

From Our Pastor – September 2016

OUR SERVICE OF REFLECTION

So we tried something new on August 23, an evening Service of Reflection followed by a fellowship dinner, and then we wondered together whether this whole thing may have been God's idea in the first place.

I am excited to report that we had forty-two beautiful souls who came to find that out, and to participate as we reflected upon the life themes of our worship with poetry and jazz. Then together we shared a lovely meal and some first-thoughts on the event. The consensus was that we should do this kind of meditation and fellowship event more often, and I have scheduled them now to be on the last Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm in the Chapel, with a friendship meal to follow.

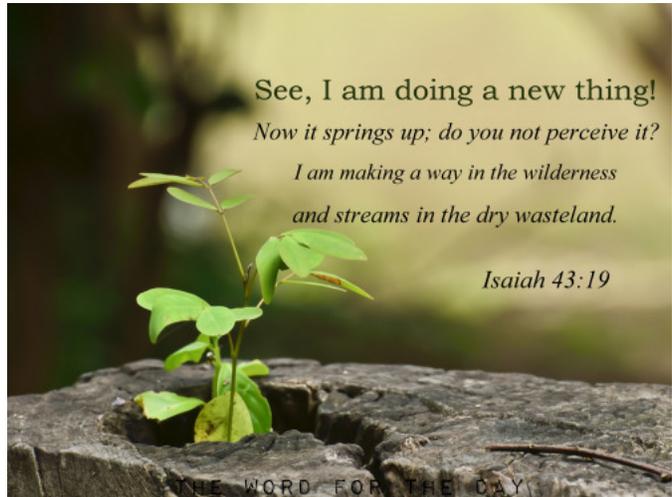
Among the unique features of the meditation portion is that there is no offering—and frankly as a pastor it felt good to me to focus on reflection and not be distracted by issues of funding. The meal last night was a gift to all who came, and it was lovely thanks to the generosity of those who volunteered, but to cover future costs we will need to rely on donations at mealtime.

It was suggested that in the future we make the Service of Reflection a bit interactive, with time for the sharing of thoughts. I welcome that suggestion and will plan to do so that all may share going forward the inspiration that comes to any.

My hope is that this Service of Reflection will become the kind of venue to which we invite friends and neighbors, former members, and future members, to experience both the integrity of our worship and the authenticity of our fellowship.

May this be one of the new things that God is doing to open before us the future that God intends for us all.

With gratitude and praise,



David