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“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men (*and women*) and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime.”

— [Mark Twain, *The*](#)

[Innocents Abroad/Roughing It](#)

Aloha!! Twain's words on the value of travel to broaden one's mind and deepen one's spirit always come to mind when I have a chance to get far away.

Maggie and I were blessed recently with a chance to get away together just after Easter, spending several days traveling across the South Pacific on the Golden Princess cruise ship and visiting Hawaii for the first time. With this trip, I've now visited 45 of the 50 U.S. states. Five more to go before I cross that off my bucket list!

As wonderful as it was to get away, it is yet another blessing to come home. Especially on Sundays like last Sunday! Thanks again to our 250th Anniversary committee and Joan Apel for yet another memorable historical moment. And many thanks for the Transformers, the Sanctuary Choir and Steve Westerberg for their wonderful rendition of "The Church at Vernon " by Michael Kachuba. What a delightful way to remember our history and the faith of our ancestors given the challenges of those days.

This Sunday, we move ahead in the season of Easter, gathering together around the Lord's Table to share in Communion. The Scripture for this Sunday is Luke 24: 13-35, the post Easter story of Jesus meeting two disciples on the road to Emmaus, which also happens to be one of my favorite Bible stories.

God willing, we can all be together for the morning.

Pastor David

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While I was away on vacation, I had the chance to read [Steve Jobs](#) by Walter Isaacson. If anyone reading this email has also read this book and would like to get together and talk about, please be in touch. I'd welcome a chance to compare reactions to this wonderful book and fascinating man.