

¡Saludos en el nombre de Jesucristo!

My friends, today I want to remind you that because this weekend is Labor Day weekend, we will soon be resuming our regular fall schedule. This Sunday will be the last Sunday that we're on our summer schedule. Starting next Sunday, Sept.10, we will be going back to having an early service in the Upper Room at 8:30am and a later service in the sanctuary at 10:30am.

As we celebrate Labor Day this Monday, I think it is important for us to remember all those in the American labor movement to whom we owe a great debt of thanks for such things as the 40-hour work week, paid vacations, paid sick leave, and the long struggle for workers to labor with dignity in this country. But for this Labor Day, I think it is also important to remember those who cannot enjoy a relaxing day by the pool grilling hotdogs and hamburgers. These are the power company workers, soldiers in the National Guard, and first responders who are helping people in the devastating path of Hurricane Idalia. Sadly, there is no time off for these workers. Nor is there any time to enjoy the holiday for those whose homes have been destroyed and whose electricity has been cut off, nor for those (thankfully very few) people who have been seriously injured or lost loved ones.

If you would like to help those whose lives have been affected by this hurricane, I would urge you to go to pda.pcusa.org and donate to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Anything you can donate will help those who suffer at this time. But if there is nothing you can donate, remember that praying for those affected costs nothing, and our God promises to hear all our prayers.

This Sunday, our scripture readings will be Jeremiah 15: 15-21 and Matthew 16: 21-28. My sermon is titled "The Stumbling Block". Please join me at 9:30am either in the sanctuary or over Zoom.

Blessings,

Pastor Rich