

Dear Friends in Faith,

Thank you for your overwhelming participation in our Holy Week and Easter services. It was wonderful to see you and have time to talk about our faith together. I'm very proud of the first graders who completed our Worship Together class and shared first communion on Maundy Thursday. Good Friday was a meaningful service with music, art, candles, and prayers that helped us remember the journey of Jesus. And Easter Sunday was filled with joy, children, music, worship, and the climactic *Hallelujah Chorus*, reminding us of Christ the king. You can watch these services online if you missed any. And now, as we enter a new month, there will be more to come. Rev. Terri and I will lead a short sermon series in April called *questions of faith*. We will talk about doubt, hope, love, and inclusion as we study the scriptures together. I hope you'll join us!

I also thank you for making my time with you so far a very positive experience. Everyone has been supportive of my ministry and my presence. I encourage you to continue that same joyful hospitality later in the year when you will most likely be welcoming a new pastor. (We are on schedule for the PNC to have a new pastor to nominate by late fall, if all goes as planned.) The membership committee will be preparing name tags for the congregation in advance of that time, which will be a big help not only to the incoming pastor, but to visitors and new members, too. Keep the PNC in your prayers as they conduct interviews and discern who God is calling.

One desire many of you have mentioned to me is that you hope the art ministry will continue after I leave. With that in mind, I'd like to form an *art in worship* committee that will work with me for the next five months or so to create art each week for the communion table. We've had textiles (tie quilt), paintings (all saints, loaves and fishes), objects (fountain, stuffed lamb), and community pieces (hands of praise) on the table. It would be a delight to form a committee to keep this going. If you're creative, artistic, crafty, handy, or skilled at sewing, painting, building, or designing, and you want to use your skills for God's glory by joining this team, please reach out to me. There are always new projects in the works (stay tuned for more this month on the cemetery peace posts) and I know God gave you those talents for a reason.

As always, I am here if you need to talk, pray, or ask questions. You can make an appointment or just call me. I'd love to hear what God is doing in your life, where you are struggling, or ideas you want to share. And I hope you'll sign up to participate in our potluck lunch on April 14. It's a good way to have real conversations with each other over a meal.

In Christ,



Rev. Tricia