Rev's Reflections

This is what 72 lbs of food looks like

Sure, our goal was 100 lbs. But this is only our second month collecting food for the Jonnycake Center for Hope's community food pantry. A whole bunch of folks said to me after the service things alongside the line of "I wish I had remembered" to bring something in to share.

It's okay. This is a new practice, a new ritual, a new skill that we are building together as a community. The more times we do this on the first Sunday of the month, the more of you will make this a regular part of your practice.

I don't know about you, but I wish we didn't have to do this. By that I mean I have enough regular practices in my life, and don't feel like I need one more thing to remember each month. AND, more importantly, I wish that food were a right in this country, and not a commodity.

Wouldn't it be great if everyone had access to the foods that they need to feel nourished? And if those foods weren't doled out like rewards to those who are considered "worthy"?

Wouldn't it be great if healthier foods were as inexpensive and accessible as heavily processed foods that often lack nutrition? And if we had mechanisms for encouraging healthier eating in public spaces?

It seems to me like we are a long way from having real food justice in the United States, so in the meantime, we all get to engage in one more practice that is an opportunity for spiritual growth. We get to keep collecting food on the first Sunday of each month.

Next month, please remember. And if you don't remember next month, you will remember the following month. Every little bit we can do to help our neighbors is a good endeavor.

In Peace,
Rev Denis