

A Message from Rev. Chris

It was so nice to be able to gather together on Sunday over Zoom for worship as the snow began to fall. We grounded ourselves in truth and grieved the death of Alex Pretti, another peaceful protester killed in Minnesota. It is so good to be together in community at these times, after such a tragedy, and heartening to see so many voices across the political spectrum pushing back against the administration's rush to label Mr. Pretti a domestic terrorist, and calling for a full investigation – the necessity of which we reflected on together in worship.

Rev. Vicki and I have spoken already a few times as she steps back in for the month of February, leading worship these next four Sundays, and kindly providing me an opportunity for a vacation. I will be away from February 8th through the 22nd.

Thank you to everyone who stepped up in their volunteering these past three months. Your generosity and commitment made such a difference, and we will continue to need strong lay participation as Rev. Vicki begins the second half of her sabbatical, which runs from March through May.

Speaking of which, we are looking for additional volunteers who would be willing to help in our nursery program occasionally this winter and spring to lessen the number of Sundays our current volunteers provide. If you're interested, please reach out—we'd love to have you!

We're keeping an eye on the weather for this Sunday, but conditions permitting, I'll be leading our faith development class as we put together dinner bags for My Brother's Table.

See you Sunday,

Rev. Chris