

## *A Message from The Pastor*



Each day as we rise from bed our day is filled with possibilities. We wonder in our hearts what will the day bring. We want to believe that all will be well, but sometimes our lives are filled with anxiety and fear.

Sometimes we know where that fear comes from, other times it is a vague sense that all is not right with our world. In either case it is a real that tests our spirit's ability to continue the journey. As Moltmann reminds us, hope comes with the presence of the Almighty and our understanding and acceptance of the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Jurgen Moltmann, in his book *Experiences of God* wrote : "Anyone who is afraid of the future cannot make a new beginning even if he wants to. Anyone who believes that the world is going to end in catastrophe will not make a new beginning, because it is pointless. Anyone who sees no future before him goes on as before, until he falls backwards into the pit he is digging for himself. For a new beginning we need the power of a hope which transforms life and overcomes the world. But we only discover the power of a hope like this when we find the foundation for hope and recognize it clearly. By the foundation for hope I do not mean well-weighted arguments in favor of hope. I mean the living sources from which this power springs. The living source of hope lies in a future from which new time, new potentiality and new freedom continually advance to meet us. We find this future in Jesus Christ; he is our future – he is our hope. In the new beginning which faith makes possible we find Christ, who is our future and our hope."

As the hymn proclaims: "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name."

On this day and all days no matter what we face – may the hope of Jesus see us through!

Peace,

*Pastor Vic*