 22 | Bonnie Palma, Betty Cyphers |
| April 29 | Linda Feula, Sally Hahnes |

Scripture Readers

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| April 1 | No reader |
| April 8 | Tish Carpenter |
| April 15 | Tricia Lane |
| April 22 | Leslie Felix Mulé |
| April 29 | TBD |

Ushers – 9:15

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| April 1 | Curt Peirson, Tony Albanese, Leslie Felix Mule, Carolyn Sunday, Dave Wahl, Frank Cavalaro, Sharon Roff, Carol Theys, Karen Riccobono, Musline Chiwanza |
| April 8 | Rich Bonte, Tony Albanese, Pat Bristow, Linda Feci, Michele Risley, Dave Wahl, Gary Droppa, Bill Bippus |
| April 15 | Donna Re, Tony Albanese, Lorry Fulton, Norm Graule, Carolyn Sunday, Dave Wahl, Gary Droppa, Bill Bippus |
| April 22 | Curt Peirson, Tony Albanese, Edna Burton, Lorry Fulton, Norm Graule, Dave Wahl, Marie Cenopht, Gary Droppa |
| April 29 | Rich Bonte, Tony Albanese, Christina Gleason, Leslie Felix Mule, Linda Feci, Gary Droppa, Rosann and Frank Cavaloro |

Ushers – 10:45

April 1 (11 a.m.) Nancy & Hank Snover, Dell & Alf Nicholas, Scott Matthews, Bill Blaine, Joan Roehrich, Joan Crouse, Roger Hammond
 April 8 John Torkos, Pat Mullen, Carol Munro, Bill Blaine, Joan Roehrich, Kathryn Twaddell, Joan Crouse, Teri Watson, Roger Hammond, Vernon Kilkenny
 April 15 Nancy & Hank Snover, Pat Mullen, Bill Blaine, Kathryn Twaddell, Joan Crouse, Joan Roehrich, Joan & Bill Caldwell, Roger Hammond
 April 22 John Torkos, Nancy Soleau, Pat Mullen, Bill Blaine, Kathryn Twaddell, Joan Crouse, Joan Roehrich, Joan & Bill Caldwell, Roger Hammond
 April 29 Nancy & Hank Snover, Dell & Alf Nicholas, Pat Mullen, Carol Munro, Scott Matthews, Maureen Boer, Bill Blaine, Kathryn Twaddell

Welcome Center – 9:15

April 1 Cheryl Ferguson, Mike White
 April 8 Eveliz & Justin Dorman
 April 15 Mary Kashmanian
 April 22 Fran & Bill Blaskopf
 April 29 Karen Riccobono

Welcome Center – 10:45

Carol Gall
 Don & Helen Guelich
 Kwabena & Irene Benson
 Sue Pinkerton
 Alice Popelka, Cheryl Ferguson

Audio – 9:15

April 1 Sandy Miko-Philhower
 April 8 Julie Ryan
 April 15 Peter Smith
 April 22 Keith Ryan
 April 29 Joe Racz

Audio – 10:45

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