



Cornerstone

Summer 2020

Newsletter of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church

107 State Street, Albany, New York

From the Rector

Hope

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

There are some YouTube videos out there that appear to be going “viral.” They are quite clever in concept. A person is talking to his or her future self. The future self is delivering the bad news about how the person’s life will soon be upended beyond his or her present imagining by the pandemic. The videos progress through time, so we see the naivety about all that is coming come slowly unglued. As the truth is revealed, the person has a series of meltdowns. Sometimes the tables are turned on the future self. It is a wheel in a wheel.

By the time I tend to see such videos, they are old news. No doubt most of you have been following along. But they show two sides of a coin. The one is our tendency to be optimistic by the presumption that our life will go on in ways we expect. The other is the view from the other side. The world-weary view of one beat up by life, much like that of the videos’ future self. We generally locate ourselves in these two camps in an alternating pattern. But is either vision driven by a Christian vision of life?

Let me confess first, it is my nature to fall into both these camps rather easily. Yet I believe that the tendency is best resisted in the Christian life.

Out on the sidewalk the other day, I heard a couple of friends talking. One was relating the unexpected trials that recently befell her. The friend responded by saying, “If God has brought you to it, God will bring you through it.” One could argue if the right response of a friend in such a case would be empathy over spiritual instruction, but the fundamental point would seem theologically sound. The answer is faith. The answer is God getting you through it.

This view finds the glass neither half full nor half empty. The glass is God’s and as such the intended material of one’s spiritual life. Of course, our own foolishness gets us in pickles time and again. We must own those. But the issue here is those things that we do not bring on ourselves. The pandemic, the crashing economy, the sudden illness. These things bring us to our knees, to prayer, to faith that has substance. I would say that faith that is “lively” is of lesser value than faith that has grit. I think that I’ve got Jesus on my side there.

We do not presume much, but we hope much. It is a tricky bit of spiritual work. Some of us are better at it than others. Also, some of us have been spared much of a test. We ought to become good listeners. We do not want to become one of poor Job’s “comforters.”

For those who are “going through it,” looking out at the world as God’s world helps. It is a mystery not to be solved by us that there are these times when we must “go to it and through it” with God. The saints have one thing in common – grit. Spiritual grit is realism held in hope. It has God fully in charge and us trusting Him. In the words of a beloved hymn,

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

From the Associate Rector

The Dog Days of Summer...

In thinking and praying about a theme for my article in our Summer Newsletter, the phrase “dog days of summer” kept creeping into my thoughts. Curious, I Googled it :

Dog days - Wikipedia en.wikipedia.org › wiki › Dog_days

“The dog days or dog days of summer are the hot, sultry days of summer. They were historically the period following the heliacal rising of the star system Sirius, which Greek and Roman astrology connected with heat, drought, sudden thunderstorms, lethargy, fever, mad dogs, and bad luck.” The dates typically associated are July 22-August 22.

Hmmm...how to turn those thoughts into a spiritual reflection?

I will leave the astrology part aside for now as our focus at church is more about theology (the study of God) than astrology (the study of celestial objects). So looking at the rest of the definition, we have heat, drought, sudden thunderstorms, lethargy, fever, mad dogs and bad luck. Hmmm, not too encouraging, is it? But perhaps we've grown accustomed to gloomy news and predictions this year of The Pandemic...

And yet we aren't gloomy people, are we? No! We may have some “gloomy” moments as part of our faith, but we move through them to the other side: we are called to be joyful people! Remember, Good Friday always leads us onwards towards Easter. And even if not constantly joyful, we are called to be faithful.

When I first contemplated that phrase, “dog days of summer”, I naturally thought of my dogs. Many of you know that I have two dogs in my home and a third “granddog” who is a frequent visitor. And if dogs are anything, they are faithful. So “dog days of summer” takes on a unique meaning in my mind.

Dogs are amazing creatures. They are sensible creatures most of the time. They live in the current moment, the here and now. They sleep when they are tired. They take advantage of a good romp around the neighborhood whenever they get the chance. They limit their time in the heat and sun. They gladly accept what comes to them (kibble) even if hoping for more (that steak on the grill). Even though they can't talk, I doubt they would complain if they could. They love their pack (or family as we might call us) unconditionally. In fact, thinking about dogs makes me want to be just a bit more like them. Especially the faithful part.

