

# Oak Leaves

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## *The Spirituality of Politics*

*by Parson John*

My deepest sense of personal calling is about getting at the roots of human behavior through contemplative practices. I believe that the best chance we have at changing our own lives and the culture in which all of us exist is through the transformation of human consciousness, which is the goal of all true spiritual paths. If this sounds like new-age talk, then turn toward Jeremiah's prophecy of a new covenant which will transform the human heart in Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34. Christians have seen Jesus as the fulfillment of this prophecy for a new covenant. And this new covenant is not about using legal means to drive behavior, but using spiritual means to change the human heart.

In our culture, religion has been described as a private matter, to be kept separate from any political concerns. Yet, as all of us learn in time, every dimension of self is related to every other dimension. As our hearts turn more to the spiritual, they also turn inevitably toward wholeness, because the heart of God turns to wholeness too. Maybe this is why religious people on all points on the ideological spectrum find themselves so passionately engaged in politics. The drive for wholeness is spiritual.

What I observe, however, is that religious or spiritual people on the left and on the right tend to go about their engagement in the political arena with very unspiritual energies. In our unstable time, fear is easily triggered and even devoted religious and spiritual people find themselves justifying, in one way or another, why it is excusable for them to show up in public life with an energy which is contrary to their deepest spiritual values. I believe that if we do not bring our religious and spiritual values and practices into politics that we will continue to operate collectively at a very low, unproductive, and uncreative level.

I know that what I am suggesting is not easy, but I believe that it is necessary. Our times are decidedly not easy times in which to live, and all of us are being called to access the depths

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of ourselves in ways we may never have before. The hope in this is that as we go deep within our hearts, that God will meet us and transform us. A new covenant might be realized and a new era in human history be born.

The great contemporary wisdom teacher in the Christian tradition, Cynthia Bourgeault, has her wisdom community working at bridging the gap between contemplative practice and working for the common good. I just finished one of several books recommended by Cynthia for this work—*The Holy Thursday Revolution* by Beatrice Bruteau. Dr. Bruteau, who pioneered the integrated study of science, mathematics, philosophy and religion, died in 2014. Her book makes a thoroughly researched and compelling argument for why deep change is possible for human beings, individually and collectively. She helps us to see the level of change that is necessary for our future and why we can make these changes. She challenges the cynic in all of us, and inspires us to take a journey in which our hearts are changed for our wellbeing and for the wellbeing of us all.

It is easy for us to despair and to give into rage and blame at our state-of-affairs. There is a better way, and our spiritual tradition can point the way. We may not see the completion of the transformation that is needed, but as we begin to live into it on a daily basis, we find a level of compassion and hope in us which makes us feel more alive and which enables us to engage in a way that keeps us in the life-giving energy of love. See you in church!

## *Worshipping Together in October*



**Note:** Except where noted, both online and limited in-person worship options are available at this time. Check our website for updates.

**Sunday, October 3, 2021 @ 9:45 AM (Communion)**

**Sermon:** "Discovering Our Hearts" by Rev. John W. Monroe III

**Scripture:** **Mark 10:2-16**

Our hearts are designed to be instruments of spiritual perception. When they are working as they should, they are soft, vulnerable, and compassionate. Jesus has some ideas about how we might soften our hearts.

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**Sunday, October 10, 2021 @ 9:45 AM**

**Sermon:** "Tough Love" by Rev. John W. Monroe III

**Scripture:** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Mark 10:17-31

Jesus loved this unnamed rich man who approached him. But Jesus' invitation to follow him grieved the man. Jesus loves us, but his love can be experienced by us as being tough. How do we experience Jesus' love as being tough?

**Sunday, October 17, 2021 @ 9:45 AM**

**Sermon:** "Is the Third Time a Charm?" by Rev. John W. Monroe III

**Scripture:** Isaiah 53:4-12; Mark 10:35-45

Just before this section of Mark, Jesus tells of his death for the third time. He affirms again his path not only for himself, but also for his followers. His followers seem to be getting closer to getting him and truly following. How about us?

