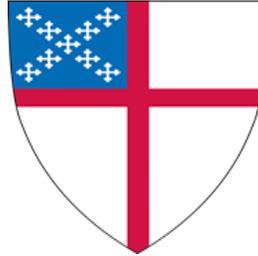




Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Prayer List & Newsletter



September 6, 2020

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1. Exodus 12: 1-14
2. Psalm 119: 33-40
3. Romans 13: 8-14
4. Matthew 18: 15-20



**Watch Fr. Brian Barry on Sunday on our website
www.holytrinityepiscopalvs.org and on Facebook
for our virtual Sunday service.**

Exodus 12:1-14 The Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread

12 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb[a] for his family, one for each household. 4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. 5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. 7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. 8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. 10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. 11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover.

12 “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. 14 “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.



Psalm 119:33-40

33 Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.[a]

34 Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.

35 Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

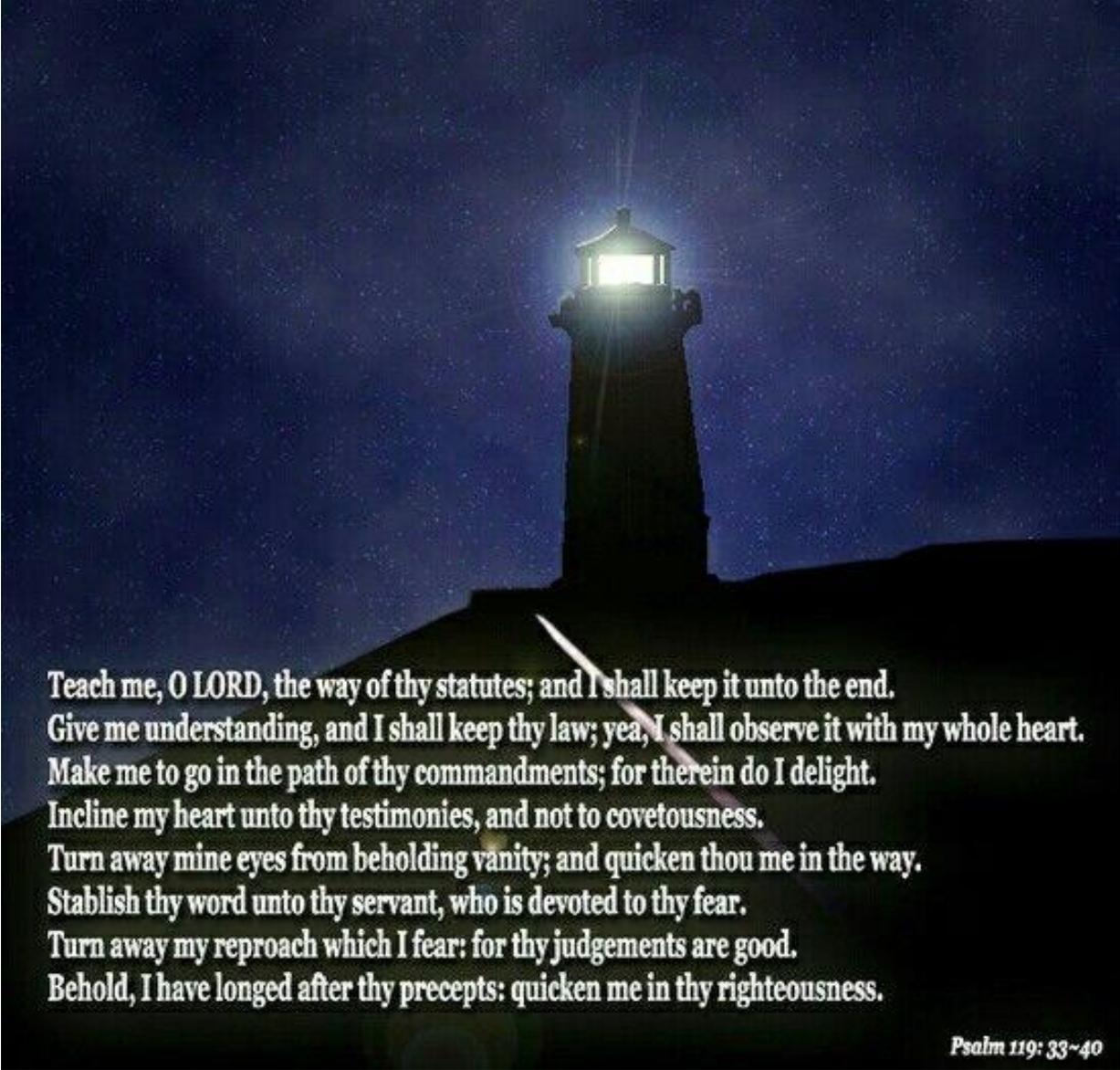
36 Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, so that you may be feared.

