

Yesterday's Interview with Rev. Liza Hendricks

If you missed it, we had our General Presbyter (think "pastoral leader") from the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia with us in worship yesterday.

An Expert Quote to Consider

This excerpt from a recent piece in The Presbyterian Outlook, written by Rev. Jen Brothers, a PCUSA pastor and licensed therapist, syncs with some of what Liza told us yesterday:



"...Sometimes resistance to change is blessedly futile. Sometimes the forces of change are so intense, so inevitable, that we have no choice but to roll with the tide even though we have no idea where the wave will take us. As a society, and as people who follow Jesus, we are in such a moment.

I don't know if Christians are more resistant to change or less resistant. I suspect we are like any other group that forms around a set of ideas, principles and values. We are deeply invested in preserving our sense of who God is, who we are and the work we are here to do. Thus, we are quick to oppose anything we perceive as a threat to our beliefs, our practices and our institutions.

From a theological perspective, I find this resistance to change perplexing. Scripture is full of stories where people are asked to change their minds. Sometimes even God changes God's mind (Exodus 32:14; Jonah 3:10). If our goal is to become a new creation – If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come (2 Corinthians 5:17) – then any time we can absorb a new perspective or expand our borders of understanding we take a step in the right direction."