

July 2, 2021

Dear Friends,

The words of the psalm-writer have circled around to guide me on more than one occasion these three years at Sunnyside: “Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him...Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him...” (from Psalm 37)

Last week I met someone who has learned quite a bit about waiting for God. His name is Abraham Shen and, beginning on Monday, he is our Pastor of Hospitality (with a major in family ministries). You will hear Abraham’s story over time. His trust in God and patient love for people have grown while waiting. I look forward to introducing you to Abraham.

I celebrate God’s provision. We have two new teammates at Sunnyside, just in time: Abraham Shen and Nathan Huff. The pastoral staff, incoming and outgoing, will spend the month of July meeting, praying, and engaging in careful handover as we do our part to prepare for the new season that we are entering as a whole church.

#### **Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.**

It is our second last Sunday in a sermon series on Paul’s letter to the church in Galatia. Freedom is the big theme this week. Through Christ, God has set us free from sin and death – from all that isolates and separates, dehumanizes, and destroys. The free Spirit of God resides in us and produces good fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23) This is change from the inside out. No rule-following could accomplish this kind of transformation.

We will celebrate Communion during the service. Through Christ, we have peace with God, within ourselves, and with one another. Please bring your juice and bread in preparation for a time around the table to remember, honour and encounter the living Christ.

Please [email me](#) for a 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](#).

#### **Our Indigenous Neighbours**

The grief and shame are stifling as we hear of unmarked graves found near former residential school sites throughout Canada.

A Wesleyan pastor in the Atlantic District of Canada pointed me to a course titled [Walking in a Good Way With Our Indigenous Neighbours](#) through which I/we may listen to and learn from Indigenous individuals. Wisdom literature says that there is a time to mourn; this is one such time.

With prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)