

July 15, 2018
Unsettled
“You Wanna Make Something Of It?”

First Reading ~ Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. But the earth became chaos and emptiness, and darkness came over the face of the deep – yet the Spirit of God was brooding over the surface of the waters.

Then God said, “Let there be Light”, and light was. God saw that light was good, and God separated light from darkness. God called the light “Day” and the darkness “Night”. Evening came, and morning followed – the first day.

**Second Reading ~ *adapted* from Anne Lamott in
“Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers”**

If we stay where we are, where we’re stuck, where we’re comfortable and safe, we die there. We become like mushrooms, living in the dark, with poop up to our chins. If you want to know only what you already know, you’re dying. You’re saying: Leave me alone; I don’t mind this little rathole. It’s warm and dry. Really, it’s fine.

When nothing new can get in, that’s death. When oxygen can’t find a way in, you die. When light can’t find a way in, you die. But new is scary, and new can be disappointing, and confusing, and unsettling—we had this all figured out and now we don’t.

New is life. If you are like me, you’d like to be able to understand and describe life better. Then you could manage and control it, and maybe realize a small profit or advantage. Keep it unchanging. Nicely Settled. But that would be death.