

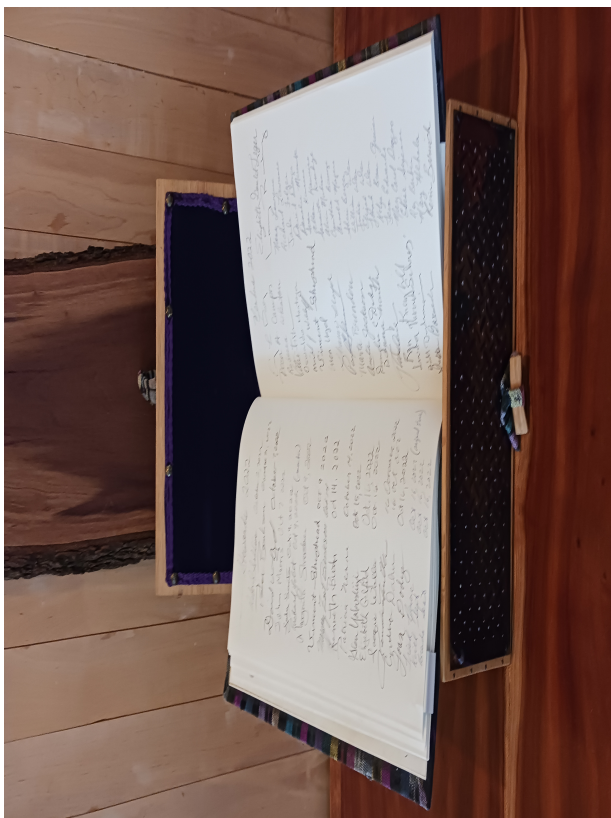
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[“Recommitment: What Comes Next” by Jeanne Marcus](#)



Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

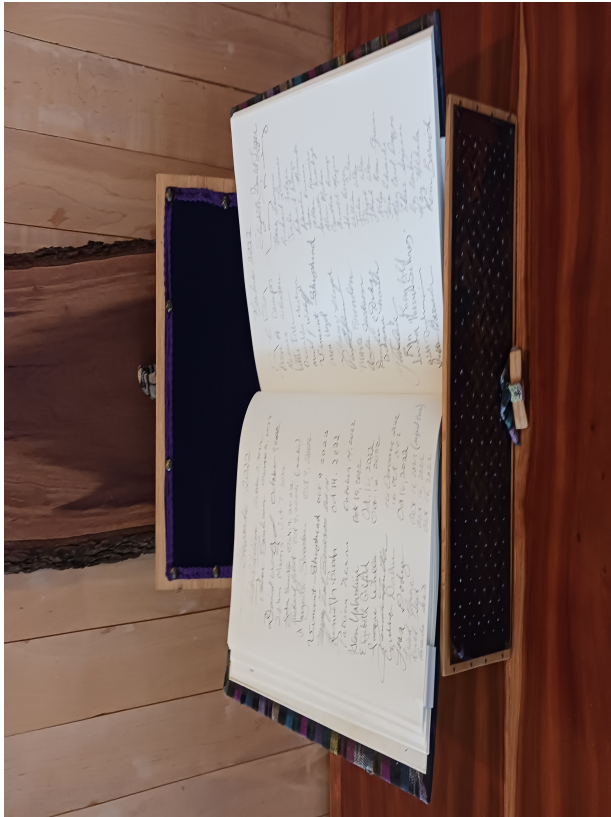
October 15, 2023

Recommitment: what a day of gladness and promise. We are grateful for the gifts of the last year of life in Christ and in Seekers community. We look forward to the year ahead, and to experiencing the ways Christ will be present and acting within us, between us and beyond us.

While writing this sermon, I found myself calling to mind the names and faces of those of us who've been on this Recommitment journey these past weeks. And I felt what a miracle it is that exactly these individuals have been linked together as members in Seekers Church today. I don't think this is random. We are the very people who God planned and contrived to bring together here and now: I trust that this has meaning and purpose.

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[“Making and Keeping Promises” by Deborah Sokolove](#)



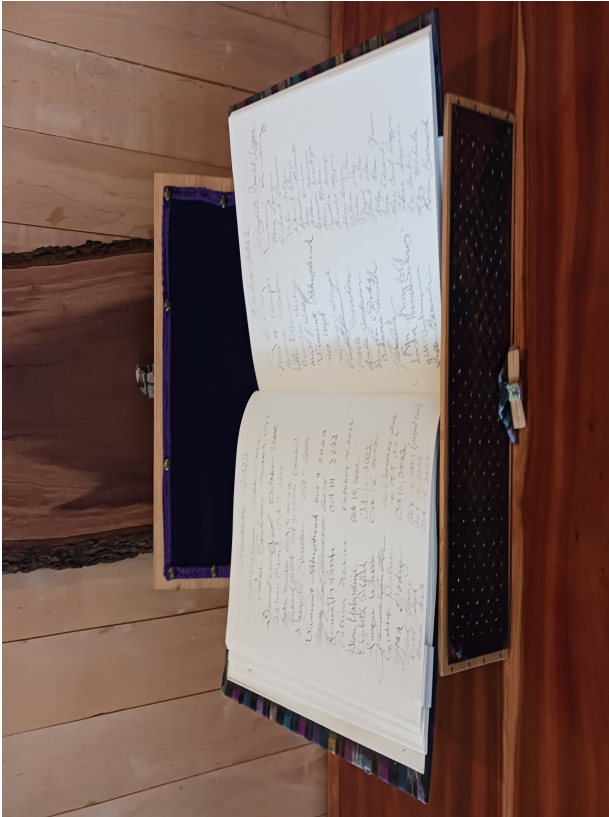
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 8, 2023

When I started to write this sermon, I did not intend to say anything about the situation in the Holy Land. However, yesterday, while I was visiting my oldest daughter in the peace and safety of her home on the Eastern Shore, we woke up to the news that Hamas had sent 3000 rockets and some unknown number of invaders into Israeli settlements, towns and cities on a major Jewish holy day. Unsurprisingly, the Israeli army retaliated with even greater force and more killing, and now there is a full-on war. At this time, we have not yet heard if any of our relatives have been killed, injured, or taken captive.