**Sunday, October 24, 2021 @ 9:45 AM**

**Sermon:** "After the Exile" by Rev. John W. Monroe III

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 31:7-9; Mark 10:46-52

Exile and return not only refer to a historical reality, but also as a theme for our spiritual journey. Spiritual exile may be an experience which precedes our return. Mark shares a parallel image – blindness and recovery of sight.

**Sunday, October 31, 2021 @ 9:45 AM**

**Sermon:** "Recovering the Sacred" by Rev. John W. Monroe III

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Mark 12:28-34

What would our lives and our culture be like if we were bathed in a living recognition of the sacred? What does life and culture look like without it? What can we do to recover the sacred?

For updates & more services, visit [rumsonpresbyterian.org/upcoming-services](http://rumsonpresbyterian.org/upcoming-services)

## *Church School*



I would like to start by welcoming you all back, I can't think of a better way to start the Fall

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Season. I wanted to introduce myself, I am Sandi Van Cleve, I took over for Marie and will be the new Director of Church School. I know September is a busy month for everyone but I hope to see everyone soon. We have a bunch of fun things planned and so many important discussions (lessons) to be had. Please check out the calendar and keep an eye out for a Fall themed Ice cream social on October 17th. As always, if you know anyone interested in tending to the nursery please see the sign up sheet. Volunteers will be paid \$25 a session. I would love to hear what type of support families need from Church School as well as recommendations that would interest your children. My goal is to start each session with a lesson based on the weekly sermon and then pair it with a themed craft or project. Please email me at [churchschool@rumsonpresbyterian.org](mailto:churchschool@rumsonpresbyterian.org) with any questions or comments. I hope to meet you all very soon and look forward to meeting your children.

Kind Regards,  
Sandi Van Cleve, Church School Director

## *Music Program*



Dear friends,

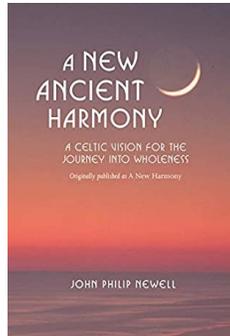
Wishing you all a happy and healthy October.

I am currently planning solos and duos for Sunday worship services. If you have a special talent that you'd like to share (singing, performing an instrument, etc.) please let me know by emailing me at: [andreeafegan@gmail.com](mailto:andreeafegan@gmail.com).

Additionally, I'd love to invite the youth to sing once a month during Sunday worship. If possible, we could form a band where kids could play a variety of instruments, or simply sing, whichever they prefer. Please let me know if your child would like to get involved, and we can start programming music. We are also planning on having the Pageant on Sunday, December 12th. If you and your child would like to participate (we are also seeking the participation of parents), please reach out to me.

Blessings,  
Andreea Fegan, Music Director

# *Adult Nurture*



**Wisdom Wednesdays:** Beginning in October, our Wednesday Wisdom meetings, each Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30, will focus on John Philp Newell's book, *A New Ancient Harmony: A Celtic Vision for the Journey into Wholeness*. At the present time, these meetings are being held on the Zoom platform which can be accessed on our Church website.

# *Other Church News*



## Ice Cream Social



**Sunday, October 17th  
Directly after Service  
(Sponsored by the Church School)**

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I scream, you scream, we all scream for an ice cream social. Come join us as we celebrate being together and the Fall Season.

## 2021 CROP Hunger Walk



**Rumson Presbyterian Church has registered! Walk. Give. Change the world.**

We're participating in the 2021 CROP Hunger Walk to support CWS and help families who are struggling with hunger. We're asking you to join us - with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world.

Please visit our team page (<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/rumson-presbyterian-church-2>) to join our team on October 17th, or if you can't join us, to support us by making a donation today! Thank you!

### Giving

**GIVEPLUS<sup>+</sup>**  
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Rumson Presbyterian Church is excited to partner with the Presbyterian Foundation and Vanco Payment Solutions to bring you our GivePlus Online Giving page (<https://rumsonpresbyterian.org/giving/>).

