

## **Pastor's Ponderings**

What's most important? That's a great question! Is it more important to wear a mask? Or to stay home? Or to keep six feet apart from everyone?

Is it more important to find something to laugh about? Or to enjoy a walk in the beauty of this August weather? Or to listen to favorite music?

Is it more important to work more hours? Clean the bathrooms? Mow the grass?

All the time, every day, we have to make decisions about what's most important. When so many changes happen so quickly, some of the wisest words I have heard are: The most important thing is to stay connected. Jesus talks about being connected in terms of being in unity with each other, being one with each other. John 17:22, in praying to God, Jesus said: 'The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one as we are one.'

Jesus is drawing deeply from the wisdom of Psalm 133:1, 'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.' Connected.

There is so much that can drive us apart if we let it. Politics. Health. Fear. Anger. Grief. Remorse. Resentments. But we don't have to let it. Jesus offers us healing and relief from the darkness that would divide us. And here at Trinity, we offer a variety of ways for you to stay connected. To stay up to date on what's going on. To grow in your hope and love of God and each other. To be as one.

I have a friend who says: 'Don't sweat the small stuff. And it's ALL small stuff compared to the great love of God through Jesus Christ.' I pray that you can find consolation and connection through the many ways that Trinity is sharing God's love right now. Be at peace. In the name of Jesus.