



Faith Filled Generosity

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November 5, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write to you as your Rector of Christ the King (CtK) and reflect on 2020 and look forward to 2021, I am struck at how fast our lives can and have changed. What will 2021 look like? Certainly, it cannot be as bad as 2020 has been-right? I know our future is unknown, which is why we must cling to our faith in these uncertain times.

More than ever we need to be grounded in our faith, knowing that God never leaves us or forsakes us. I have never been a priest through a pandemic, political and social unrest, but I have seen God's hand on our community as we plowed through 2020. Because of your generosity, Christ the King has been able to provide quality Live Stream Worship on Facebook and YouTube, reaching beyond our walls into our community and the world. We have been able to upgrade our computers and other technology in the office, so that we can hold Bible Studies, and meetings via the Zoom Application. CtK is now providing some sort of worship service, either online or "in-person", seven days a week. And probably, most importantly, CtK has been able to reach out to people in need in our congregation, in our community, and in our world.

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 6:18-19, "**They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.**" Paul is addressing his letter to the young church leader Timothy in Ephesus. Ephesus was a wealthy city and probably the church that Timothy led had some wealthy members. Prior to this passage, Paul writes this to Timothy, "**Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.**"

Though this letter was written to the church in Ephesus, these commands from Paul to Timothy apply to us today also. Many of us have been given so much, we are rich, and now more than ever we need the church to help us navigate through this broken world. We need the hope and peace that only God can provide.

This year we are not going to do a month of appeal for pledges and support of our church. This letter will be your only appeal to support CtK in these uncertain times. We must hear what Paul says to the church in Ephesus, so we too can, "**take hold of the life that really is life.**"

I ask you to prayerfully consider your pledge (Estimate of Giving) and return it as soon as you can. I will bless all the pledges for 2021 at all the services on November 28 and 29, 2020, Thanksgiving Weekend, the first week of Advent, and the beginning of our new church year.

You may **RETURN** your completed 2021 Estimate of Giving (EOG) Form **four** different ways:

1. Mail your 2021 EOG Form to the office at: 2800 W. Ina Road, Tucson, AZ 85741.
2. Drop off your 2021 EOG Form in the collection basket or at the church office during office hours (Tuesday - Thursday: 10 am - 4 pm, Friday: 10 am - 1 pm).
3. Scan (or take a picture) of your 2021 EOG Form and attach it to an email and send it to giving@ctktucson.org.
4. Take a picture on your phone of your 2021 EOG Form and send that picture to me as a text to: 520-488-6475.

Please remember, **every pledge is important**. I also know that life gets in the way of what we think we can give in a year. A pledge is not cast in stone and can be adjusted down or up as your life may dictate.

Though we are in uncertain times, our faith is what will see us through these times. The *Spirit of God* is moving through Christ the King in new ways to reach beyond our walls, in new outreach and in growing deeper in our faith as we strive to love God and love our neighbor. Christ the King is here for you. I pray you will help Christ the King continue to reach out into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Thank you always for your "**Faith Filled Generosity**".

*Blessings in Christ,
Mother Anita+*

The Rev. Anita M. Slovak, Rector