

On Sunday, we are invited to listen to a word from the prophet Isaiah that addresses the people who are exiled in Babylon and wondering if God is aware of their predicament.

And just as the people of Israel were told by “a Voice”

to clear a path for God,

to make a way where there appeared to be no way,

the text also speaks to us,

summoning us to make a way for God to come into our lives,

to abolish the obstacles and impediments,

to remove the old grievances and resentments,

to cut back the weeds of doubt, despair, and division

in order to open up our lives to the transformation that God desires for us.

Regardless of the loss or crisis we may have experienced (economic, environmental, ecclesiastical, national, relational),

God’s word at Advent enables us to tune our hearts and minds

to the many ways that God will enter our lives and the life of the world . . .

and, as believers, we are called to gather regularly with the faithful,

so that we may collectively walk upon the path on which God is leading us.

So, whether you are able to join us at 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m., it will be a joy to continue the journey with you on Sunday morning.