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*Make Us Channels of Your Peace*

## St. Francis Episcopal Church



August 26, 2020

# What Do You Have To Lose?

**. . . I am with you always . . .**  
**Matthew 28:20**

***Change Is In The Air***

Things are obviously changing more than we realize during this pandemic. Such experience of change can produce two negative responses from us. One is to really long to get back to normal. We may never get back to what we think of as normal. The other response is to fear that as things change we will lose something we highly value and never get it back. For many of us in St Francis, as well as many other churches, we from time to time may find ourselves afraid that we will not ever again have the quality of fellowship we had together before we needed to stay home and socially distance from each other. Getting back to the pattern of fellowship we had previously established seems like it is a long way off at best.

***What Change Do We Want?***

As strange as this may sound I find that most people most of the time do not resist change. What most of us resist in the face of change is losing something as a result of that change. When it comes to fellowship we have the promise of Jesus that he will always be with us. This promise of Jesus, and all he does to carry it out, is the source of our experience of fellowship. We have fellowship with each other because Jesus draws us into it and reveals himself more completely through it. Our forms of fellowship may shift. Our connection with Jesus will not. Our fellowship will still flow from the promise of Jesus to be with us always. On the other side of this pandemic how do we want to connect with Jesus and each other? That is something to begin praying about now.

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**Coming Attractions**

***Sunday, August 30, 2020*** - Morning Prayer on Zoom at 10:00AM

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***Centerville Circle of Prayer***

Infinity Equine, Jennifer L. Wright, DVM, IVCA, that business would increase and the practice would be safe for all.

***The Diocese of Virginia***

For the people of Wicomico Parish, Wicomico; St. Gabriel's. Leesburg; All Souls, Atlee that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***The Anglican Communion***

For the people of the dioceses of Olympia (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Gregory RickelBusoga (Uganda) The Rt Revd Paul Moses Samson Naimanhye that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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*Grace and Peace,*

***John Maher***

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