

July 3, 2020

Dear Friends,

Discernment

I am reading Henri Nouwen's book titled *Discernment*. We need all the help we can get these days sorting out the good from the not good, figuring out how to participate with God as God makes all things new (Revelation 21:5).

There is a lot going on in the world. God offers the gift of the discernment to help us find our way. Ask for it. Know God loves you and wants you to know his heart. Do your part to create space for discernment by being with God (e.g., through scripture reading, through prayer, in the beauty of creation), letting him change your mindset to the point where "you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2, NRSV)

Discernment takes time. It's okay to stay in the not-knowing until God helps you know. Not-knowing is a humble place. I find myself at a point in life when I need to hear God more clearly. I need help. There are too many things to think about personally and workwise. On several fronts, I don't know what to do. Discernment is not just a lonely pursuit. It also happens in community. I look at you and say, "The Lord be with you," and you look at me and say, "And also with you," and we agree to pray for and with each other.

I am going away this coming week to pray, to listen to the Lord. Will you pray for me, that I will notice what God is saying to me? Will you give me the privilege of praying for you? [Send your name and prayer request](#) by Sunday at noon and I will remember you in the quiet of the coming week.

Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.

It was within a rather confusing and volatile context that Jesus spoke his famous words, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) That is our key text this Sunday.

For links to the 10 a.m. Zoom Meeting online or by phone, [please contact me](#).

July 22 and 29: "Being Enamoured with Jesus" In-person Prayer and Worship

If you are comfortable, please [RSVP here](#) to participate in one of two in-person gatherings, either on July 22 or July 29 at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. We're going to have to change our style! Please plan to arrive 20 minutes early to enter and be seated, keeping physical distancing guidelines in mind. Please take time to read [Sunnyside onsite worship guidance](#). Our reopening team is working hard to prepare the space for us.

Thank you for your partnership on the journey. God is with us.

With love and prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)