

Thursday 10 December 2020 Reflection

You're Invited!!!!

Act 2: 46-47

They worshipped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity- all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

When I walk to my mailbox and see an envelope addressed to me from a friend, I cannot wait to rip open the envelope and see what is inside. Usually, it means that I am getting invited to something. I read it carefully and hope that I am free at the appointed day and time. I love getting invitations to events and parties, so much fun to be with family and friends. Although, for obvious reasons there have not been too many invites this year.

There have been many lessons to learn this year during the pandemic. The first is that we do not have to be physically next to each other to be connected. We have learned how to zoom and skype and many other ways to keep in touch without being together. I suspect that most of us spend more time on social media platforms such as Facebook and twitter and Instagram. We are using Facebook to live stream our worship.

All this to say that the pandemic is not a reason to avoid coming together, to extend invitations and develop relationships. We are just doing it a bit different this year. But it also opens possibilities. We can worship on Facebook with people throughout our country and the world! Think about who you know that lives out of state or country and invite them to worship with you via Facebook. We can build relationships and community even when we cannot be together. Dream with me for a moment. Who can you reach out to and invite them to share something you are passionate about? Invite someone to worship with us. Invite someone to join a zoom meeting. No longer are you shut out of meetings because you cannot get to one of our church buildings. If you have a computer or a phone you can join with zoom.

In the last several months I have built relationships with people from our three communities of faith through zoom and Facebook. Invitations do not have to cease because of the pandemic. Be creative, use technology to connect with people. Make phone calls, invite people into relationship. It really is easy to do and fun too. Try new things, what have you got to lose? A couple minutes of your time? The early church grew and built relationships by eating together, combining all their resources together and worshipping at one another's houses. We can still do that; it just looks a little different this year.

My prayer for each of us is that we would invite people to join us for Christmas Eve worship. My prayer is that we would work to build relationships within our three communities of faith. My prayer is that we would invite someone to join us on a committee and join to do God's Work in our community. We are blessed, let us invite someone to share our blessings!

In Peace,

Pastor Suzanne