

From the Pastor

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A Message from Pastor Sondra



Tom and I purchased our home when snow was on the ground. Honestly, after all the snow in the back yard melted well, we took a deep breath!

As the months have progressed we have enjoyed working in our yard together. We have watched the yard come alive with green leaves, flowering trees, and various plants. It has been fun identifying trees, and expectantly waiting to see what a budding plant will look like. We enjoy sitting on our deck as birds feed, squirrels scurry, and deer seek to claim their place.

Oh, there is still work to do! We realize that we can't transform our small plot overnight or even in one summer. However, we're working on it and enjoying the process. I'm not sure we will enjoy raking the leaves that will soon fall. I'll keep you posted.

I am reminded of the Israelites wandering in the desert hoping for the promised land. Surely God's plan was for them to arrive in days not 4 decades. Even without GPS, traveling from A to B could not have been that difficult. Did they get confused about which cloud to follow? FORTY YEARS ...

During their travels they feared the unknown ... but God was faithful.
During their travels they were hungry and thirsty ... but God offered manna and quail and water
During their travels they became weary and grumbled ... but God kept guiding them
During their travels they feared their enemies ... but God provided leaders and strategies and victory

When we look at the landscape of our lives do we trust God's plan – promise – provision?
Do we anticipate God's faithfulness seeing us through difficulties?
Do we rely on God's peace to help us face trials?
Do we live into God's goodness and mercy and envision joy and abundance?
Do we do the work of discipleship ... following, praying, listening, trusting?

As we continue our journey with Christ may we help each other discover grace and mercy.
Let us envision a community of faith where God is glorified and praised

Regardless of the landscape or difficulties or challenges God is at work in us and among us and through us! It's a beautiful reality.

The deep breaths we take can be because we are overwhelmed by God's goodness and the joy of possibilities! Take a deep breath!

God loves you!

May this good news give you vision for the future.

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