

Christmas Message from our Rector, Rev. Jean

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas is the sacred celebration of the birth of the Christ Child, the Messiah and light of the world. It is a time when we are reminded of the greatest gift of all- the gift of love! We are also reminded of our need for this wonderful gift of love- a gift that lightens our darkness and heals our brokenness. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined." (Isaiah 9:2).

Our world today certainly seems to be walking in darkness with so much injustice, violence and suffering. We, like the people of long ago, desperately need the light of Christ to extinguish the darkness and dawn a world of unconditional love and hope, and; a world of justice and peace. May each of us strive for this in our lives and may we be the beacons of God's love and hope in our world.

I wish you and your families a very blessed Christmas! May this truly be a time of peace, love and joy for each of you. Take time for the simple things in life, for there you will find the gifts and the spirit of Christmas! My hope and my prayer for each of you is that 2018 will bring you an abundance of health and happiness!

At this time, I would also like to say Thank-you to each and every one of you. As many of you know, I have been recovering from an illness over the last several months. Many of you have been beacons of God's love and light to me through your compassion, love and support. I am truly humbled and grateful.

I would like to leave you with a blessing that is printed with permission by the author John Birch:

May this eternal truth be always on our hearts
That the God who breathed this world into being
Placed stars into the heavens
And designed a butterfly's wing
Is the God who entrusted his son
to the care of ordinary people
became vulnerable that we might know
how strong is the wonder of Love
A mystery so deep it is impossible to grasp
A mystery so beautiful it is impossible to ignore.

Peace
Rev. Jean