We are also listed in the GivePlus Mobile App, which can be downloaded to your

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smartphone, making Online Giving even easier. This YouTube video explains how to get and use the App. In addition, here are links to two more documents about the service and the App: “Vanco GivePlus Church FAQs for Donors” and “Vanco GivePlus Church How it Works”.

Note: 2% of your GivePlus donation will be retained as an administrative fee by the Presbyterian Foundation.

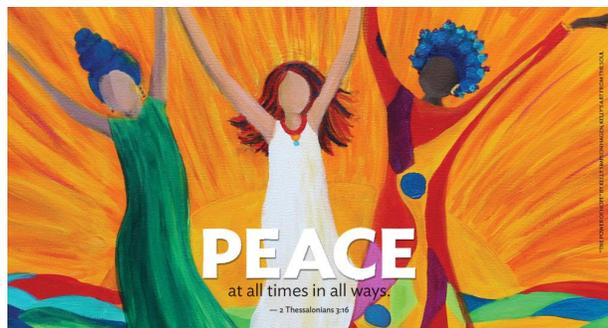
## *PC(USA) News*



**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Our work of peace and reconciliation is supported by gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. These gifts also unite us with Presbyterian peacemakers across the country and the

world who are active, not passive; who are doing, not waiting. Our Mission Commission strongly supports this offering.



O GOD OF PEACE AT ALL TIMES IN ALL WAYS,  
GRANT US YOUR PEACE AND HELP US TO IMAGINE A WORLD  
WHERE YOUR JUSTICE AND PEACE ARE EVER KNOWN.  
AMEN.

25% of this Offering stays with our congregation for our own ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation. We use it each year primarily to provide scholarships for local students doing peacemaking work in their schools and communities.

25% of this Offering will go to joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking

work in our region.

50% of this Offering supports programs and ministries working actively for peace and justice around our nation and the world.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world. Together we are building God’s household of peace where everyone is welcome; where all can find compassion, peace and justice.

Many congregations receive this offering throughout A Season of Peace — beginning Sep-

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tember 5, and culminating on World Communion Sunday, October 3. (For RPC, there is an envelope labelled "Peacemaking" (September 19 2021) in our offering envelope booklet.) Sign up to receive a daily email during A Season of Peace on the Practices of Building Peace at [pcusa.org/subscribeSOP](http://pcusa.org/subscribeSOP) (look under Advocacy and Social Justice).

We are the peacemakers. We are the Church, Together. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

## *Community News*



### Early Risers



If you want to stop drinking call: 1-908-687-8566  
or (toll free from NJ area codes): 1-800-245-1377  
24 hours a day / 7 days a week.

For a list of other local A.A. meetings, visit [www.nnjaa.org/#](http://www.nnjaa.org/#)  
For information about A.A. visit [www.nnjaa.org](http://www.nnjaa.org)

Meetings: Fri. from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM at Rumson Presbyterian Church

### Waterspirit



#### Event Calendar

**Meditation for Earth** Every Tues. from 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Please join Waterspirit for a "Meditation for Earth" . We read a short blessing, followed by

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an excerpt from Hal Borland's 12 Moons of the Year. Then we lead a simple meditation followed with silence, for a flourishing Earth. The meditation and silence last approximately 30 minutes. There are two ways to meditate for Earth with us: 1) In-person in the Sanctuary at Rumson Presbyterian Church; 2) Online on our YouTube channel. All of our meditation videos are filmed by our Programs and Communications Consultant, Abbey Koshak, with loving care.

**In-Person Writers' Gathering** Sat., Oct. 2 from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Enter the flow of gratitude with this creative fundraiser for Waterspirit.

All are welcome. Please visit their website ([waterspirit.org](http://waterspirit.org))  
for more information about these events.