39 Take away the disgrace I dread, for your laws are good.

40 How I long for your precepts! In your righteousness preserve my life.



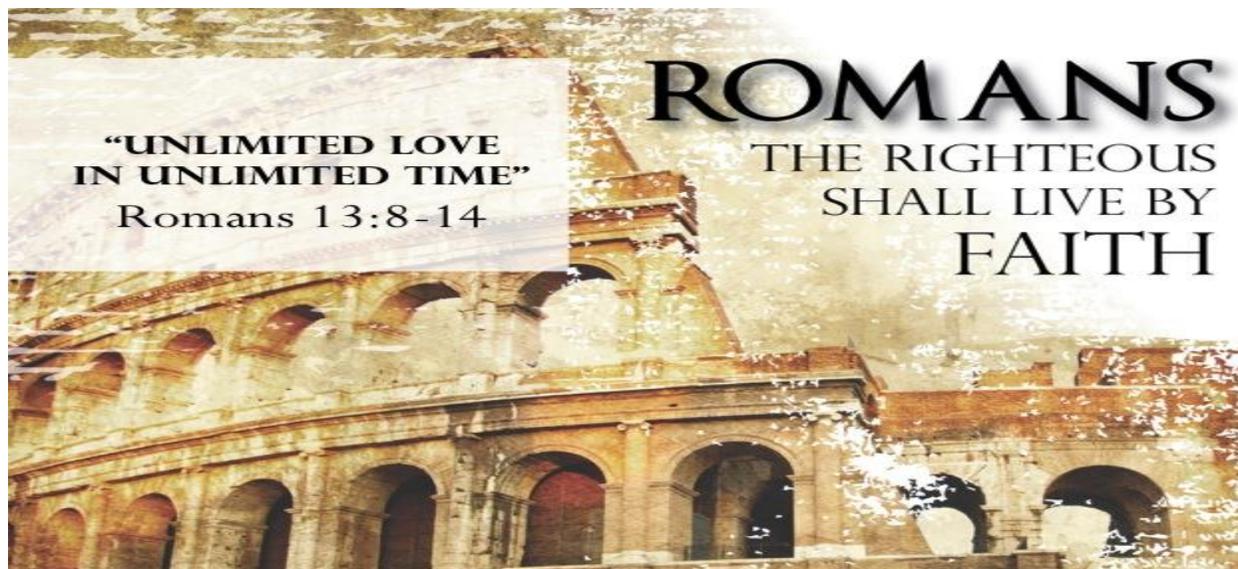
Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.
Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in the way.
Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.
Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgements are good.
Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

Romans 13:8-14 Love Fulfills the Law

8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,”[a] and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”[b] 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

