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Most people veer away from change. They prefer that things fall into a familiar pattern and seldom, if ever, deviate. That makes their lives recognizable, predictable, and dependable each day. They are prepared and know what to expect. They avoid surprises, especially difficult or painful ones. And they always have just the right “stuff” on hand to accommodate their day. How lovely. How pleasant. How unrealistic. How boring. How stuck.

Have you seen the renovated Sanctuary? changed

Have you met new church staff members? changed

Have you noticed new people in worship? changed

Have you come to the church on a Tuesday?

Have you sat in a different pew?

Have you joined a different committee?

Do you recognize yourself in this list?

We serve a God who is constantly moving. We serve a Lord who is Head of the Church, even when it looks different to us than it did a decade ago. We serve a Spirit who *floats* on God’s breath! We need the freshness that change allows. And we back-peddle too often to try and avoid it. Wonder why.

If we always do what we’ve always done, then we’ll always get what we’ve always gotten.

You want joy? Give to someone who has less than you have. You want purpose? Push the envelope and find out what talents you’ve been gifted with. You want more? Do something different. You want what you want, soon? Really?

The change that fetches sparks and confetti does not alight on those who sit and wait to be contacted. The laughter that adjusts blood pressure does not materialize in a vacuum. The change that improves requires risk, hope, community, faith.

Many of us will be in the Fellowship Hall for three evenings in June, (22nd – 24th) watching a *live stream* of the Presbyterian (USA) General Assembly. Change in the denomination will be decided there. If you vote along with your commissioners, you’ll be encouraged to voice your opinion. We’ll sit next to you, and ease the change momentum.

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Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea. *− Psalm 46:2*