



Pastor's e-Note

Morristown United Methodist Church (5/10/2017)

I am a big fan of Richard Rohr. I read his daily devotion each morning. I share with you some portions of his devotion on “From Infinite Love to Infinite Love”. Hope you enjoy it. “We all want resurrection in some form. Jesus’ resurrection is a potent, focused, and compelling statement about *what God is still and forever doing with the universe and with humanity*. Science strongly confirms this statement today with different metaphors and symbols: condensation, evaporation, hibernation, sublimation, the four seasons, and the life cycles of everything from salmon to stars—constantly dying and being reborn in different forms. *God appears to be resurrecting everything all the time and everywhere*. It is not something to ‘believe in’ as much as it is something to observe and be taught by. We all want to know that this wonderful thing called life is going somewhere good. It is going to someplace good because it came from ‘original innocence’ instead of ‘original sin.’ ‘I know where I came from and where I am going,’ Jesus says, ‘but you do not’ (John 8:14). So he came to tell us!

The Alpha and the Omega of history have to match, or our lives have no natural arc, trajectory, or organic meaning. The end has to be in the beginning. The Book of Revelation (1:8, 21:6, 22:13) states that Jesus is the Alpha of history, which Duns Scotus, a great medieval theologian, called ‘the first idea in the mind of God,’ and also the ‘Omega Point,’ which is the final allurement of history into its future.

If the original divine incarnation was and is true, then resurrection is both inevitable and irreversible. If the Big Bang was the external starting point of the eternal Christ Mystery, then we know Creation is being led somewhere good, and it is not a chaotic or meaningless universe. Alpha and Omega are in fact one and the same.

The Cosmic or Universal Christ is the divine lure, a blinking, brilliant light set as the Omega Point of time and history that keeps reminding us that love, not death, is the eternal thing. Love, which is nothing more than endless life, is luring us forward, because *love is what we also and already are*. All life is inexorably drawn to the fullness of its own existence. ‘Like

knows like' and, similar to an electromagnetic force, Love is drawing the world into a fullness of love.”

It was God's infinite love that has brought forth the gift of the Resurrection. As Easter people, let us then draw ourselves and others into the fullness of God's love.

This coming Sunday is Mother's Day. You are in for a real treat with special anthems by our young people, the chancel choir, and the bell choir. During Children's Time, I will recognize mothers in a special way. So, come on down and bring your mom with you.

Have a blessed week and weekend, and will see you Sunday.

In God's Love,
Brandon