The Day Is Near

11 And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.[c]

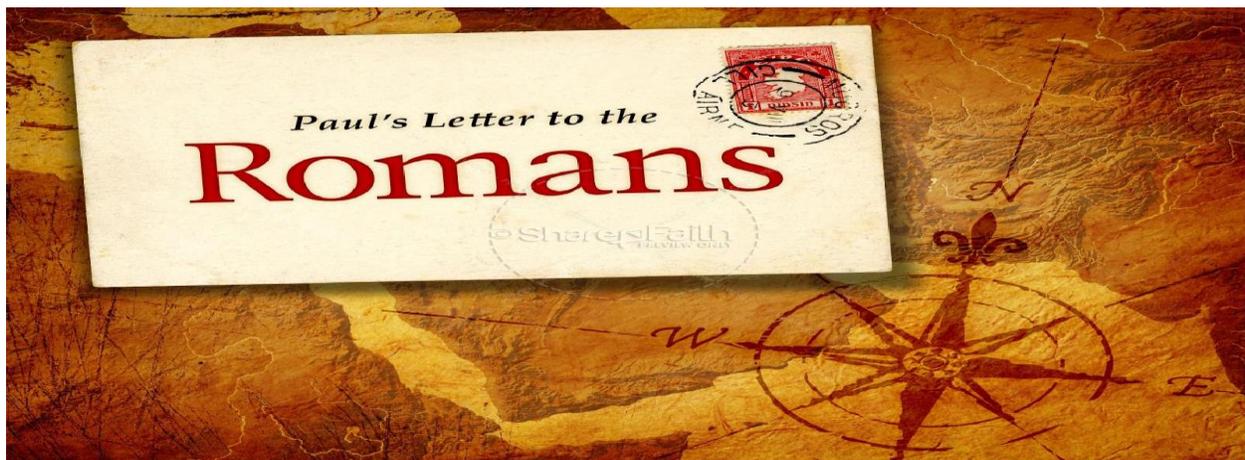


Matthew 18:15-20 Reproving Another Who Sins

15 “If another member of the church[a] sins against you,[b] go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.[c] 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”



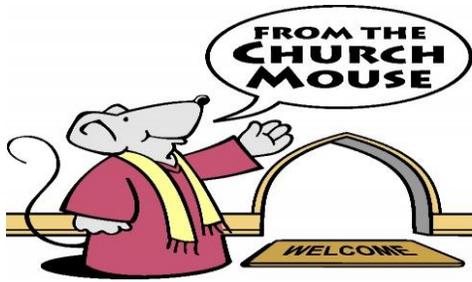
We are having a Zoom Bible study for every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. We are going to start with the first chapter of Paul's Letter to the Romans next week. Please contact Carl Bucking or Desmond Foster for the Zoom link if interested.



Desmond Foster & Carl Bucking are hosting a virtual Saturday evening prayer service every 2nd Saturday of the month with start time 0f 6 p.m. on Zoom. Please contact them for link if interested. You can email them at CJBucking@hotmail.com and desmond.foster@ymailcom if interested.

Parish Family & Friends Prayer List

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Desiree Giddings
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Yolanda Ochiobi
Megan & Jimmy Dascoli
Renee Giddings
FR. Brian Barry, wife Holly and daughter Kaitlyn**



**Please try to get your pledges in by this Thursday for Flo to count.
Thanks**

"help needed" We need someone tall to help get the coverings off the crosses, especially the large hanging cross. Please contact Evelyn Jacobs if you can help us get the church ready.

Change of Address: Long time parishioner and friend, Dorothy McGlynn, has moved to California to live with her niece, Jennifer, and her niece's husband, Steven. While change is difficult, Dorothy will be well cared for. The house is all on one level and she will have access to their patio. Her niece said they will have her on Facetime for those who wish to contact Dorothy that way. Her new address, shared with Dorothy's and their permission, is 4433 Cheval Way, Roseville, California 95747. Happily, they have not been affected by the raging fires in California. Please continue to keep Dorothy in your prayers and send a note or two to let her know she may be gone from New York, but she is not forgotten.