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“Thirsting for God” by Kolya Braun-Greiner



Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 1, 2023

Ex 17:1-7

Mt 21:23-32

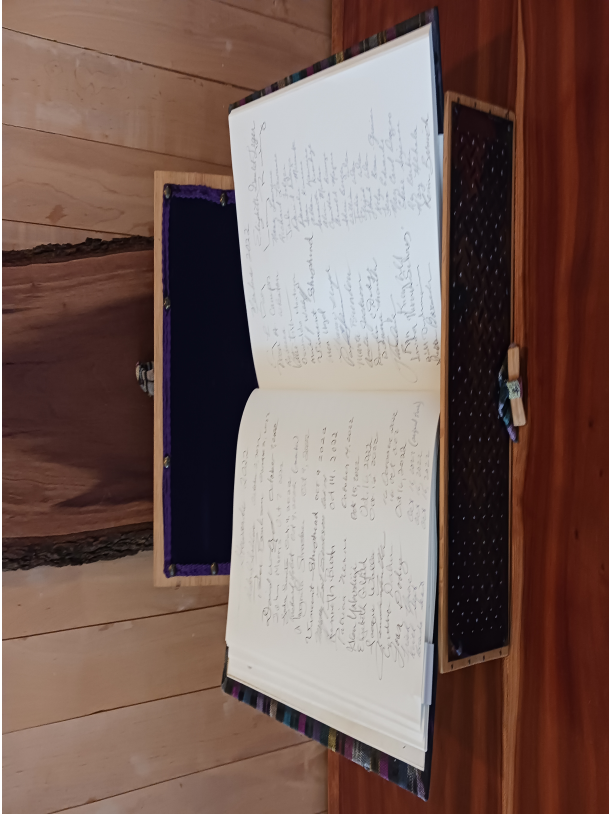
Phil 2:1-13

As I prepared to lead the Seekers Silent Retreat at Dayspring last weekend, I stayed at Overlook on personal retreat for a few day and while there I also reflected on the themes of scripture for this Sunday and what emerged for me was trusting n God’s presence, intentional pacing ourselves on the journey forward and responding to our call individually and collectively as a community.

Commitment to call and community takes trust.

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[“Committed to the Jesus Way” by David Lloyd](#)



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 24, 2023

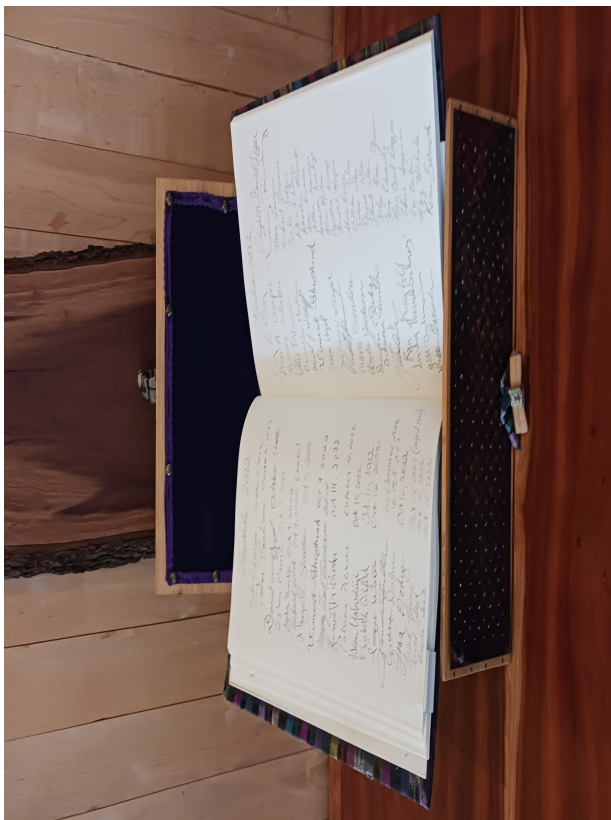
Have you noticed that our Seekers Church member's commitment statement doesn't include a profession of faith? Whether committing for the first time or recommitting, I merely affirm "my relationship with this Christian community in the tradition of the Church of the Saviour, linked with the people of God through the ages."

Our omission of a profession of faith has helped a number of people over the years who didn't initially name themselves as Christians become members of Seekers. Some described themselves as spiritual rather than as religious. A few

described themselves as Buddhists or as Christian Buddhists. If I remember correctly, we've had one or two members of Alcoholics Anonymous who regarded our member's commitment as similar to the third step of AA, "a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him." And some said they were just followers of Jesus.

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["Walking on Dry Ground" by Jacqie Wallen & John Morris](#)



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 17, 2023

John and Jacqie come up to the podium and look at each other with concern

Jacqie: Um...

John: Er... Well, let's get started. Remind me how we are going to do this.

Jacqie: We decided to take a kind of *lectio divina* approach to the scripture readings. We each would pick some ideas or phrases that resonated with us and we would talk about them. Then, because we are coming up on Recommitment Sunday, we would somehow tie it all to commitment.

John: The first phrase that caught my attention was "He clogged their chariot wheels..."

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