Dogs don't worry too much, they don't look too far ahead, they also don't ask for much more than basic provisions and love. Dogs trust. Yes, I want to be more like my dogs, especially in this Era of Pandemic.

There's so much that is beyond our control. But if we can just place ourselves next to God (as our Master), and lovingly and confidently trust Him, I think we will find that “all shall be well”. With God at the helm we need not worry or look ahead too far or even expect anything more than basic provisions and love. In fact, our only job is to remain faithful.

Yes things are really different this summer than most. Yet different can be good too. I've heard from many of you that you're enjoying simple pleasures like more meals together at the table and more time with one's immediate family members. With all of the time at home, you're rediscovering creativity, playing more and even planting gardens. You've become creative at safe social distancing with friends. You've even discovered new things about our beautiful sanctuary through our YouTube video services. It's as if all of our lives have become more simplified.

So let's experience these “dog days of summer” with that new twist. Let's not be gloomy Christians, but rather joyful and faithful Christians, even amidst this uncertainty. Afterall, perspective really is everything. Wishing you and yours the very best “dog days of summer”...until we meet again.

With Love, Mtr. Sue

For Your Information

CROP HUNGER WALK



The Albany CROP Walk thanks the 230 people who walked in their own neighborhoods on May 3rd to join the fight against hunger, and especially those who donated this year. Total funds raised \$90,000, \$22,000 of which supports local food pantries in the Capital District.

Thank you again for supporting this year's CROP Walk!

Sunday Service Videos

Every Sunday a filmed Sunday Service from inside St. Peter's Church with Fr. Hartt and Mtr. Sue is available for your viewing. Each service also contains music from the St. Peter's Choir. Every Sunday, St. Peter's parishioners are emailed the YouTube video link for that day's service through a Constant Contact email from the church. Each video is also published on the church website on Sunday morning for that day as well as on the St. Peter's Church Facebook page. The leaflet and readings for each Sunday are also available on the church website as well. Click on the "Info Center" tab then click on "Weekly Leaflet" or "Weekly Readings" and then click on the appropriate date for each. Both the leaflet and readings can be printed out so that you may follow along with the service.

Wednesday Noon Service

Every Wednesday we will offer Holy Communion in the backyard of the Rectory at Noon. This service is limited to 9 worshipers. Masks must be worn and strict social distancing of at least 6 feet will be required at all times. We will take reservations via the Church Office. Please leave a message along with the best number to reach you. Ruth will return your call and schedule your Wednesday Service.

Field Goods CONTACTLESS HOME DELIVERIES.

When you place your order use the discount code **FOODPANTRY** at checkout, you will receive \$10 off your order and Field Goods will make a \$10 contribution to The Food Pantries For the Capital District. Just click on the link: [\\$10 for You, \\$10 for the Pantry page.](#)



St. Francis Mission Soup Kitchen

Saturday, July 18th and August 15th~

11:00am to 1:00pm

We will be at the soup kitchen every third Saturday to serve take out meals and goodie bags full of fruit, veggies and toilet paper.

In addition to that, it was decided to package all the food donations we had in the church that had been made before the COVID-19 by our very own St. Peter's congregation, and delivered it to the South End Children's Café here in Albany. They were so happy for such a large donation in the summertime when food is scarce.

Thank You!

To all of St. Peter's congregation for the love and support in feeding the hungry. Here are a few pictures of the donations that were dropped off to the Kids Café in June.



South End Children's Cafe



Welcome the newest members of St. Peter's!

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Hadley Grace Gordon

Born on June 16, 2020

at 5:55am

8 lbs. 2 oz.

21.5 inches

Proud parents are Christie and CJ Gordon

Big Brother Nathan Gordon

Grandparents are Jim and Janice Chenot

Aunt and Uncle are

Caitlin Cehowski and Jordan Chenot

and very excited cousins are

Cole and Ava Cehowski



Rita Jane O'Connell

Born on June 1, 2020 at 6:01am

7 lbs.

