

Pastor Randy's short devotion for Friday, February 10th

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'" (Psalm 122:1)

This week I was blessed to worship together with brothers and sisters in Christ several times. The first was a gathering at a funeral home for a funeral. We walked in sorrow together and shared the good news of our Lord's victory over death and the promise of the gift of eternal life. Then on Sunday morning I gathered with two congregations to worship, including the celebration of Holy Communion, singing songs of praise and sharing the peace. In the afternoon, I once again gathered with different brothers and sisters in Christ at a funeral home, where we prayed together, comforted one another, shared the good news of God's love that defeats the power of death. Then on Wednesday, I lead worship services with Holy Communion at a nursing home and an assisted living facility. Again we sang songs of praise, we broke bread together and celebrated our Lord's presence in the bread and wine. On Thursday morning, I was honored to lead the worship service with a gathering of pastors. Once again prayers were lifted up, the gospel was shared, we celebrated the Lord's presence through the bread and wine, we shared the peace of Christ. When we are by ourselves and we take a few moments to be with our Lord in prayer, it is a time of blessing, a time of intimacy with God's love breaking into your day. But when we gather with brothers and sisters in Christ, the Holy Spirit is in each person and the witness of the Spirit blows through the gathering bearing witness to God's love, grace and peace in ways, we cannot experience alone.