

Greetings Merging Waters,

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This week has met us with many changes, challenges and opportunities. As a community of faith, we have been touched by loss and sorrow as well as promise and hope. I know that even as I have encouraged each of us to live in gratitude through an appreciation inventory that there are days when being thankful is a real challenge. Sometimes all the good things in our lives seem to be outweighed by the pain and uncertainty of the world. We can have a hard time getting to being generous with ourselves, our time, and resources, when we lose connection with the good things in our lives. Grounding ourselves in appreciation can lead us to a positive-generous path.

Sometimes we just need to ask, "God where are you in this situation?" This will be the question with which we will engage after we reflect on the reading from [Ezekiel 37:1-14](#). We can ask ourselves a few questions:

- What are the situations in life where you have felt utterly overwhelmed?
- Where has God been for you in these times?
- When has your journey taken you on a new path that held uncertainty but you knew was a path that must be taken?
- What has brought you spiritual renewal in your life?
 - o How can this help at the worst of times?
- What can we do as a community of faith to support one another, spiritually as well as practically, in hard times?
 - o How does being supported spiritually in the normal times help in the hard times?

We will engage with these questions in our journey in worship this Sunday, our reflections next week, and into the future.

Speaking next steps along the journey; I would like to welcome the newest member of the Merging Waters staff Susan Kaye who joins us as office administrator. May your service with the community of Merging Waters Pastoral be a blessed blessing to the world. I look forward to our service together with this wonderful community.

As Susan Kaye joins us this means Susan Smith will be moving forward in her new calling and path. I am so very grateful to Susan for the support she has been to the life and work of Merging Waters in our ongoing ministry and wish her only the best in her future endeavours. She will remain a valued member of the community and as always a beloved child of God.

Thank you Susan! You've made such a difference!!

Peace and hope,

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