19 inches

Proud parents are

Mollie Flannery and Ryan O'Connell

Grandparents are

Maria Holden and Terry Flannery

Aunt and Uncle are

Sianie and Sars Flannery



Beaver Cross Summer Programming 2020

Continue to Build Community in Christ this summer by joining Beaver Cross and its partners with a variety of content suited for children of all ages. Head to our website: <https://www.beavercrossministries.org/summer-programming.html> for more information. We'll be offering live programs and events each day beginning July 6th!

This week's spotlight: Camp In A Box

Everyone loves mail and who doesn't love mail from Beaver Cross?! Sign up now to receive a camp-in-a-box directly to your door. Two boxes are available: 5-12 years old and 13 years plus.

Each box contains:

3 x teaching sessions

3 x activities to do around your home

3 x craft sessions with supplies

1 x piece of Beaver Cross swag

Dinner table conversation starters

Friendship bracelet string to send to a friend



Grow in Christ!

St. Peter's Church Activities at the Turn of the Century



Prior to the turn of the Century St. Peter's Church was under the rectorship of Reverend Walton Battershall, an excellent rector and builder. Under his direction the church built a Parish House and completed the Tower on the 3rd Edifice of the Church building. He was also in charge when the Third Edifice Chancel was rebuilt into the form we know today. So many changes were made to the Chancel that a letter was sent to the parishioners and a sermon was given, thanking the congregation for their generosity. This period of history was known as the "American Renaissance" or the "Gilded Age", a time of wealth and sophistication. It was during this period that Reverend Battershall initiated the Endowment Fund to assist the church's financial responsibility. This fund has assisted church finances ever since.

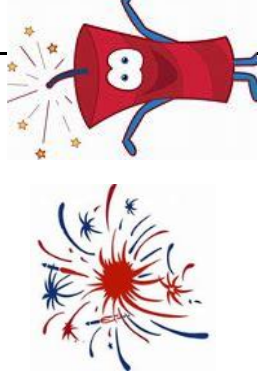

The rector following Reverend Battershall was Charles Harriman. When Harriman became Rector in 1912 the "Gilded Age" was over. The beautiful homes surrounding St. Peter's Church had moved farther out of town while local businesses opened up around the church. On top of that in 1917 the U.S. became embroiled in the First World War which lasted until November 11, 1918.


Harriman who had grown up in Boston, graduated from Harvard College in 1897. After graduation he spent the next five years partly in academia and partly in business. The business experience would stand him in good stead when he became the Rector of St. Peter's Church. In 1905 Harriman graduated from Cambridge Episcopal Theological School. After his graduation he held several positions in New York City including the rectorship of St. Ann's Church of Morrisiana in the Bronx, at that time the largest and most active church in the Bronx. On January 28, 1912 he was tendered the rectorship of St. Peter's Church in Albany, which he accepted. He took his new responsibilities seriously. He introduced new ideas. He championed a democratic spirit in the church where all were welcomed and all were expected to take a proportional responsibility. He introduced a system of contributions known as the *Duplex Envelope System*. He also continued the *Endowment Fund*, started by Reverend Battershall. He advocated a decrease in Pew Rentals. This was more democratic since Pew Rentals were so expensive, that they were available only to the very rich. He also introduced or continued specialized contributions including *Clergy Release*, *Rector's Fund*, *Missions*, *St. Peter's Messenger*, and the *Parish Poor*. He strengthened the physical fabric of the church. The first brass processional cross was used in December of 1912. He introduced a new very touching pre-Easter service known as Tenebrae which is still practiced at St. Peter's Church today. By 1914 there was an increase in the interest by parishioners in church work. The first St. Peter's Men's Club was formed in 1914. At that time the Guild House mortgage was paid in full. The Lord Howe Tablet was dedicated on Trinity Sunday May 30, 1915. At this time the Rector also requested a new Parish House, a new organ, and electric lights to replace the gas lights.

