



Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2, NRSV

October 8, 2024

Dear Beloved Community of Trinity,

As we embark on our first Stewardship Annual Pledge Campaign together, I want to issue a word of deep gratitude for welcoming me, as well as my family, to journey with you on this "Walk in Love." We have traveled far to get here, as have all of you, whether literally from your home of origin or chronologically from years or even generations past in Bend or at Trinity. What is clear to me is that you are a people who love to love one another and love to love people in the greater community and world. To "Walk in Love" is nothing new to you.

Even still, there are always more ways to love, more people to love and more needs to be met with love. Part of how we share the love of God is through our generosity. As "The Episcopal Network for Stewardship" put it: "Generosity is a journey, it's a practice that we learn and nurture within our hearts. It just isn't in our nature to give away what we have worked hard to acquire or to donate our precious time without compensation. It takes something as radical as Love to inspire us to share our time, talent, and treasure with others."

John Lidstrom, our Stewardship Committee and I invite you to reflect on your "Walk in Love" and share your stories with one another to deepen our connections and to be inspirations for one another. Join us to reflect and share stories at our **"Roundtables with the Rector" in Brooks Hall for "Part I" THIS Sunday, October 6 at 9:00am and "Part II" on Sunday, October 27 at 9:00am and again at 11:15am.** (We aim to have childcare Oct 6 at 9am and Oct 27 at 11:15am.) Plus, some folks will share glimpses of their "Walk in Love" at Sunday services.

Then, ponder and pray about how and where this "Walk in Love" will take us AND how we might practice generosity of spirit, generosity of minds, hearts and bodies, and generosity of financial resources. For those who already pledge, consider walking to the next "Step" or increase your pledge by percentage or more. (See inserts for "Step Up" and "Proportional Giving" charts.) For those new to pledging, know that a pledge is a voiced prayerful intention to give a certain amount. Your pledge helps us – the leadership – make plans and budget for the coming year. If life circumstances change and you need to change your pledge, just let us know for worse OR for better. Our **Pledge InGathering will be Sunday, November 3 in conjunction with a "Celebration of Shared Ministry"** as we "Walk In Love" TOGETHER!

Shalom!

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