

Finding Our Voices

This weekend there will be a march on our nation's capital, with simultaneous marches in several U.S. cities. Saturday's march is the youth march against gun violence. While there have been marches before, I sense a different spirit with the youth leaders of this protest. These young people have found their voices and seem to be persistent and determined in their pursuit of their aims, which are focused on school and community safety.

I recognize that there are many paths to the desired aim of safety in our communities. However, I believe that we are united in a resolve to work toward safer schools for our nation's children, as well as in our desire to have safer communities. What I appreciate about these young people is their unwillingness to be silenced. They have found their voices and they are speaking out.

While I have marveled and appreciated the resolve of these youth, I remain perplexed by the inability of our churches to get our messages out. We have heard the good news that Jesus is risen, and yet this good news we have experienced we keep to ourselves. It is as if we have lost our voices.

When God enters and alters our lives surely, we must tell someone – everyone. Our hearing good news in moments of brokenness assures someone we know that darkness gives way to light. Our witness to the face of Christ we see at the food pantry, or soup kitchen, or after school program could help bring Him into view for a friend and neighbor.

We must find our voices and share our experiences of resurrection; otherwise, that message is lost to a world which is desperately hungering for good news. Our Easter celebrations cannot be confined to the worship sanctuary. Jesus lives! Let us be relentless in getting this message out to the world. Let us find our voices and be Easter people!