

Fall Worship con't

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

All Saints Sunday, 11 a.m.
Reformation Sunday
Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Sermon: Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Twenty-Second Sunday after
Pentecost, 11 a.m.
Remembrance Sunday
Sermon: Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost,
11 a.m.
Sermon: Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Taizé Chapel Service (Evening Prayer
and Song), 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost, 11 a.m.
Sermon: Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Christ the King Sunday, 11 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sermon: Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt

Greetings from the Minister

Breaking down walls



Dear Friends,

As we begin a new fall session at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul I hope there will be opportunities for us to see each other in new ways. May we also be prepared to knock down a few walls...

Please allow me to explain what I mean by this:

A minister tells the story of how he had been in a parish for a number of years yet for whatever reason was unable to meaningfully relate to one particular church member. One day the minister plucked up the courage to go and see the parishioner in the hope that he might be able to build some kind of relationship between them.

The parishioner was an avid gardener and took great delight in maintaining a low stone wall around his beautiful garden. As the minister was parking his car at the parishioner's house he inadvertently backed into the wall, knocking part of it down. At that moment any hopes of reconciliation between the minister and parishioner evaporated, or so the minister thought as he imagined the parishioner never speaking to him again. But on the contrary, this unfortunate episode provided a space for humour and in turn a lowering in tension between them. The parishioner saw the funny side of it!

They never became the best of friends and the minister never quite found out why the parishioner had been cold to him in the past, but now at least they could communicate with one another in a meaningful way.

Perhaps this anecdote relates to many of our situations. Is it not the case that often we have tendencies to build walls around the things we cherish so as to keep others out? In the fractured society we live in today this is understandable. But in situations where our walls begin to crumble might there be opportunities for us to see others in a better light?

The Gospel cites time and time again how Jesus noticed, stopped, listened and responded to the needs of individuals. The Psalmist put it well when he spoke about God watching over our going out and coming in. If the knowledge of God's very personal care and concern is a source of great comfort, let it also be an inspiration to us at the beginning of this session, so that in our worship and in all our activities, our church is a place where each person is known, valued, well treated and loved. May our church be a place where we can knock down walls if we have to!

Your minister and friend,
Glenn

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