

May 14, 2021

Dear Friends,

Hear these words of comfort from the Letter to the Hebrews (4:14-16): “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

You are not alone. God knows what it is like to be human. He gets you. The mercy and grace of God are there for you. Lean into him.

Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.

But we do not draw near to God all by ourselves. Just like God is three-personed – Father, Son and Spirit – we are created as beings-in-relation with each other. The image of God as Communion is imprinted on us and we live up to created order when we live in communion with God and each other. Separation or alienation or isolation is not God’s way. Love – radical, respectful connection - is God’s way.

We will celebrate Communion on Sunday. Please bring juice and bread to the online gathering, knowing that Zoom is not at all an ideal ‘place’ to celebrate Communion. Come to think of it, even at the best of times, even in person, the Communion table is a less than ideal place where we anticipate a table where there will be no more tears, no more sorrow, crying or pain, when Communion with God and with one another is experienced in its fullness. As we say in the Communion ritual, “[f]or whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” We know God with us through Christ and we anticipate the fullness of God’s presence, that is, heaven.

This Sunday, our last in a 7-part Vision series, we will hear *Jesus’ Vision for Us* expressed through his prayer for his followers, including present-day ones. Wouldn’t it be fun to be an answer to Jesus’ prayer? to align with and participate in his vision?

Please [email me](#) for a Zoom link to the service.

*Please join the Zoom meeting after 9:30 a.m. to avoid problems entering.

For this week’s scripture readings and other announcements, go to [Sunday’s bulletin](#).

“truth snack. adventurous truth-seeking. confident belief.”

We continue to explore creative ways to maintain connection with our dear friends – Matt Bellefeuille, Melody Bellefeuille-Frost, and Miranda Valentini – as they prepare to transition from our community by early August.

May I encourage you to check out Matt’s online platform called *truth snack*, and to become a subscriber? This is one way to keep in touch with him and his work. His latest video came out a week ago and is titled [Can we Trust the New Testament for Accuracy?](#)

Sunday School for grades 4-6 (May 16 at 11:15 a.m.)

For a link to ‘send’ your child to Sunday School (grades 4-6) at 11:15 a.m. please contact our [family ministries pastor](#).

Next Prayer Gathering: May 18 at 11:30 a.m.

You are welcome to [send your prayer request to the prayer team](#) and we will remember you when we gather on Tuesday.

As you make your way into another weekend, I leave you with Audrey Assad’s song, [I Shall Not Want](#).

May the peace of Christ be with you.

With love and prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)