## *Caring for God's Earth*



Submitted by **Diane Burke** and **Sue Smith**

### **Race, Faith and Climate Change? God loved the world, not just one people**

by **Neddy Astudillo**  
**September 23, 2021**

The first time I became aware of a connection between race, faith and climate change was in the late 1980s when I was a sociology student in Venezuela. I lived in Caracas with my family. In this cosmopolitan city, there was lots of nonregulated air pollution that caused me to have a sore throat and irritated eyes daily.



In Venezuela, we used lead gasoline. I thought it was all that existed, until one day I read a very small article hidden in the middle of one of our major newspapers that said, "The conditions the International Monetary Fund placed on Venezuela to receive millions of dollars of aid includes to continue consuming lead gasoline for another four years." We had the knowledge that consuming lead-free gasoline would be

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better, but our government was making it available to U.S. markets only. Lots more can be said about this deal. Clearly, justice for all is not always the way our governments have treated people around the world.

As a citizen of the United States now, I have learned that to sustain our lifestyle we use almost 25% of the world's natural resources and produced, until recently, the same percentage of carbon emissions responsible for climate change. Meanwhile, the Gospel tells us that "God so loved the world" (John 3:16). God loves the world, not just one people. Our impact in the world — ethically and spiritually — is calling us to free the waters of justice (Amos 5:24), so that Creation can hear Christ's good news from the children of God (Romans 8:19; Mark 16:15).

If COVID-19 has taught us anything, it is how interrelated our world is and how much our lives depend on the well-being of others. As a person of faith, called to love my neighbors as myself, I feel compelled to reject — and grow suspicious of — any dreams and views of the good life that are built at the expense of others.

This past year has also taught us that those who suffer during this pandemic in greater numbers are the same Black, Indigenous and Latinx people who have been impacted by racial and environmental injustice for generations. They are the same people who are also most vulnerable to climate change for they cannot pack up and leave when a storm is approaching and return when it is convenient. They are the ones who do not have access to good food, clean air and clean water, and whose bodies are already compromised, not by choice but by systemic racism. They are the ones who live alongside oil refineries and who have to fight for better environmental laws to protect them. They are the farmworkers who harvest 95% of our fruits and vegetables nationwide, and who — for more than 10 years in Florida — have been fighting for laws to protect themselves from life-threatening heat waves: to have the right to take breaks, to cool down and drink water.

Working to restore our relationships with each other and the environment is a calling of our faith, not a threat to our privilege. For us Presbyterians, it can be a blessing at this time in history to avert the suffering of future generations. If scientists are right, we have less than 10 years to stop climate change. Now is the time for a sustained, united action guided by the teachings of our faith to usher in an equitable and peaceful life for all people on Earth.

*Neddy Astudillo, Venezuelan American, eco-theologian, Presbyterian pastor and GreenFaith organizer in Florida.*

# *A Meditation*



Center for  
Action and  
Contemplation

## **What Do We Do with Money? : Curbing Our Appetites**

by [Richard Rohr, OFM](#)  
September 24, 2021

*Sallie McFague (1933–2019) was a renowned scholar in the theological disciplines of ecology, economics, and feminist Christianity. In her book Blessed Are the Consumers, she calls consumerism “the most successful religion on the planet” with catastrophic results for humanity and our planet. However, she also suggests a way forward.*

I have been struck by . . . the rather shocking practice of self-emptying, of what the Christian tradition has called “kenosis” [see Philippians 2:5–8]. . . . I believe it suggests an ethic for our time, a time that is characterized by climate change and financial chaos. These two related crises are the result of excess, our insatiable appetites that are literally consuming the world. . . . We are living way beyond our means at all levels: our personal credit cards, the practices of the financial lending institutions, and the planet’s resources that support all of us.

Could the crazy notion of self-emptying, a notion found in different forms in many religious traditions, be a clue to what is wrong with our way of being in the world as well as a suggestion of how we might live differently? . . .

