

June 25, 2019

Dear Friends,

It has been a long road leading to today. Over a year of discerning has brought me to this threshold where I find it is time for me to say good-bye to Our Savior's. I will be finish up my time on staff at the end of July.

I am grateful for my time here and honored to have been part of the life of this congregation. The fall of 2015 was an exciting time to join the staff. Getting to know a congregation in the midst of a large building project is a bit tricky; a little mind-bending; and truly memorable. We were FLEXIBLE!

These years have been a season of healing for me, and, Our Savior's has been an important part of this journey. The journey continues—healing and grief call us to remain open, attentive, prayerful, flexible, and, willing to walk through the storm and mess, as well as, refreshing times of sunshine.

I am not moving on to another position at this time. I am taking some time to attend to some personal matters, and, a few long put off trips.

When sharing my decision with staff today I shared these words from a favorite author of mine, John O'Donohue:

*The mind of time is hard to read.
We can never predict what it will bring,
Nor even from all that is already gone
Can we say what form it finally takes;
For time gathers its moments secretly.
Often we only know it's time to change
When a force has built inside the heart
That leaves us uneasy as we are.*

Our Savior's will remain in my heart and in my prayers. The ministry and mission that rests in your hands will continue to be blessed, challenged, changed, and, called forth into newness by our God who promises to meet us where we are, but will not leave us there.

In deep gratitude and peace,

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