



**A Message from the Presbytery Moderator**

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Drip, drip, drip, drip, drip.

Like the persistence of a faulty faucet is the firing of a gun in this country.

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang.

For our sanity, we might try to tune it out.

Do not turn away. Do not choose numbness. Do not look for validating reasons.

As people of faith, like the post-resurrection disciples, we have been equipped and sent to bear witness, to bear the weight of what we have seen and to carry the news of what we have seen.

Our God weeps first when we kill each other and, as people created in God's image, we have reason enough to flood the earth with our sorrow over the deaths of people at the hands of other people – in just the last few weeks, children, people at work, people at a traffic stop, more people at work, Black people, Brown people, people whose lives were cut short by other people. And God weeps.

In the coming weeks, we will share details on a communal viewing of *Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence*, by Presbyterian filmmaker David Barnhart, as we begin to take ownership as a faith community in our responsibility to end gun violence.

If this is work you are doing personally or with your faith community, we value your leadership as we move into action. Please contact the presbytery office at [chalverson@pbymilwaukee.org](mailto:chalverson@pbymilwaukee.org) so we might connect with you.

Do not turn away for we are called to walk with our siblings who mourn; indeed, we are to “weep with those who weep.” May it be so until there are no longer reasons to weep.

In Christ,  
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