

Sunday Service: September 20, 2020

"Change Your Heart or We Are Doomed! "



"We deny our pain, sins, and suffering and project them elsewhere [scapegoating] . . . Until we are enlightened by grace, we don't even see it; it remains safely hidden in the unconscious where it plays itself out. Once we spot and stop the pattern, the game is over. The cross of Jesus was a mirror held up to history, so we could spot the scapegoating pattern and then stop participating in it."
— Richard Rohr

"Where is God in all this?" is a very big question! This type of question goes to the very heart of our faith and as our faith grows and changes, it really is the universal and never-ending question.

On Sunday, Steve will consider some of the reflections by the Brazilian theologian Leonardo Boff in his article, "And where is God in all this...?" He says, "On this heartrending situation, I think we can nourish three attitudes: revolt, resignation, or hope against all the absurd."

1. GATHERING

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

- **All:** Good and upright is the LORD; all paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness.
- **Leader:** We live in troubled times, waiting for God's burst of light into our dark world. Take heart! God will make things right.
- **People:** As we wait, we pray that the Lord will sustain us and help us to walk in a right path. May God cast out the fear of darkness and light up our lives with hope
- **Leader:** We greet Jesus' coming to make things right.
- **All:** We greet Jesus' coming to make things right.

Opening prayer

Music

2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scriptures

Luke 13:1 Some who were there at the time told him about the Galileans, about how Pilate had mixed their blood with their sacrifices. 2 He answered them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were the worst sinners in Galilee, because they suffered in this way? 3 Hardly. However, let me tell you, if you do not have a change of heart, you will all meet your doom in the same way. 4 Or how about those eighteen in Siloam, who were killed when the tower of fell on them—do you suppose that they were any guiltier than anyone else living in Jerusalem? 5 Hardly. However, let me tell you, if you do not have a change of heart, all of you will meet your doom just as they did."

Message: *"Change Your Heart or You Are Doomed!" (Steve Ramer)*

3. RESPONDING TO GOD

Music

Joys and Concerns

Offering and Music

Closing



"If we do not transform our pain, we will always transmit it. Always someone else has to suffer because we don't know how to suffer." — Richard Rohr

"The genius of Jesus' ministry is that he embraces tragedy, suffering, pain, betrayal, and death itself to bring us to God. There are no dead ends. Everything can be transmuted, and everything can be used. Everything." — Richard Rohr