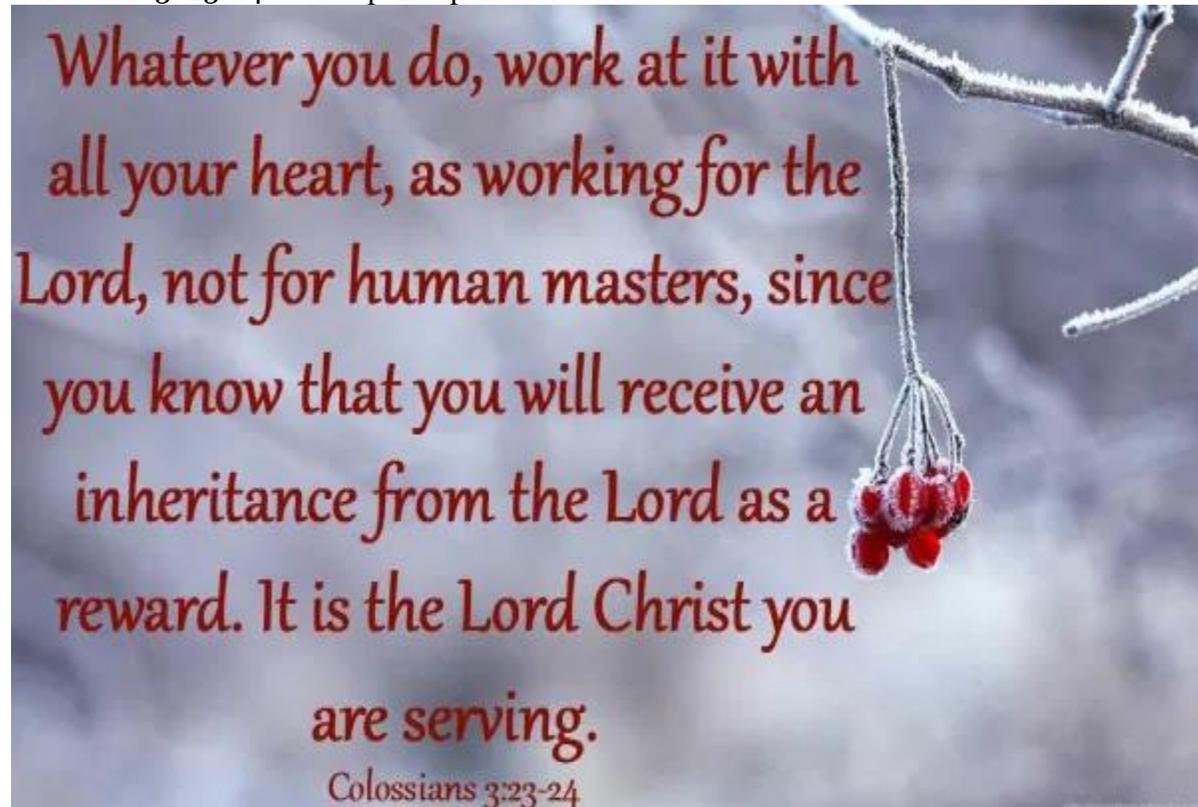
WORK AND THE ROOTS OF SPIRITUAL IDENTITY

“It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation”

Herman Melville (1819-1891)

As we approach one of the most unusual and conflict scarred Labor Day holidays in recent memory, it is quite difficult not to think about how the work we've done over the course of our lifetimes have exerted a profound effect on our self-image and personal identity. Time spent in offices and factories, laboratories and loading docks, open fields or cramped retail stores is for most of us the entry point into the eccentric realm of the “real world” apart from the formative domains of home and school. For better or worse, we encounter people who sometimes become lifetime friends, or conversely, bump into folks who have struggled with the anger and despair that accompany lives hermetically sealed off from the possibility of joy and goodness.

If work is to go beyond the realm of ritualistic soul numbing that defines many non-professional jobs in post-industrial capitalism, it must be defined according to a common purpose, shared by people determined to make things better for themselves and others sharing this situation. Not surprisingly, that is the foundation upon which a sustainable community of faith is built, with members pooling their talents and resources together to achieve a common end, even in the face of formidable adversity. Dignity is inherent in the act of labor itself, because it is based on the recognition that only by continuous effort and conscious dedication can we ever hope to solve the problems confronting us in this present turbulent world. The perspective offered in Colossians 3: 23-24 backs up that persuasive idea:



“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive your inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

