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A NOTE FROM CATHERINE

Dear Friends,

“What is going to happen Sunday?”

That has been the point of these “*getting ready for Sunday*” emails ... to let you know what to expect and, hopefully, to encourage you to participate more fully.

There is much anticipation and maybe anxiety about this particular Sunday.

What is going to happen?

What is going to happen the Sunday after General Conference?

What is going to happen the Sunday after the Traditional Plan was narrowly passed?

What is going to happen the Sunday after United Methodists across our church and world are hurting, grieving, angry, boastful, prideful, humbled, and many other emotions?

I’ll tell you what is going to happen!

We will welcome God’s spirit into our worship and into our lives.

We will welcome anyone who walks into our church.

We will hear the story of the Transfiguration (you can read it in Luke 9:28-36).

We will sing songs of praise, and we will break bread.

We will greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ, and believe that God can work through any of us.

We will acknowledge that we do not agree on everything, but that our fellowship is not centered on agreement but on Jesus Christ.

We will be the church this Sunday!

I look forward to seeing everyone at worship!

Catherine