June 15, 2020 LET US HEAR FROM SAINT PAUL TODAY...

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence but through love become servants to one another. For the whole law is summoned up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Galatians 5: 13,14).

So, let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity let us work for the good of all (Galatians 6:9, 10).

May these words to the Galatians guide us as we look to Jesus who leads us to higher ground.

- We pray for protection of those who exercise their freedom and who stand for what is right in the face of injustice in our country as evidenced with the recent tragedy in the death of George Floyd.
- We ask for the halt of harm and hate manifest by those who have misused their freedom and come with bricks to destroy.
- We seek restraint among those in power who choose for self-gain to use unwarranted force against the innocent.
- We ask for help so as not to grow weary and for strength to stand together at that place where brokenness and hatred can be disarmed through love for our neighbor and love for ourselves that allows us to serve each other.

May the Lord guide us as individuals, as a city, as a state and as a nation to work for the good of all and may there be protection and hope for all those in peril and those who grieve alongside.

Love in Christ, Earl w/Shirley on the side