

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

SEEING IN REVERSE

It is common to refer to Sunday worship as Sunday liturgy. “Liturgy,” coming from two Greek words, translates “work of the people.” Therefore, when we go to liturgy (worship), **we go to work.**

What if we reverse that and consider that when there is liturgy (worship), **God goes to work.**

To see it that way, we need to see the action in reverse. We ask ourselves the question: where is God in this liturgy? What is God doing? What is God accomplishing?

Seeing in reverse, we see God reaching out to us to reconcile us to Himself. Through the act of confession and absolution, God extends His forgiveness and releases us from our burdens. Through worship and praise, God draws our sight from ourselves and directs it to where there is true life. Through the reading and preaching of the Word, God communicates His dreams, His desires, His will, His promise, His hope for all the world. Through the sacraments He embodies himself in, with and under the bread and wine so that we actually are filled with His presence.

In a word, **God is at work reconciling the world unto Himself.**

The next time you are present in worship, see for a moment in reverse. See not only yourself at work, see God at work.

Love,

Pastor Dean