



Tradewinds

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Wednesday 6-8:00 pm – THE WELL - Worship at 7:30pm
Saturday - 5:00pm – Informal Service with Holy Communion
Sunday - 8:00am – Traditional Service with Holy Communion
Sunday – 10:45am – Traditional Service with Holy Communion*
Sunday – 9:15am – Sunday School for ALL ages, even adults!
* Children's Sermon & Nursery Provided

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” ~Matthew 11:28-30

As I write this, the death count is rising in Las Vegas. North Korea is still testing nuclear war heads and sending missiles into the sea over Japan, threatening to destroy the United States. Racism and prejudice have again been given loud voices. Hatred and the inability to listen to a difference of opinion runs rampant.

“Come to me...” Jesus says. “All you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens...I will give you rest.” Sign me up! Sign us all up! Right?!?! “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me...” I wonder what Jesus' yoke is? The cross? God's grace? God's unconditional love? Those aren't easy! So where do we go? We come to Jesus! Jesus promises to be where two or three are gathered in his name.

In the midst of the mass murders, the nuclear threats, racism, prejudice, hatred and tensions rising, I go to the foot of the cross. I come to worship, to remember Jesus' gift for us in broken body and spilled blood. I come to sing songs that remind me of forgiveness, of unconditional love. I come to feel embraced by the arms of others on the journey with me. I come to hear words of comfort, peace, grace, and love. “Come to me...and I will give you rest.”

I fear we have lost seeing worship as a time of rest. We think of it as one more thing to do, one more box to check off, one more bill to pay. But, in the midst of the anger, the hurt, the hatred and the violence of our world, it is the very place to find rest, refreshment, joy...new life. We need to teach our children and grandchildren of this invitation of Jesus and of a different way of living. We need to come to the cross; we need to come to Jesus. We need to teach our children and grandchildren to come to Jesus and find rest, joy, new life!

I invite you to join us on Wednesday nights, Saturday nights, or Sunday mornings to come to Jesus and find rest. I invite you to eat a meal of grace, hear a message of hope, and be embraced by the love of Jesus. “Come to me...and I will give you rest.” That is why I come, amidst all the darkness of our world. I come for rest, for light, for love, for joy! See you at the foot of the cross of Jesus...for rest!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Bill