



Clifty Cross†Walk



From the Interim Pastor,

September 2021

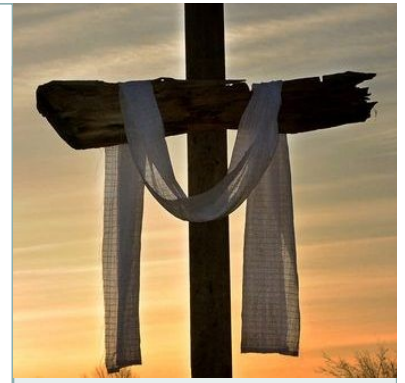
Several years ago wrote a 'Red Letter Bible Study' on 1 Kings 19:9-18. In the story Elijah has gone to an out of sight cave to hide. He is discouraged because he has done everything God asked of him and not only have the people failed to listen, but they want to kill him as well. God tells Elijah to go out and stand on the mountain, "for I am going to pass by." God knew that such an experience of "passing by" would change Elijah. It would give him back his courage and his voice.

Even as God spoke there was a huge, violent wind blowing, so strong that it was splitting the mountains and breaking boulders free from their moorings, but the Lord was not in that wind. And then there was an earthquake! And after the earthquake, a fire! God wasn't in either one of them either. God didn't choose to be known in big, powerful, boisterous winds, earthquakes, and fires.



But then something amazing happened. After all of these incredible events, there was a silence... the sheer sound of *silence*! A thunderous silence... a still soft voice... a divine whisper... a silence so remarkable and so incredible that it drew Elijah to the door of the cave... and there was more power in that silence than in all the wind and earthquake and fire on the whole planet combined, because **God was in the silence**. Elijah was *still* and he *knew* God. And once Elijah was still and knew God, then God sent Elijah back out to do the job that God wanted him to do.

We live in a shattering, all too evil world; a world that often discourages and frightens us. We are surrounded by violence and death and COVID and things that shake our security to the roots. Too often we feel helpless to change the things that pummel us. Don't you sometimes wish that you could hide in a cave from all of the turmoil and sadness and violence and hatred that exists in the world? And don't you sometimes wish that God would come and blow it all away, (Cont. on page 2)



August 29—Worship @ 10 am

September 5—Worship @ 10 am

September 7—Food Pantry @ 2 pm

September 12—Worship @ 10 am

September 12—Council @ 11:45 am

September 19—Worship @ 10 am

September 21—Food Pantry @ 2 pm

September 26—Worship @ 10 am

or swallow it up in the earth, or purify it with fire?

But the text reminds us that when God even just ‘passes by’, everything changes. *So why do we so often skip the places where God ‘passes by’?* You know, like worship and Bible study and prayer. Is it because we would prefer to have God act in what we think of as mighty ways? Is it because we want God to be the way we want God to be rather than to be silent... rather than to be still... rather than to let God be God?

I pray for you that you will take every opportunity to be still and know God.

Pastor Vicki

Thank you so much to the anonymous giver of my new “Snoopy Coffee Cup”. Whoever you are, you obviously listen to the sermons. Thanks again! PV

Moving forward, we will use the advisory level to determine which worship protocol to follow. When we are “red” we will ask everyone to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status or previous recovery from Covid. Once we move back to Orange (or lower) we will resume our previous protocol - which asks unvaccinated attendees to wear masks but provides those vaccinated with the option, based upon previous seating guidelines.

We understand that everyone may not agree with this decision and that is okay. The Council is trying to navigate uncharted territory while attempting to provide the safest possible environment for everyone while worshiping.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to be a Resurrection ‘prayer warrior’ please contact Gayle Podczerwinski (gheiby@hotmail.com) to be added to our list. If you have a prayer request, please contact Gayle at the same email or text/phone 812-599-3561.

Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library is being used by the community! Do you have a good book you would like to share? We can always use donations of adult books, young adult books, children’s chapter books, children’s learning-to-read books, children’s picture books and children’s board books. Donations can be placed by the bookshelves in room 4.

WELCA

WELCA Bible Study will not meet in September. Stay tuned for updates about WELCA’s next meeting.

Thoughts to share from the Council

Resurrection Family,

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and love during these challenging times. Navigating the Covid-19 pandemic has proven to be a unique and ever-changing challenge. Pastor Vicki and the Council communicate frequently in order to provide a safe and meaningful worship environment. We appreciate your patience, knowing a perfect solution is unavailable. Hopefully, this latest surge will wane soon. Continue to love each other.

While we deal with our personal emotions and concerns about the pandemic, we also reflect and pray for families and believers in crisis around the world - from Haiti to Afghanistan and beyond. In these times, we face our human frailties and realize how much we need God in our midst.

Please continue to pray also for our Call Committee and the call process. I have no new updates to share at this time.

In the days and weeks ahead, may you be comforted by God's peace, knowing that he loves and cares for you and our congregation.

Blessings in Christ,

Dave Ommen

Council President

Food Pantry

We are asking for help!

As you probably know, John & Gayle Podczerwinski anchor the food pantry with help from other dedicated volunteers. Before January, we need people to step forward to oversee parts of the twice-monthly pantry. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. John can detail for you what we're looking for help with.

If you would like to see the Resurrection food pantry in operation, stop by on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. We start packing boxes at approximately 12:45 and then hand them out starting at approximately 2:00. Other times you can visit or help are the 2nd & 4th Thursday mornings when the Gleaners' (Feeding America) order is delivered and the Sundays after church, before a food pantry, when we set-up the items that will be packed-up on Tuesday.

Another way to help is to save your plastic grocery bags and drop them off in or near the food pantry at church. We use these to repackage fresh produce or other grocery items.

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