



In this Season of Creation, Redeemer continues to create... we are creating hope, dreams, and visions of our own future as we work in earnest to complete all the work that is required of us to enable us to call our next Priest.

The Search Team made up of Veronica, Debi, Melissa, Barb, Paul, Paulette, Agnes and Colleen are all hard at work integrating all that was created earlier with what was shared online and in the tabletop discussions at our gathering. As soon as we get that all set, we will share it once again with everyone for your chance to see it and add to it before placing it in the hands of the Bishop when she visits on October 25th (fingers and toes all crossed). Your prayers, love and support are deeply appreciated.

I am reminded of how “we each have a story and our stories have power...” Redeemer has a remarkable story of resilience and determination. We choose every day in every way to be there not only for each other but also for others. This is lived out every year during the Season of Lent. In 2012, we began including a Contemporary Passion reading on Good Friday in which we read the Passion of Christ juxtaposed with contemporary passions; of migrants detained, of asylum seekers beheaded, of our environment destroyed by power and abuse. Also since 2012, we have taken to the streets on Good Friday as we follow the Cross into the community standing at the Zufall Clinic offering health care to those who are denied, at the Market Street Mission providing housing for those who have none, at the banks of the Whippany River impacted by environmental degradation, to the Court House in protest of gun violence, to sites of ICE action and abuse within the community, and always to the site of the original Redeemer on the corner of Pine and Morris where day laborers gather seeking work... Redeemer has stories and our stories have power. Be a part of where this journey takes us as our story continues to unfold. Thanks be to God!

And today is Animal Blessing Sunday! Pure joy awaits as our companions join us in church and on zoom to receive their blessings. They each have a story and their story has great power over our hearts!

Colleen Hintz for the Vestry