

WHAT'S HAPPENING? – Sunday, February 15, 2024 – Second Sunday in Lent

Hello Westminster people:

This coming Sunday, February 25, 2024, is the Second Sunday in the Season of Lent. The assigned gospel reading for this day is Mark 8: 31-38. In this text the gospel writer reports Jesus saying, *“Those who want to come after me should deny themselves, pick up their cross, and follow me!”* (Mark 8:34)

This call to become [or to be] a cross-carrying disciple of Jesus is one of the most challenging in the entire New Testament. In my sermon this coming Sunday I'll unpack this reading from three different points of view or perspectives: 1. the perspective of the people in the crowds listening to Jesus teach and preach during his public ministry, 2. the perspective of the gospel writer Mark and his 1st century readership, and 3. the perspective of 21st century disciples and followers of Jesus who strive to follow Jesus and his teachings (that's you and me, folks).

I'll also outline how our Lenten reflections on Jesus' metaphorical idea of taking up and carrying the cross might reflect our 21st century discipleship, both as a local community of faith and as individual persons.

And finally, whether you choose to worship with us in-person, or via Zoom-church, or YouTube, I look forward to being with you again this coming Sunday.

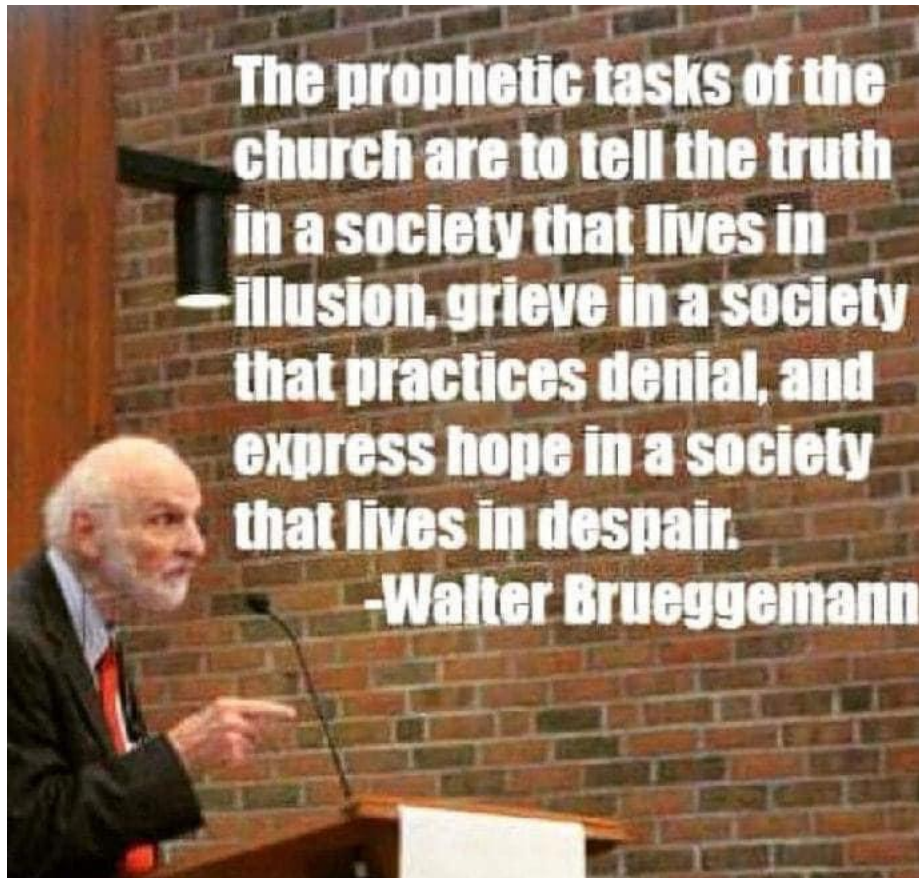
Peace & Joy,

Rev. Del

P.S. 'Announcements' for Sunday, February 25 are attached

INSIGHTS

How do you think this quote from Walter Brueggemann might reflect our cross-carrying discipleship in the times in which we live? See below or attached.



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