

Welcome to Cathedral of the Beloved!

We are so glad you are here. Know that you whatever brought you here you are welcome just as you are!

Cathedral is a community of people trying to love a little bit more deeply, a little bit more broadly. While this sounds simple in its essence, we all know just how difficult this can be!

One of my favorite gospel stories is the first call of the disciples. As the story goes, Peter and Andrew, James and John are tending to their nets preparing to catch fish (Mark 1:16-20). There, on that unsuspecting day, Jesus meets them where they were in the middle of their life's work and says, "Follow Me." At that moment, they were issued an invitation, invited not into a system of belief, but a way of life. A way of life that the disciples would see as an endeavor, marked by meeting God's people just as God had met them in the middle of their life's circumstances. And on the way, as they saw how the power of love restored others to community, brought healing and wholeness, spoke truth to broken political and religious systems, they began to see the world differently. The disciples began to be able to see and name Jesus as the Messiah. They began to see how the power of love, mercy and compassion could ultimately triumph over the death and destruction of an Empire.

When we follow the way of Jesus, our views and self-understanding will shift, but it begins first with stepping out, dropping our comforts and securities and saying "yes." This is the invitation we believe we are invited into every day.

In striving to be people of the Way, we are not a community that seeks to have all the answers but rather to live into the questions. We are a community that strives to love our neighbors as ourselves. We recognize that this does not always happen perfectly, but it is in and through love and our ability to do so with honesty and transparency we can and will change the world, one relationship and interaction at a time.

This is the journey we are on.

Whether you are a member of a faith community or you just find yourself looking for a place to dive deeper, you are welcome here. We would love to have you walk alongside us as we accompany each other into a deeper way of being modeled by a man who simply saw loving as his priority.

I look forward to traveling alongside you.

Faithfully,

Jenny+

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