

Dear Friends,

Given the current challenges in our world, I decided to take some time recently and just reflect on God's goodness in my life and toward my family. One of the greatest ways God has blessed us over the past four years is by allowing us to be a part of the Central Trinity family. What an honor it has been to serve you for over four years now! I am so excited to see what year five will hold!

Oh, I know these past five months have been strange, stressful, and certainly not the most fun most of us have had in our lives. Yet, as followers of Christ, we also know that it is in the difficult times, the challenging places, in which God is able to work in wonderful ways to stretch and grow us. I believe that this stretching and growth is to prepare us for even greater works of God in our midst. We see this illustrated many times in the Bible as well. And given the recent period of great challenge in our nation, perhaps that means God has something really wonderful prepared for us if we will just remain faithful through this trying season of life!

I especially am inclined to believe this is the case for Central Trinity, given our willingness to take great steps of faith to reach out in love to our community and world. Your faithfulness over the past five months has proven that ... not only is Central Trinity a friendly and inviting church, but it is also a church that understands why we are here and the task God has set before us. My passion, and the reason I went into pastoral ministry, is to see hearts touched, lives changed, and many souls won to Jesus Christ and I am committed to work with you to carry out the vision, in even greater ways, that Central Trinity be a place where everyone is welcome to Come, Grow, and Serve.

As we build on at least 155 years (Wow!) of serving God here at Central Trinity, and the fifth year in ministry together, may God bless you greatly and may he continue to bless Central Trinity. We have not seen anything like our present times in most of our lifetimes. For me, that means God is also preparing our church for the miraculous work of God unlike many of us have seen in a long, long time. Our present challenges are great, but God is greater! May we join together in building God's Kingdom, knowing that no power on heaven or earth can stop what God is doing.

Moving forward together,

Pastor Steve