One of the significant celebrations during his rectorship was the *Bicentennial Celebration* held in November of 1916. Many clergy and church and civic officials were invited. The celebration lasted for a week. It started on Sunday November 19th, 1916 with an address by Rector Emeritus, Walton Battershall who gave his account of the historic parish stating that "The most significant and enduring memorials of a nation's life are the structures that register its faith and ideals." The second Bishop of Albany, Richard Nelson, spoke comparing the centennial to a picture frame in which the church's life could be seen. St. Peter's Choir sang the beautiful *Stabat Mater* by Rossini, led by the talented organist and choister Frank Sill Rogers.

The last years of Harriman's tenure were busy ones. In 1918 he held a prayer vigil for the servicemen killed in the war, and at Thanksgiving held a Victory Service. He encouraged contributions to organizations supporting the war effort such as: *the Red Cross*, *the Belgian Fund and Relief*, *the American Hospital in Paris* and others. He held an *Every Member Canvas* to assure the church's financial stability, and in 1919 held a *Parish Census*. In 1921 he joined the National Church's *Nationwide Campaign*, and in 1923 he combined the many women's service groups into a single *Church Service League* for better coordination. That same year he was responsible for the installation of the new Battershall Organ, and in 1925 for the new Bronze Church Doors funded by Alice Glassford in memory of her father, vestryman Henry Glassford. In 1928 station WGY began broadcasting special church services at no cost, which were much appreciated especially by shut ins.

Harriman was responsible for the completion of the new Parish House on Maiden Lane. He was active in the Albany Diocese where he received the appointment of Archdeacon. For his important leadership, on Sunday May 1, 1932 he was feted to a Twelfth Anniversary at St. Peter's Church. He retired in 1939. He died in Deerfield Massachusetts on July 28, 1946 at the age of 70. His wife followed him on November 19, 1952. Then in May 1953, three pew endowments were received: one given by Reverend Harriman in memory of his wife Mary, one given by Mary in memory of her husband and one given by Mary in memory of their daughter Julia.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 12:00pm - Holy Communion @ the Rectory</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Office Closed</p>	<p>4 Independence Day  Happy 4th of July</p>
<p>5 The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am - Holy Communion See Website for Video on You Tube</p>		<p>7</p>	<p>8 12:00pm - Holy Communion @ the Rectory</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am - Holy Communion See Website for Video on You Tube</p>		<p>14</p>	<p>15 12:00pm - Holy Communion @ the Rectory</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 11:00am - Angels in Training</p>
<p>19 The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am - Holy Communion See Website for Video on You Tube</p>		<p>21</p>	<p>22 St. Mary Magdalene 12:00pm - Holy Communion @ the Rectory</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 St. James, Apostle</p>
<p>26 The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am - Holy Communion See Website for Video on You Tube</p>		<p>28</p>	<p>29 Mary and Martha of Bethany 12:00pm - Holy Communion @ the Rectory</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

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2 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am - Holy Communion See Website for Video on You Tube	3	4	5 12:00pm - Holy Communion @ the Rectory	6 The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ	7	8
9 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am - Holy Communion See Website for Video on You Tube	10	11	12 12:00pm - Holy Communion @ the Rectory	13	14	15 St. Mary the Virgin Mother 11:00am - Angels in Training
16 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am - Holy Communion See Website for Video on You Tube	17	18	19 12:00pm - Holy Communion @ the Rectory	20	21	22
23 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am - Holy Communion See Website for Video on You Tube	24 St. Bartholomew	25	26 12:00pm - Holy Communion @ the Rectory	27	28	29 The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist
30 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am - Holy Communion See Website for Video on You Tube	31	August 2020				

Call to Convention 2020

In accordance with Article I of the Constitution of the Diocese of Albany, the Bishop of Albany (with the consent of the Standing Committee) has re-issued the Call to the 152nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Albany. The new dates are October 2-3, 2020, at Camp of the Woods in Speculator, New York, with the Right Reverend William H. Love, presiding. This will be BUSINESS MEETING ONLY. Attendance is limited to clergy and deputies. Alternates may attend only if they are taking the place of a deputy.



