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A Message from Rev. Cean James Associate Conference Minister for Congregational Development

Time is filled with swift transition. Naught on earth unmoved can stand.

Build your hopes on things eternal. Hold to God's unchanging hand.

I am a huge fan of modern worship music. When done thoughtfully, young worship leaders today are developing great music full of theologically astute lyrics. There are some songs, however, that come from the history of our church, that have a timeless appeal. Songs that will live forever because of the universality of their message. The lyrics above have that effect on me. We are currently living in a season of swift transitions. Transitions, even the ones we like, can be unsettling. With new administrations, new Covid rules, new worship protocols, a new vaccine; things seem to be changing daily. Here is what I have discovered; in a rapidly evolving world, its good to have a firm foundation I can stand on. The bible says that Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore. Presidents change. Pastors change. Churches change. Rules Change. God, however, is the unchanging hand that we can always reach for when everything else is uncertain.

- Rev. Cean R. James

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