

A Message from The Pastor



April used to be “April showers bring May flowers”, but all of the old weather lore has become less true in recent years. I am writing this in mid March and there are flowers blooming everywhere! So, what might April bring for us? We aren’t sure. We are in the season of Easter, approaching Pentecost. This must have been a time of confusion for the followers of Christ. He had died, but had been seen alive again by some of them. What was going to happen? What were they going to do next?

What was there to do: go back to the remnants of their old lives, continue to live with this new group who had become so close to one another, continue the work that Jesus had begun of spreading this different view of relating to God? And, what was this new way of relating to God all about, anyway; what did all that Jesus had said and done mean now that he was not with them? They really didn’t know. They gathered together, but in hiding most of the time. Would they be arrested and killed like Jesus had been? They talked about what Jesus had taught them, remembering what he said with new understanding, probably trying to figure it out as they talked. They were afraid and confused and facing the unknown. My guess is that period of time may have felt endless to them. When we face a life changing event, we can feel lost for a time. What happens next? We cannot see into the unknown future; nothing seems certain. Unpredictability can be painful. However, God is certain. God is the same today, tomorrow and forever. We can, without any hesitation, depend upon the love of God. God is always with us and always loves us! In our limited human way, we may not understand how God’s love is surrounding us, but we can be assured that it is. Praise be to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Blessings,
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