Stay calm and carry on



Episcopal Diocese of Albany

Disciples Making Disciples

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week, countless people throughout the Country watched and mourned with the family and friends of George Floyd as his body was laid to rest two weeks after his brutal and senseless murder by an unjust policeman in Minneapolis. What happened to George Floyd NEVER should have happened, but tragically it did. It serves as a stark reminder to all of us of the fallen and broken world in which we live – a world in great need of healing and redemption.

From the very earliest of days, beginning with Cain and Abel, human beings have lashed out in anger, fear, jealousy, greed, and hatred toward one another, resulting in untold devastation and suffering (physically, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, financially, and many other ways). It seems as though humans never run out of excuses to try to justify their hatred or ill will and demeaning attitudes towards one another, whether it be race or ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation, social status, or some other excuse. Hatred only leads to more hatred, more violence, more injustice, more suffering, and more loss.

Our African American brothers and sisters have experienced the devastating consequences of these sinful attitudes and behaviors for centuries. They have been targets of oppression and discrimination in ways big and small simply because of the color of their skin, and these injustices continue today. We have come a long way from where we once were but, as we have been reminded in recent weeks, we still have a long way to go. The unrest we've seen in communities here and across the country is reflective of the anger, frustration, and deep hurt and pain that so many are still experiencing.

If our society is to be freed of the infliction of racism, it will be one person at a time, one relationship at a time, and one act of intentional, unconditional, self-sacrificial love at a time. Racism is a condition of the heart and mind and soul. There is only one antidote – LOVE. I am not talking about a superficial love that is based on our emotions or feelings (that is here one day and gone the next), but rather the love that enables us to “turn the other cheek,” to “love our enemies,” and to pray for “those who persecute [us].” It is the love that enables us to look beyond ourselves to the needs of others, giving of ourselves to help meet those needs. That is the love that Jesus calls us to, the love that He perfectly demonstrated on the Cross when He offered Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world and died in order that we might live.

The love that will ultimately defeat racism and heal its victims of the hurts and fears they have experienced is a supernatural, life transforming love that comes from God. The Lord calls each of us to be a channel of His love and mercy and healing grace in the fight against racism and other ills of society. If we are to carry out that call, we must first be healed and transformed ourselves. We can't give that which we don't have.

It is vital that we ask God to help us identify and repent of our own areas of fallenness – the prejudices we have toward others, and the injustices we have committed regardless of how large or small. If we have failed to show dignity and respect to a fellow human being; if we have belittled someone, or done something to suggest they are somehow “less than” others; or if we have placed ourselves above others, we need to confess it, repent of it, and ask God's forgiveness.

We must also ask the Lord to heal us of the wounds and fears in our lives that have led us to be prejudicial towards others. In healing us of those concerns, the Lord can transform our hearts and minds, enabling us to love those we have failed to love, regardless of skin color or any other barriers to relationship.

Governments can pass legislation outlawing particular acts and behaviors and reform unjust systems or practices, but that only goes so far. As stated earlier, racism is a condition of the heart and mind and soul. Governments can't legislate love. That is a choice that only you and I can make, by God's grace. We either choose to love or choose not to. Love requires action. It requires relationship.

We must be willing to step out of our comfort zones and engage in conversation in order to get to know one another and start building relationships and trust. Often that trust will not happen until we demonstrate that we can be counted upon, that we are in it for the long haul, and that we are willing to share in one another's burdens and speak out against injustices.

God has made it possible for us to love others, because He first loved us. He set the example. Fortunately, God didn't wait for us to love Him nor did He wait for us to get our act together before He loved us. In Paul's Letter to the Romans, we are told: *"But God demonstrates His love for us in this, While we were still sinners Christ died for us"* (Romans 5:8). The Lord calls us to reach out in love, whether we are loved in return or not. True love takes work; it takes patience; it takes courage; it takes sacrifice. True love is needed if racism is to be defeated. It is going to take God working in and through us as a channel of His love and mercy and healing grace. Are we up for the challenge? If not, the current racial unrest and injustice will only get worse. The Lord is calling us to go forth in His Name.