*As Fr. Richard mentioned in Wednesday’s meditation, when money controls every aspect of our lives, it is extremely difficult to find our moral compass. That’s why the practices of simplicity, solidarity, and community that are embodied by people such as Quaker John Woolman (1720–1772) are so important. They show us that it is possible to live an alternative to the dominant culture. McFague continues:*

I am thinking of John Woolman, an eighteenth-century American Quaker who had a successful retail business and gave it up because he felt it kept him from clearly seeing something that disturbed him: slavery. He came to see how money stood in the way of clear perception of injustice: people who had a lot of property and land needed slaves to maintain them (or so these folks reasoned). He saw the same problem with his own reasoning. . . . whenever he looked at an injustice in the world he always saw it through his own eye, his own situation and benefit. . . . Once he reduced his own level of prosperity, he could see the clear links between riches and oppression. He wrote: “Every degree of luxury has some connection with evil.” [1] Reduction of his lifestyle gave him insight into the difference between “needs” and “wants,” something our insatiable consumer culture has made it almost impossible to recognize. . . .

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To empty the self is not an act of denial, but of fulfillment, for it creates space for God to fill one's being. We are satisfied by nothing less than God; our deepest desire is to be one with God, even as Jesus was. Made in the image of God, our destiny is to become one with God, so that we too can say, not my will but God's be done. This is not a loss, but again, the greatest gain.

**References:**

[1] John Woolman, *The Journal of John Woolman, and A Plea for the Poor* (Corinth Books: 1961), 43.

Sallie McFague, *Blessed Are the Consumers: Climate Change and the Practice of Restraint* (Fortress Press: 2013), 6, 7.

## ***Pastor John's Weekly E-Mail "Blasts"***

### **Marking the Seasons (Sept. 1)**

This Sunday, September 5, is Communion Sunday and the last Sunday at 9:15. Even if you choose to worship in-person, we will not distribute the elements. Many people have chosen to bring their own elements into the sanctuary during these past months. The Scripture reading is Mark 7: 24 – 37 and the sermon is called "Wholeness." The "hymn" after the sermon is "The Heart of the Matter" by Don Henley.

We, of course, are beginning the transition from summer to fall. On September 12, we will return to 9:45 worship and will switch from Zoom to Livestreaming for those who choose to worship virtually. As before, our website will lead you to accessing worship. For those who choose to attend in-person, you will be required to wear masks, beginning September 12. We will have bulletins. If weather allows, there will be a volunteer who provides store bought coffee and snacks outside. We will have a sign-up sheet for Coffee Hour. If you are willing to sign-up for September 12, please let us know. Nursery care and Sunday School will be provided in-person.

Our Church School Director, Marie Van Cleve, recently moved from the area. We have a new Director, Marie's sister-in-law, Sandi Van Cleve, who begins work with us today—September 1. Sandi works in Special Education in the Middletown School System and is a Cheerleader Coach for North High School. We are impressed with her enthusiasm and desire to make Sunday School an engaging and learning experience for our children. We encourage parents to reach out to Sandi to welcome her and to communicate with her about your children and your hopes for Sunday School. Her cell is (732) 768-9913 and her email address is [van-cleve.sandi@gmail.com](mailto:van-cleve.sandi@gmail.com).

The Session will be carefully discerning our situation and is committed to changing our pro-

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protocols for in-person activity as things change. COVID has certainly interrupted our usual rhythms and patterns of life. In many ways it has necessitated the creation of new ways of being and living.

I have always enjoyed the change in our lives and in our consciousness that comes with the change of seasons. Sometimes the change is difficult and sometimes it comes as something that we welcome; but the change is often what brings new life. In fact, an essential aspect of life is that it entails change. Without change, there is no life. Amid its many challenges, COVID is an agent of change in and among us. It is inviting us to learn more about ourselves and our world. It is also inviting us to live with greater awareness and compassion—for ourselves and others. For me, it is a clear invitation to seek the spiritual more earnestly and faithfully.

