



CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
United Church of Christ



REMEMBER: Turn your clocks back one hour this weekend and enjoy your extra hour of sleep.

Reflections from Pastor Brooke for October 30, 2020

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in the Lord.
~ Psalm 34:8

Happy are those who take refuge in the Lord. What was the last **thing or person** that made you happy? So often we look for happiness in things or in people. The election ads that we have seen for the last several months promise that if we vote for this candidate or that one, we will be happy. But the psalmist reminds us that our happiness lies in God. How we vote indicates whether we believe that.

On Tuesday — or perhaps you have already exercised your right — you have the opportunity to cast your vote as a person who takes refuge in the Lord. A person who loves your neighbor as yourself. A person who believes that we are to work towards the reign of God here on earth. A person who sees Jesus in the poor and the oppressed. A person who casts your vote for the candidate that most closely seems to take refuge in the Lord. Each of us gets to decide who that candidate is, but as people who take refuge in the Lord, we cannot simply stand by and not let our voices be heard.

So if you have not already done so, I hope that when you go to the polls, you will vote as someone who sees that the Lord is good, and as someone who finds your refuge in the Lord.

Blessings,

P.S. If you are in need of a ride to the polls, please contact me.