In thinking about ways in which we might go forth in the Name of Christ to make a positive difference in breaking down racial divides and ministering to the needy, I want to briefly mention two ministries the Lord is blessing in the Albany/Troy area. These, along with many other similar ministries in parishes throughout the Diocese, are worthy of our prayers and support through the gifts of our time, talent, and finances. Saying we love someone is one thing, showing that we love them is something else.

The "Fish and Loaves Ministry" at St. Francis Mission on Clinton Ave. in Albany is one such ministry. I am so appreciative to Fr. Jacob Evans, Dick Malchow, and all the faithful volunteers who are helping with this ministry. It has been going on for several decades now. I pray by God's grace and the hard work and generosity of many of you that it will continue as long as there are hungry people in need of a good meal, a friendly smile, and a safe Christ-filled place to come enjoy one another's company and experience God's love. Lives are being touched and transformed. In speaking of some of the friendships he has made in the black community through the "Fish and Loaves Ministry," Fr. Jacob said, "They don't see me as a white guy, and I don't see them as black people. They are simply wonderful folks going through a difficult time."

Kingdom Ministries headed by Lay Pastor Billy Carter (in North Central Troy) is another very worthy ministry the Diocese of Albany (through Oaks of Righteousness) has been blessed to be able to support and partner in. I am so thankful and appreciative of Billy and his faithful team who give of themselves sacrificially day in and day out ministering to some of the neediest folks in one of the most difficult and dangerous neighborhoods in the area. God is using Kingdom Ministries to be a channel of His love and mercy and healing grace.

I offer these two ministries (recognizing there are many others) as examples of what God can and will do when we unite to minister to those in need. If we are to help bring healing into the racial divide and its associated ills in our communities, we must all work together, recognizing that EVERY human being is created in the image and likeness of God, and is loved by God. May God give each of us the grace to see His image and likeness in one another, and in so doing, love one another as He has loved us.

In closing, I pray the Lord will put on each of our hearts the prayer attributed to St. Francis:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Faithfully Your Brother in Christ,

+Bill

Bishop of Albany



Episcopal Diocese of Albany

Disciples Making Disciples

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Earlier today, the Title IV Hearing Panel (chaired by The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely) met to deal with “The Matter of The Episcopal Church –vs- The Rt. Rev. William H. Love. Following today’s public presentation, during which both sides had 45 minutes each to make their case, the five members of the Hearing Panel adjourned to confer with one another in an effort to reach a verdict regarding the case. They will then need to write a written argument supporting their decision. It is my understanding that the public will not be notified of the decision until the written argument is complete, which according to Bishop Knisely may take several weeks. Once that is done, each side will have an opportunity to appeal the ruling if they choose. At the moment, it is unknown exactly when the final outcome of this case will be resolved.

It has been a very long and arduous process thus far, not only for me and my family, but for the entire Diocese of Albany and all those in the wider Body of Christ who have been following this case. Unfortunately, as just shared, it is not over. As Bishop, one of the most difficult and frustrating aspects of the situation we find ourselves in, is knowing that regardless of what action I took in response to General Convention Resolution B012, it would be seen as divisive, resulting in hurting, angry people being left in the wake.

As the Bishop of Albany, I love and care deeply for all the people of this Diocese, even those who may have a different understanding than I do regarding same-sex marriage. I know there are people of good will on both sides of this issue, and that ultimately, we want the same thing – to know how best to show God’s love and minister to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ who have same-sex attractions. The problem is, we have a different understanding of how to go about it. May God give us the grace to figure it out as we work together, keeping Christ at the center of all that we do. My hope and prayer is that whatever the outcome of this Hearing / Trial, God will use it for His purposes and that He will be honored and glorified, and His Church and people be blessed.

In closing, I want to say a special THANK YOU to everyone who has been holding me, my family, the Diocese of Albany, The Episcopal Church, and the wider Body of Christ up in prayer. During these past 18 months, I have been deeply touched and humbled by the hundreds of emails, cards, letters, text messages, and phone calls I have received from literally all over the world. The love and concern shared by so many of you, means more that I can ever adequately express. May God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless and keep you this day and for evermore.

Faithfully Your Brother in Christ,

+Bill

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