As we embark on a new season of church life, with all of its uncertainty, let us be assured that God is with us and in all that is happening, working for our good. The overwhelming message that is coming to me recently is trust. I hear God saying to me over and over to become more aware of how I allow fear to function in my heart and to practice sinking into and learning how to nurture a spirit of trust. God seems to be giving me countless opportunities to grow in trusting. As I move into greater trust, I begin to see God's presence more steadily throughout each day. This is a great gift. May our eyes be opened to see God's gifts, coming to us at all times. Blessings all!

## **Stepping into Fall (Sept. 9)**

This Sunday, September 12, we will resume worship at 9:45 AM. There will be a link on our website that will get you to a livestreaming of our service. Andreea will be leading worship from the sanctuary, and I will be robed and in the pulpit for the first time in a year and one-half. Masks will be required. We ask for patience as we try to move into another way of worshipping. The Scripture will be Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a and Mark 8: 27 – 38. The sermon is called, "Dying to Live" and the "hymn" after the sermon will be "Fix You."

Our new Church School Director, Sandi Van Cleve, will be offering a lesson for children based on the Scripture readings for worship. Nursery care will also be provided. If weather allows, we plan on having coffee and snacks outside.

We hope that the transition to our new way of worshipping and the protocols around it will go smoothly. Our Session will continue to monitor our circumstances and welcomes feedback from you. All along the way, we have had to exercise faith and to conduct our life amid much uncertainty.

For those of you who decide to come back into our sanctuary, we hope that the experience will be nurturing, even though it will not be exactly like what we had before. For those of

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you who will remain remote, we hope that the livestream experience will still be rewarding. Of course, this Saturday will mark the twentieth anniversary of the terrorist attack on our country which we refer to simply as 9/11. I will not focus on the anniversary in my sermon, but I will speak briefly about it and how our spiritual calling relates to its ongoing relevance to our national life. We are far enough away from those events to begin to engage in more serious reflection about it. How do we redeem any tragedy? How do we heal and integrate? How do we respond hopefully and constructively? We will feel called to reflect and respond in different ways.

What I remember most about that time is how, for a brief while, we came together into a more profound experience of community. I wonder if we might be able to renew our sense of connection once again. So many challenges are before us. Our days are not easy. And we are tired. Challenging times are frequently when people feel most drawn to the resources of faith. May this fall season be a time for us to deepen our connection with God, so that we may be equipped for the work that God needs from people like ourselves. Blessings all!

## **Is Demand a Bad Word? (Sept. 15)**

This Sunday, September 19, marks the second Sunday of our fall/winter/spring schedule of 9:45 worship. The Scripture readings will be James 3: 13 – 4: 3 and Mark 9: 30 – 37. The sermon title is “It Takes a While to Sink in.” The “hymn” after the sermon will be “Nowhere Man” by the Beatles.

Last Sunday, we switched from Zoom to Livestream for those choosing to worship virtually. Andreea was back in the sanctuary and Suzanne Parmly sang. We will continue to monitor our situation and welcome any feedback. We hope that all who wanted, could find the link for the livestream, which uses two platforms—Youtube and Facebook. You get to choose. Zoom is still available on our website, but only for meetings.

It's been a demanding time for the church, of late, with COVID and our heated ideological divide. People are tired of the restrictions which the pandemic has brought upon us, and anger is being expressed on both sides of our political spectrum—anger at having to wear masks and anger at those who don't and who refuse to get vaccinated. Both sides are convinced of their rightness and are convinced that the other side is either stupid or evil or both. My guess is that many look at our situation with more nuance and grace, but many choose simply to stay out of the fray by disengaging altogether. It is hard to be engaged, to feel what you feel, but to let go of your attachment and to allow an unknowing and grace to enter and to be shared. I think that this harder path is the one that Jesus is asking us to take.

Most people that I listen to, on all points on the ideological spectrum—there are more than two points—express a certain dismay that we are here in such a divided, dysfunctional and

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irrational time. Growing up in a time when systems seemed to work better and when we experienced more unity of identity and purpose, it is difficult to find ourselves in such a different milieu. It takes more effort to be content and to feel at home in this moment. Structures in which we used to experience support, now are places in which we experience discomfort. The church is included in this reality. Why can't we go back to what used to be?

