



## RESURRECTION UNIVERSITY PARISH

### Land Stewardship Committee

#### THE RIVER OF LIFE

Rutherford Platt wrote in his best seller *River of Life* that, "Time is the only force of nature which man can do nothing about. He can control gravity, though like time, gravity is omnipresent and man can neither increase nor decrease it." A wisdom leader once pronounced that a persons life time is judged and measured by "Twenty-five years to learn, twenty-five years to earn, and twenty-five years to discern." Discern what happened and didn't happen in the first fifty years. All of life is lived on a point of time, called the present moment, that moves at a constant rate here on earth from out of the past and into the future. People with strong memory and perhaps rigid adaptability grieve for what once was and never to be again. Newspapers, magazines, and memorial events located on calendars, tombstones, and masses for the deceased isolate, highlight, weep and celebrate these events. Too often is heard, "why can't it be as it used to be?" Or, "I fear for the future."

In time just passed we remembered how Christ died for us and we pray, lament, take console, or ignore the message. The message etched in stone near the altar is *Resurrexit, Sicut Dixit*. He has risen as he said. What does that mean? Is that like Washington crossing the Delaware---a one time event. Or does it mean that the event was then, is now, and awaits us in the future.

Resurrection parish is changing and going to change more, no different than Bozeman, MSU, Yellowstone environs and all of the other touchstones we have grown to know. That's just the way it is. We can tamper with weather, crops, homes, roads, space travel, and all the like of things that often we can barely see, hardly imagine, greatly regret and so dearly love. There is no stopping change. It is vested within the very concept of time. **But**, the great But, resurrection awaits all from the aborted life of the unborn to the last breath of the octogenarian and on. Resurrection is the very essence of time. It is, and the Lenten Season is then, now, and tomorrow. There is no adequate definition for Time, or Duration. And so also, there is no adequate definition for Resurrection. If we can not believe in that, why do we call ourselves Christian?

*" When time that steals our lives away  
Steals our memories too,  
The pictures of the past will stay  
And half our joys renew"  
Eastman Kodak Ad*

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**April 30**



## A Brighter Blue

Audrey Steinfeldt

"Mountain bluebird ushers  
spring

Riding on your cobalt  
wing

Flying through the firs  
and pines

Resting on an old  
fenceline

A brighter blue against the  
sky

A flash of brilliance

streaking by

The joy within your vivid flight

Captured graciously in my sight"

Outside Bozeman, Spring 2022, page 130

**GREEN LEAF AND LAND STEWARDSHIP** are planning for the "*New Look*" of Resurrection University Parish. Land Stewardship ministry is forming up its part in this plan with a list of speakers and programs, including book reviews, zoom sharing sessions and the like for the parishioners and student body all centered on ecology, environmentalism, and the spiritual dimension of the Good Earth. Native American aspects will be a significant part of the written and spoken presentations. And the "old timers" of the parish are not to be forgotten and will be a major focus also.

### —Employment Opportunity—

The Land Stewardship Committee has a one time 20 hour employment opportunity for a member of Resurrection Parish. The job is budgeted for \$30/Hr. Applicants must be skilled in Word and Excel, be self motivated, and have writing skills. Journalism background is helpful but not required. MSU students are most welcome to apply.

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