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"Jesus is never upset at sinners; he is only upset with people who do not think they are sinners." Richard Rohr

I read this quote by Richard Rohr, a Franciscan spiritual writer, recently and it has stuck in my mind ever since. As one reads the Gospels, its truth is revealed. Time and again, Jesus' harshest words are toward those who are self-righteous and see themselves as above correction. Jesus is never angry at someone because of their sin, only at their attitudes about this.

This coming Sunday, the lesson for the day comes from Mark 10:17-31, part of which is the story of Jesus' confrontation with the rich young ruler. This is certainly a story that demonstrates Rohr's point.

Last Sunday, as we gathered, we celebrated, at least for one hour, the sense of being one world, one community, around one table. World Wide Communion Sunday is, to my mind, one of our under-appreciated holidays. On this day, communities of Christians all gather about the table in one 24 hour period. You may remember the celebrations world wide when we welcomed in the year 2000, and the news coverage of those celebrations beginning in small nations in the South Pacific and continuing every hour, on the hour, for that very special New Year's Eve. I like to think the same wonders happened again last week on World Wide Communion Sunday.

Looking forward to gathering again with you this Sunday.

Pastor David

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By now, I hope that everyone has received notice in the mail of the Search Committee's recommendation for our next Senior Pastor here. Because of the discretion so important in the process, I will not be saying more about the candidate at this time. The mailing details the candidate's credentials and experience and has been mailed out to church members. There will be more news upcoming from the Search Committee about an opportunity to informally meet the candidate and their family on Saturday, October 27th.

Candidating Sunday will be Sunday, October 28th, during which the candidate will lead worship and bring the morning message. Following worship that day, the Church Council has called for a Special Congregational Meeting to extend a call to the candidate.

After worship this coming Sunday, October 14th, at 11:30 am, there will be a Q+A with the Search Committee in the Sanctuary. During that time, the Search Committee will be available to speak about the candidate and answer any questions about this person. I will be present to discuss the process the church will be following from this time forward. I very much hope that, together, we can answer any questions as to where things stand and where we are headed.

Baby sitting will be provided in the Toddler Room on both the 14th and 28th.

There will also be a chance to speak with the Search Committee on Sunday, October 21st.

