

“Becoming Faithful”
Ephesians 1:15-23
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...for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,

Everybody has to start somewhere! How many times have we heard that statement? How true it is, that we all must start somewhere. The question of course is where do we start. A lot of times we don't have control over where we begin, but we are all working towards the same end. John Wesley called this end moving on towards perfection. Walking in faith in Christ. Today marks the next phase of your journey. This is where you have confirmed your faith and have pledged yourself to God and to live that faith and promise out as a member of the church.

Today is not however the end of a journey, it is a new beginning, unlike school, we never graduate from the Christian faith. Today marks a special time in the part of your journey but it is more of a bon voyage celebration, the journey is just beginning. You will continue, we hope, to grow more each day in your faith, and

there will be times of doubt, times of strength, and most of the time will be lived in between, until you turn back and see how far you have come, thinking that it has always been there. We are always becoming faithful everyday of our lives. God never stops working with us, walking with us, teaching us, and sending servants to us to lead us on the journey of faith.

Today is not just about the confirmands, it is also about the commitment and promise that the congregation has made. We too are also becoming more faithful in our journey, we too are learning from one another still, supporting one another. We have made promises to teach, but also have promised to be allowed to be taught as well. This is the hope to which we are called. This is the hope that we strive for, the riches that God has promised for us.

Now I have told this story before but bear with me: Church mice.

We want you be here and be active and to continue to become faithful. We are really not that much different. We all have different experiences in our lives that we can share, but we all together are walking along the journey. Let us continue to be faithful in that walk and continue to have that spirit of wisdom and revelation of hope to which we have all been called, to become more faithful in Christ Jesus.