

Transcript of Video Message from Rev. Bill Hamilton

I wanted to thank Faith Presbyterian for inviting me to be part of your community for my fourteen months as interim pastor. I had a wonderful time with you. I enjoyed our worship together, I liked what you did in terms of adult education. I enjoyed the music very much, the choir was great. And I worked with a wonderful Session as well. It was a happy time for me. After two decades of college teaching and chaplaincy work in higher education, this was really my first reintroduction to parish ministry. And I learned a lot from you and that was what made it so joyful.

The other thing is that professionally, I learned some important things about me. And one of them was how much I enjoyed pastoral visitation. It seemed to be how I spent most of my time and it was a wonderful time being with you in your homes, meeting you for coffee, or sometimes for breakfast or lunch, occasionally a glass of wine.

And thank you for including me and Cathy in your life during that period. And I wanted to celebrate with you and look forward to the end of the month when you celebrate this marvelous anniversary.

Just on the 31st of this month we also celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's **nailing the 95 Theses against** the door of the church in Wittenberg, inaugurating the Protestant revolution. And I think the thing that I take away from it is that Faith Presbyterian is also very much a part of that Protestant revolution and the ongoing need for a church that is reformed and always reforming.

So thank you, it was great to be part of everything that you do. Thank you so much.