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Trust that God is in charge

In Romans 6:23, Paul writes, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

The World Economic Forum (WEF) wrapped up recently in Davos, Switzerland. The WEF’s mission statement is “committed to improving the state of the world” – a tall order in any circle. This gathering is less of the best and brightest as much as it is the most powerful and influential people in the world.

But this year as they gathered, there was a feeling one reporter described that, “the world was out of control.” With the rise of extremist organizations, the realities of serious economic threats to many around the world and the rekindling of timeless cultural and societal difference, the illusion of security and control, even of the most elite, seems to be slipping away.

Those in leadership positions at Bethel came together recently. We discussed our mission and how we live that out as a downtown church in this day and age. It is no secret we have experienced economic threats and felt the impact of cultural and societal difference in our community this past year as well.

Personally, it makes me wonder who I think is in control.

In Davos, participants described the world as seemingly out of control. Breakout sessions on mindfulness and meditation were

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Did you know?

Pastor Joe Brosious . . .

- ✝ Is interested in big adventures: an African safari and a journey through Jerusalem and the Holy Land. When his two boys are old enough, he and his wife would like to go on a pilgrimage to walk the Camino de Santiago trail in Spain.
- ✝ Describes the perfect summer day as being at a wooded campsite on a lake with his family – hiking, biking or swimming.
- ✝ Would enjoy going back in time to when Jesus was active in his earthly ministry – to see with his own eyes the way Jesus lived and to hear with his own ears the teachings of Jesus.

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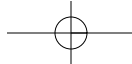
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standing room only as world leaders grappled with tough questions like:

- What is ethical leadership?
- What difference am I making the world?

These are questions many of us are struggling with in a world where *busyness* is the new business for so many.

All of these questions certainly hit home for me. As a former fighter pilot, one of the reasons I loved flying the A-10 Warthog was that there were no two-seaters! I was the one in control!

In business, the hardest thing for me was to delegate responsibility. As your pastor, the difficult question is not, "Who's in control?" but rather, "Am I willing to give up control?"

Are we willing to depend on the fact that the Holy Spirit has been guiding this church from the beginning and will continue to do so long past the point in which we are dust?

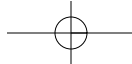
As we gather for future conversations in church offices and cottage meetings, as we continue learning together, I hope and pray that you, as the body of Christ, will participate and share your thoughts and feelings on questions like:

- What does it mean to be a downtown church?
- What do we want to be and who do we want to serve?
- How do we live out our mission in this time and place?
- Who and what do you feel God is leading us to become?

In Jeremiah 29:11, God says, "I know the plans I have for you." This congregation has responded to the call of being a downtown church for more than 150 years. My prayer is that we have the courage to listen to each other about the past and future, to give up the reigns when necessary – both to the spirit and to one another and trust that God is in charge, has been in charge and will lead.

Pastor Joe





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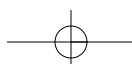


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2015 Sundays	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
June 7	Lectionary 10	Gen. 3:8-15	2 Cor. 4:13-5:1
June 14	Lectionary 11	Ezek. 17:22-24	2 Cor. 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17
June 21	Lectionary 12	Job 38:1-11	2 Cor. 6:1-13
June 28	Lectionary 13	Lam. 3:22-33	2 Cor. 8:7-15
July 5	Lectionary 14	Ezek. 2:1-5	2 Cor. 12:2-10
July 12	Lectionary 15	Amos 7:7-15	Eph. 1:3-14
July 19	Lectionary 16	Jer. 23:1-6	Eph. 2:11-22
July 26	Lectionary 17	2 Kings 4:42-44	Eph. 3:14-21
August 2	Lectionary 18	Exod. 16:2-4, 9-15	Eph. 4:1-16
August 9	Lectionary 19	1 Kings 19:4-8	Eph. 4:25-5:2
August 16	Lectionary 20	Prov. 9:1-6	Eph. 5:15-20
August 23	Lectionary 21	Josh. 24:1-2a, 14-18	Eph. 6:10-20
August 30	Lectionary 22	Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9	James 1:17-27

