

BLESSINGS ALWAYS

November 13, 2024

Association Minister Message

Rev. Daniel L. Busch

CHANGE. “...but this isn’t the end yet.” (Mark 13:7c, CEB). The political election is over, with a few contests yet to be decided. It was a divisive campaign with divisive results, mixed emotions, and excitement or fear about the results and future. Depending upon which side voters supported, the outcome was joyous or disappointment. No matter the result, *CHANGE* is going to happen. A new administration brings new personnel, visions, ideas, plans, and tasks. *CHANGE* seems so chaotic, messy, and unpredictable, yet filled with possibilities. There is weariness about the future and wondering what lies ahead. What kind of *CHANGE* will happen? Who is going to benefit or be hurt by these *CHANGES*? Again, “...but this isn’t the end yet.”

We are people of the resurrection with a message that God continually makes things new. Evil, sin, narcissism, illness, wars, and unkind words do not have the final say in God’s creation. We cannot succumb to those seeking power, possessions, and privilege for themselves. As followers of Jesus Christ, we cannot give up for there is hope that our faith offers a *CHANGE* that brings about healing, love, and second chances over and over and over again and again.

“*Ends become beginnings.*” We constantly face many challenges to our living and faith amidst the chaos and order of the world. God shares abundance generously with us. We unite to make *CHANGES* to defeat those things that want to make life a personal treasure rather than filled with God’s unlimited possibilities for all. However, we cannot give up and become subjects and captives to the idea that nothing matters except personal satisfaction. It is time to face our self-destructive natures and become *CHANGE*-agents for good as followers of Jesus Christ. We are called to bring about peace and justice with compassion and kindness to all God’s children. The creation is a gift from God entrusted to our care, not as a possession to waste or destroy, but to enjoy and share. There is hope! *BLESSINGS ALWAYS*.