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The other night, I got some news just before bedtime which was unsettling and unexpected. I slept fitfully, finding myself wide awake in the middle of the night for several hours. The next day, I came across this prayer in an email I had gotten and not yet opened.....

God. It is night.
The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.
It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done;
let it be.
The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you.
The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us, and all who have no peace.
The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys, new possibilities.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

From A New Zealand Prayer Book - He Karakia Mihinar o Aotearoa. Originally published: U.K. : W.Collins Publishers, 1989.

PS - The matter that kept me awake half the night was resolved to everyone's satisfaction by mid-week....

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Last Sunday, our day was long and full and fulfilling. Our TPC student, Joseph Tobin, preached on the lessons found in John 3, a rich and complex Scripture which speaks to our need for a Savior. The Contemporary Choir blessed us with wonderful music and the Contemporary and Sanctuary Choirs joined together for an anthem that many in the service found deeply moving. And the church family grew as ten persons joined our congregation, a

moment that we celebrated by reading together for the first time, our revised Church Covenant.

In the afternoon, many gathered again for a wonderful Agape Dinner with a special focus on raising our awareness of and sensitivity to the issue of hunger in our community and throughout the world.

This Sunday, our worship will have a style and a structure unlike any other Sunday in the 250 year history of FCCV. We have a special Historical Moment planned, the dedication of our annual Mission Project, and a special Introit by the Transformers. Our 7th and 8th grade class will be the "angels among us," leading the worship service. The sermon will be based on Jeremiah 31:31-34 and will focus on the wonder of hope in our lives.

Hope to see you there.
Pastor David

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On Sunday afternoon at 4 pm, Music @ First will be hosting a concert by the Rosewood Chamber Ensemble.