

Good morning,



The view from my office window is much the same as it has always been. My office was getting dark because of a large shrub that blocked the view but last year it was removed and the world opened up. So the mountains, ocean, sky and trees are basically the same, but there are always slow changes. The house that used to sit along the perimeter of our property is long gone and there is just a very slowly developing construction project in its place. Six or seven years ago a huge Arbutus tree towered over our parking lot, but we had it removed for safety reasons. Things stay the same but there are also changes. Often as I have looked out over Departure Bay, I have seen changes in the water. It ripples differently when the tide ebbs or flows. On occasion a lone log tours the bay to find a new home on the shore. The same sky has been clear and blue or dark and looming. Rain or snow falls, the wind makes the trees dance and at other times they are statues. There is a rhythm to the seasons and weather patterns shift and slide. Erosion very slowly adjusts the shoreline. Apart from all that the view is similar to what it has always been.

The landscape of our lives may seem like that too. Sometimes I review old pictures and see the younger me. I remember those scenes and don't feel too much different, but I have more wrinkles, less hair, and have been weathered. I'm the same me but slow changes have taken place. We learn to live with it all. Fortunately we don't just erode, drift, or blow away forever.

1 Peter 1:24-25 wants to remind us that one thing, at least, never changes, *For, 'All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures for ever.'* **That word is the good news that was announced to you.** Thanks be to God that we can still look at the old family pictures and the scenery around us and smile.

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Please don't forget the invitation to the **Potluck Lunch at Brechin United Church on Sunday, March 26 at Noon**. Everyone from *Hope* is invited, but it will help them prepare if I can provide a ballpark nose count of how many may be showing up. Please let me know if you think you will be attending. No need to bring anything but yourself. My list is slowly growing. Thanks.

We will be having a new Council Member installed during the service on Sunday, March 19. Welcome to **Bill Fehr** as he joins the ministry of the *Hope Lutheran Church Council*. Bill was elected at our Annual General Meeting last month.

We will have some variety on Sunday at church. Church musicians and members of Hope, **Marlis and Jamie Enders** will be providing the musical leadership as they share those gifts with us! Thanks Marlis & Jamie.

On Saturday, you will receive the two usual emails from me : the *Sunday Worship Service*, and the *Invitation to Zoom* for worship.

In the meantime,
The Lord is with you.

Pastor Terry