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# Thank You!

written by Joe Neal, Ministry Leader for 20's & 30's & Vestry Member

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Almighty God, we give you thanks for the blessing of Will in our lives. In faith, we surrendered our own understanding to your will, and you faithfully answered our deepest prayers and paved the way for our community to flourish. While his presence among us will be deeply missed, we rest in the certainty that his path forward is rooted in your boundless grace. Amen.





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