There is no going back. As we move forward into what lies ahead, it is becoming clearer that more is being asked of us, even demanded from us. Is the future going to be better than our unsettling present? It depends upon the decisions we make and actions we take right now. Are we going to heal our divisions, mend our dysfunctions, create a more rational and loving future? Only if enough of us take steps to move into our collective discomfort and seek to create a different environment through listening, communicating and caring. Good doesn't just happen. We have to take responsibility for it to happen. We have to get involved. We have to take on our collective pain and seek to heal it. Evolution is demanding. So is following Jesus. This isn't bad news, but it isn't easy either.

I used to think that making demands was unkind and unloving. I am seeing now how much the Jesus path makes demands on us, and that these demands aren't unloving and unkind, but gifts which move us into a more intimate encounter with Christ. Paul wrote about sharing in Christ's sufferings in order to share in his resurrection. I think that he was onto something important. Can we begin to see the demands of this moment in time as also an offer of grace for our growth into Christ? Blessings all!

## **Session Thoughts (Sept. 24)**

Our Session met Tuesday night to continue discerning church life in these between times. The transition from Zoom to Livestreaming hasn't gone as smoothly as we would like. We have had significantly fewer viewers of Livestreaming than we have had with Zoom. In-person attendance remains small. Session feels that there is a dimension of church life that simply cannot be duplicated online and holds an intention of encouraging members and friends to come back.

The decision is to keep on our current track for the immediate future. We will keep working to improve the sound for those watching at home. Try adjusting the volume on your computer in order to hear better. Also, your feedback is sought. If you enjoyed Zoom and are not enjoying Livestreaming, tell us why. We intend to be as responsive as we are able and are open to changing course. Please take a moment. We want to hear from you.

On October 3, we will serve Communion in-person for the first time since the pandemic began. Worshippers will be invited to come forward and to take a single Communion wafer from a tray and to take a small container of juice. We look forward to hearing from you. Blessings!

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~Please check our website at [www.rumsonpresbyterian.org](http://www.rumsonpresbyterian.org) for calendar updates~

**OCTOBER 2021**

Oct 2	Sat	In-Person Writers' Gathering*	2:00PM
Oct 3	Sun	<b>World Communion Sunday</b>	
Oct 5	Tue	Meditation for Earth*	12:15PM
Oct 6	Wed	Wisdom Group	7:00PM
Oct 11	Mon	<b>Columbus Day (Observed)</b>	
Oct 12	Tue	Meditation for Earth*	12:15PM
Oct 13	Wed	Wisdom Group	7:00PM
Oct 19	Tue	Meditation for Earth*	12:15PM
Oct 19	Tue	Session	7:00PM
Oct 20	Wed	Wisdom Group	7:00PM
Oct 26	Tue	Meditation for Earth*	12:15PM
Oct 27	Wed	Wisdom Group	7:00PM
Oct 31	Sun	<b>Reformation Sunday</b>	

**NOVEMBER 2021**

Nov 1	Mon	<b>All Saints' Day</b>	
Nov 2	Tue	Meditation for Earth*	12:15PM
Nov 3	Wed	Wisdom Group	7:00PM
Nov 7	Sun	<b>Daylight-Saving Time Ends</b>	
Nov 9	Tue	Meditation for Earth*	12:15PM
Nov 10	Wed	Wisdom Group	7:00PM
Nov 11	Thu	<b>Veterans Day</b>	
Nov 16	Tue	Meditation for Earth*	12:15PM
Nov 16	Tue	Session	7:00PM
Nov 17	Wed	Wisdom Group	7:00PM
Nov 23	Tue	Meditation for Earth*	12:15PM
Nov 24	Wed	Wisdom Group	7:00PM
Nov 25	Thu	<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	
Nov 28	Sun	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	
Nov 30	Tue	Meditation for Earth*	12:15PM

*\*Waterspirit sponsored event. All are welcome.*

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