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Dear Friends,

It's not going so well today. Maybe you are feeling the same.

Wednesday is usually the day I endeavor to lose myself in Biblical commentaries and scholarly articles in preparation for Sunday's sermon. Today, however, I find my attention alternating between scribbling notes and fumbling for the television remote as I follow the impeachment debate in the House of Representatives.

But maybe that's not a bad metaphor for Christian discipleship: grounding ourselves in scripture while paying attention to what's happening in the world and trying to make a difference.

While we cannot know what the future will hold, we can rest assured in the One who holds our future. God is with us and inviting each of us into God's will of peace, justice, and redemption.

Please join me in prayer today, this week, and through Inauguration Day on January 20. This is a time unprecedented in our nation's history and we must make this a time of fervent prayer. Let us pray for peace, unity, justice, reconciliation, redemption, and that God's will be done.

This Sunday, January 17, 2021, we will have a special time of prayer in worship and you are invited to participate whether in person or online. Please join us.

I close with these words from Ephesians 3: 20-21: "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen."

See you Sunday!

In Christ.

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