

Dear friends,

Several weeks ago, I wrote about our being in a liminal space. Liminal space is the space between what is and what will happen next. It is the space we occupy (physically, emotionally, spiritually) during a period of transition. With this came a recommendation that we check in with one another, to listen with our hearts, to seek understanding while we own the unknowing and accompanying scary, uncomfortable feelings. My prayer continues to be that this liminal space will be transformative and valuable-that this time will provide the building up of strength and partnership as we MOVE FORWARD - that we are evolving, growing and developing a mindset that “all things are possible”.

The words of Avery Wiegand and Maggie Meade during Youth Sunday deserve to be repeated. They spoke about being grounded in what I call “church being church” as manifested in relationships. They spoke about the change and uncertainty BCC is experiencing as well as the difficulty of feeling grounded at a time when everything feels uncertain. Being grounded is “feeling safety rooted”. They claimed that relationships keep us grounded. (High five SISTERS!). “We know that Broadway will always be our rock where we can return to ground ourselves.” Friends, this statement alone energizes me, to build and share the ROCK, to continue to MOVE FORWARD, to strive to deepen relationships. Church is about engagement, relationship with God and each other.

Moving forward, building, and sharing the BCC ROCK and deepening relationships, requires that we extend each other grace. Receiving God’s grace and forgiveness requires that we extend God’s grace and forgiveness to one another. Extending grace is to extend forgiveness, encouragement, a helping hand as well as the hopefulness of the Gospel.

My heart is filled with gratitude for all who participated in Youth Sunday. The gift of music, song, prayers, communion, welcomers, ushers, youth deacons filled me with hope. WOW! You inspire me. Thank you! Speaking of gratitude, thank you to the Stewardship Team. Thank you for meaningful worship experiences and the creativity of the Opportunity Tree. We are reminded that it is never too late to pledge our time, talent, and treasure. Truth is, God is the proprietor of all we have. Thank you to our staff and all who are stepping up to carry God’s Kingdom forward.

Continue to pray for a strong resolve to love one another, to trust one another, to share in the quest for wholeness. Place your uneasiness and hopes for Broadway on the altar. God has the gear in DRIVE (i.e., Moving Forward!). Thank you, God. Thank you, God. And we all say, AMEN.

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