

Dear Friends in Christ,

Sunday mornings come early. Depending on the quality and length of sleep I receive getting up on Sundays can be interesting. Sometimes a nudge from Sandy is necessary to get me up and going. The fog begins to clear in my mind and the day in front of me begins to come into focus. Morning routines are completed. Iced tea is poured. Weather reports are watched to see what kind of day we all will have. Prayers and devotions are said and studied and then I am off to serve Jesus Christ in His vineyard and for the shake of His Gospel once more. By now I am exhilarated.

Our perspectives on Sundays are most likely very different. I spend my Sunday mornings looking out at the faces who have come with me to the place where we together WORSHIP God. You spend your Sundays looking at me and the altar and those things that are so very familiar to us all. Worship is a verb. Worship is action. We listen, we sing, we pray, we eat, then we go home or to breakfast, but nothing will ever be the same again. We WORSHIPED together. There is nothing routine in the act of worship. Christ is always with us, this we know and understand but, when we worship, we are consciously, knowingly entering into God's space. There is nothing mundane or ordinary about Sunday Worship.

God is pulling us through time, and it is right and necessary that we pause during the hectic chaos that is life to offer thanks. We need to worship. We need the chance to breathe in the very breath of God. Every time we worship God pulls us closer. Every prayer that is offered God hears and answers. Every hymn sung is lifted to God's ears and God feels our love! These days are difficult, like much of history we live in times that challenge us and Jesus stands by us in the midst of life. Worship is not routine. Worship is not ordinary. Our

time is valuable yes, but God's time is our time, and worship is the way to say thank you to God. Never under value worshiping God. God has never and will never undervalued we humans. I am so proud to be your pastor.

Peace,

*Pastor Bob*