Rector's Note
11.12.26

This week has been full of community, fellowship, and rich learning. Ministry leaders met on Monday over dinner to make final plans for our Consecration Sunday service and catered lunch this Sunday. We heard our guest leader, The Rev. Andrew Kellner, speak about sharing, and how our giving helps to knit us together as a body.

Many, many thanks to the Consecration Sunday Team: Dani Reed (chair), Al Good, David Dieck, Bill Bixby, Erin Horvat, Garry Duncan, to Jane Good for planning and arranging the meal, to Debra Roberts for planning and logistics, to prayer captains Harry and Sandy Gould, to those who made moving announcements, Sandy Abrams, Nikki Wood, and Mark Birdsall, to those who wrote reflections, and to everyone who will come to worship and eat together this Sunday.

Tuesday and Wednesday I spent part of the day at a conference at Villanova featuring Ilia Delio and other theologians. Charlie Day and Phoebe Griswold were there as well. The talks and discussion were outstanding, and also hope-filled. These scholars, following others who go back to the years of early Christianity, are talking about God in ways that integrate science, include all creation, and offer a path to wholeness amidst our divisions and challenges. For anyone wanting to know more, Delio's The Not-Yet God is a great place to start.

Giving, creating, sharing, learning. We need community for all these things. These are the actions that will, that are, bringing about God's kingdom, God's dream for our world and for humanity.

If you are reading this, you are invited to be a part of our worship this Sunday and our festive catered lunch afterwards. There will be just one service, at 10:30, so that we may all come together. The Rev. Andrew Kellner will be preaching, and pledges will be gathered at the end of worship.

It's gonna look like heaven! See you there.
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