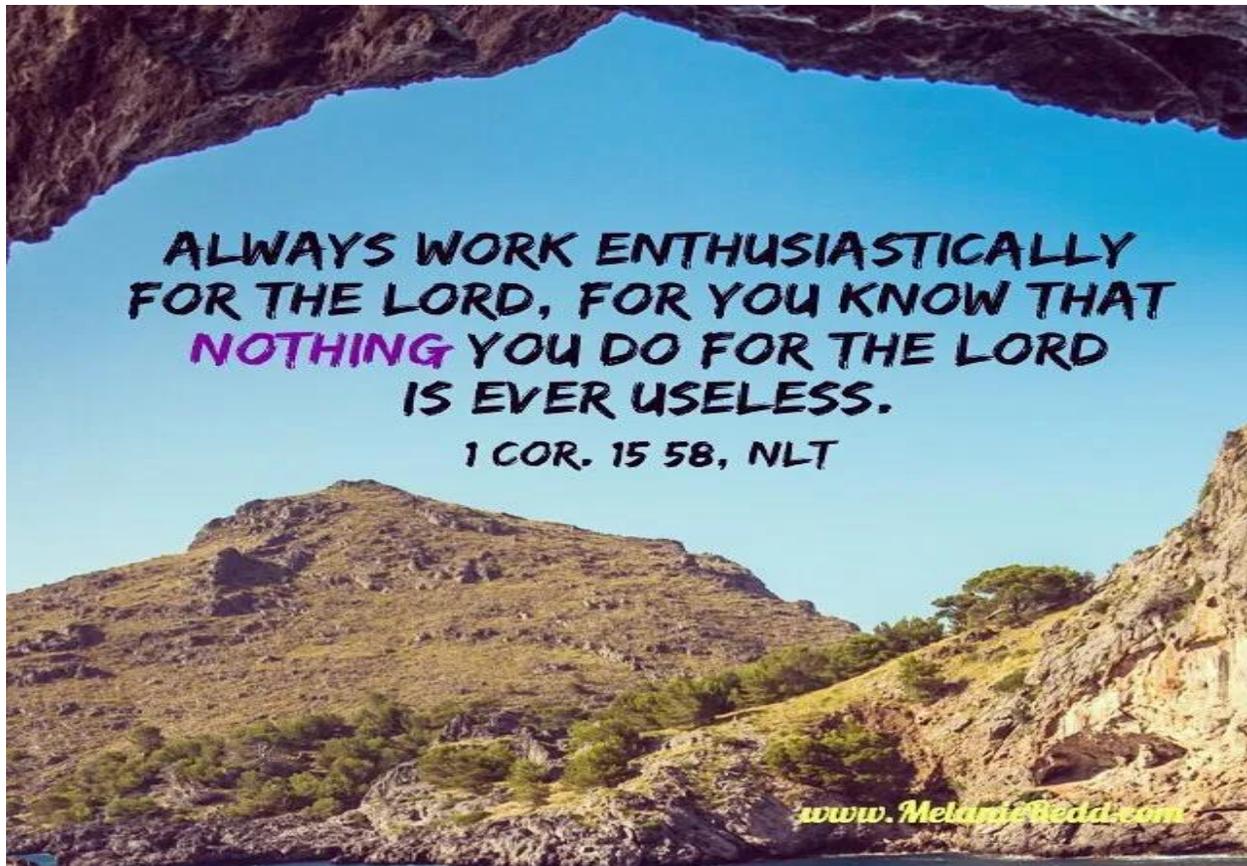
Our understanding of work, in whatever conceivable context, is an implicit recognition of the notion that everything attached to our labor cannot be divorced from the imperatives of social

necessity. Historically, those who have abused and exploited the work of others for their own selfish and materialistic ends violate a basic ethical tenet of the social contract. They are also guilty of pursuing grievous assaults on the dignity of any individual so wronged, all of whom are unconditionally and indiscriminately beloved children of God. At this time of deep ideological divisions, social justice demands that we strive for equity and fairness even in the face of populist reaction and hostility. Our sense of humanity is derived in large part by addressing our common concerns, both public and private, that make life in a civilized society worth living. The spirit of cooperative concern is rooted deeply in the affirming declaration of Psalm 90:17 :



“Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands; yes, establish the work of our hands.”

The darkness that has coincided with the COVID-19 pandemic has done terrible violence to numerous souls since its advent this past March. But our knowledge of the power of the Cross delivers us from the despair that comes from the mistaken belief that such darkness is the inevitable fate to which humanity must passively succumb. The hope of the Resurrection is the eternal reminder that death and destruction are not the final pronouncements of our destiny on this Earth. Saint Paul makes that idea very clear



“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

Once again, as always, our resilient community of faith, with its multiple strengths and imperfections, stands as a living testament to the idea that work is the foundation upon which the structure of our mission has been and shall always be built, by and through His unceasing grace and loving help.

God's Peace, Carl Bucking September 2020

