

January 3, 2023

Dear Friends,

At the beginning of a new year, many of us make resolutions – and sometimes struggle to keep them beyond February! Since New Year's Day fell on a Sunday this year, I used the opportunity to share **10 resolutions for 2023** in my sermon. I hope you will make some of them your own and they will spur you to add to the list.

Following worship, several of you asked me to share the 10 resolutions in a concise form, so here goes. (The first three are borrowed from the Reverend Dan Clendenin.)

- 1. Never stop starting over
- 2. Live intentionally, not aimlessly
- 3. Never ever despair, no matter what
- 4. Cultivate a grateful heart
- 5. Forgive more, retaliate less
- 6. Practice generosity
- 7. Identify the beauty in others
- 8. Strive for humility
- 9. Recommit to caring for God's creation
- 10. Worship regularly

For the brief explanation of each resolution, you can <u>click here</u> to watch the video of Sunday's worship service on YouTube or <u>click here</u> to read the sermon (PDF). Also, a printed copy of the sermon will be in the sermon rack on the literature table this Sunday.

I hope and pray this will be a joyful and satisfying year for you and for our church family. Much of it will be up to us.

Blessings,

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