

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

“Thus Saith the Lord”

In yesteryear that is the way it was said. “Thus saith the Lord.” We do not speak that way any longer, but the truth is the same:

God speaks!

That is our conviction.

Who is listening? That is the question with which I am most concerned. For our life as a Christian community and our lives lived day by day “in the world,” are we listening to God speak? The answer, I suspect, is “maybe yes” and “maybe no,” or “sometimes.”

I believe we need to listen more and listen better. We need to listen more because God’s speech is powerful and capable of transforming us and shaping our existence. We need to listen better so that

His living, creative, powerful “address” can form and shape us.

In this day and age, no different than in prior ages, there is no end to speech. But as the writer expressed it so poignantly (see elsewhere in this newsletter the full text) “The world dies on the voice of man; his proclamations, his wishful thinking.” We need to be able to sort out what is from God and what is not.

I invite you to join me and others on Wednesday evenings of the “21 Days of Renewal” to explore God’s “living word” and to develop a heightened ability to listen and to hear God speak to you in your life and in the life of this faith community. I invite you Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 to engage the

Word in worship. I encourage you to be equipped to be a conduit of God’s speech in your homes and family and places of work.

Let’s travel this road together.

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