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A TIME TO SEEK

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

... a time to seek, and a time to lose.”

- Ecclesiastes 3:1, 6

This is a time to seek. The teacher of wisdom reminds us that there is a time and season for everything. Some are beyond our control, and some are ours to choose, as this pairing reminds us: “a time to seek, and a time to lose.” We usually don’t have a choice about our losses, but we may choose the things that we seek. This is a season to seek out the gifts of a deep and abiding faith in God, who binds us up in the midst of loss and makes our lives new.

We are a church of seekers. We seek community. We seek to love others in acts of care and support. We seek to be grounded and live a meaningful life. We seek the presence of God.

This Sunday is Rally Day at our church, the beginning of a new season of ministries including church school, youth groups, choirs, and small groups for women, men, book discussions. These are all ways of seeking with faith and hope. The theme for children and youth ministries this year evokes a life of faithful seeking and growing in all stages of life: Explore! Create! Wonder! Serve!

This Sunday is a time to welcome you home. In worship, we will call forward children for a word for all ages and a blessing of backpacks for the new school year. Our choirs will raise voices and bells with gifts that open our hearts. My sermon will reflect on the words of Paul who lost everything and still found everything that was most important. And, as always, we will enjoy the annual ice cream social on the front lawn after worship!

I’ll see you in church.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster
Senior Minister