

A Reflection from The Rev. David Curtis

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Fist Bumps for Jesus

One of my favorite parts of our liturgy is giving fist bumps to younger members as Ben and I process in and out of the church. Ben and I both look for our younger members, and they look for us. It's a simple thing, this fist bump. And, yet, it is so much more.

You may know this already. The space we worship in is typically called a sanctuary. That word can mean a physical space, such as All Saints, and it can also mean respite and safety. Churches have traditionally been places of sanctuary and safety. They are places where anyone and everyone can find rest and love. They are places where we can find, and be found by, a God who cannot love us more and will not love us less.

And that is what I hope our fist bumps say: You are welcome here. You are safe here. You are loved here. You can have fun here. And you can meet Jesus here.

So, as the world continues to turn, as life continues to be complex, know that you are welcome here. You are safe here. You are loved here. You can have fun here. You can meet Jesus here.

And, when you experience these things, share the Good News with others. Invite people to join you here. Bind up the broken-hearted. Love those who need love. Sit with those who need support. Forgive those who have trespassed against you. Be Jesus in a world that desperately needs him.

And, if you ever need some encouragement, hold up your hand and we'll gladly give you a fist bump for Jesus.

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