



2018

Sunday Worship
10:00a.m.
Sunday School during
Worship

Fellowship Coffee
Following Worship

*-Joint Board Meeting
Thur. Nov. 8
@ 7pm*

*-Women's Fellowship
GSC Craft Fair
9am-3:30pm*

*-Seniors Social
Friday Nov. 16, 1:00pm*

*-Men's Fellowship
Nov 17, 9:30am GSC*

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Good Shepherd Church

Mission Statement

**Good Shepherd Community Church:
Where God loves, Christ leads and people serve.**

Insights from the Bathroom

If you've been around church lately, you would have heard stories of my latest renovation project. We're replacing everything in our bathroom; shower, toilet, vanity and flooring. Projects like this require some advanced planning where all the potential problems are considered so that everything progresses smoothly. Of course, you're not committed to anything until you actually start doing the work. That's when you discover that the plan is really just a suggestion and the renovation grem-lins reveal the real scope of the project as you go.

If we're honest with ourselves, this is probably a good description for life in general. We make plans for the future. We try to anticipate the barriers. Then life happens and it's a wonder if our life looks anything like what we planned. Interruptions seem to be the norm. It's how our creativity and problem-solving skills are revealed and honed.

Maybe the life lesson here is to learn how to experience life as an adventure rather than a series of frustrations and anxieties. What if every interruption to our plans were just an opportunity to stop and consider the options; to see what creative way we might proceed until the next bump in the road. Maybe the feelings of frustration and anxiety are simply an alert that we're taking ourselves too seriously; a reminder that there is much more to life than we can plan or imagine. Is it possible that interruptions are what give life meaning and purpose, the source of how we evolve and grow?

This line of thought gives me pause to consider that God's creative presence might follow the same process. Rather than creation being a well thought out plan where everything fits nicely together with no interruptions, maybe the wonder of creation is watching it unfold as the next necessary step is revealed. Maybe God's delight with creation is celebrating the mystery of it. Maybe our solidarity with God is found, in part, in our participation in the creative process: God choosing to be in partnership with creation.

It's no surprise that life presents challenges and experience tells us that God doesn't intercept them. What is apparent is that God empowers and accompanies us as we live through the challenges of life. I'm not telling you something you don't already know. I'm simply reminding us to be aware of the feelings of frustration and anxiety the next time something isn't working according to plan. I'm not sure what challenges my bathroom will present next but I'm sure it will be creative.

Pastor Rick Beck

