

## Pastor's Message

*"Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you." - Psalm 33:22*

Dear Friends,

I pray that on this Labor Day, you all have taken time to rest, recharge and remember that you belong to God! Be mindful always that God's Steadfast Love is just a breath away!



Some these days may receive the news of the immediacy of God's Love as a naïve platitude, a comforting sentiment with no basis in reality, especially given the widespread disease and political discord we currently endure.

But to boldly proclaim God's Ever-present Love is far from expressing empty sentiment: Proclaiming God's persistent, perpetual love is an act of defiance against the darkness and suffering of this world. To call people to love one another in the face of injustice, hatred, oppression and war is to break the cycle of violence that perpetuates itself through anger and fear.

Our LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ himself broke this cycle of violence as His captors nailed Him to the cross, praying, "Forgive them, Father, for they do not know what they are doing." He could have summoned a Legion of Angels. Instead, He prayed a prayer of forgiveness!

And God raised Him out of the tomb as a sign that darkness and violence and even Death itself cannot silence Faith, Hope and Love!

As we approach the twentieth anniversary of the attacks of September 11th, let us not mark this milestone by re-igniting the anger so many of us felt on that terrible day. Let us instead remember and honor all those who gave their lives so selflessly to save others. Let us always cherish their loving sacrifice.

Let us hope in the LORD, and let us Love One Another.

Blessings,  
Anil

*"Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. - Psalm 33:20-21*