

## From the Pastor

*A letter shared by Mike Lehoux from his corporate CEO. We, the church, should celebrate our diversity and grieve when hate tries to divide us. Thanks for sharing, Mike. Love you all, Pastor Scott*

Dear Colleagues,

In the past few months, the world has experienced tragic losses in places where we are supposed to feel secure, find joy and, perhaps, solace, and share the oneness of humanity. From the shooting at the synagogue in Pittsburgh last October, to the shootings of mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, just last month, the burnings of the black churches in Louisiana in America this month, to the horrible multiple bombings of churches and hotels in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday, these horrific tragedies ripped open our continuous faiths that places of worship should be our refuge, both physically and spiritually.

In the midst of these tragedies, we experience many things: anger, helplessness, fear. And we turn to our loved ones. It is very difficult to try to explain these tragedies to our children, that, someone could carry out these attacks, out of pure hatred of the “others”. It is paramount we are truthful, explain the events, encourage questions, and difficult feelings are normal.

As I think about these tragedies, I also think about us - 13,000 Open-Text’ers, spread across 40 countries, with diverse cultures and backgrounds yet working under the same roof. We are a reflection of our world.

I think about diversity and inclusion as a strength. As we strive to carry on our daily routine, we also share our experiences with each other whether we are 6,000 miles away or right next to each other. Our diverse backgrounds and experiences, I hope, can help bridge us closer, as humanity. And I hope, starting with us, a global village, can maybe heal the world of this senseless violence and hatred.

I think of the names and places where these terrible events took place. The Synagogue in Pittsburgh was named “The Tree of Life”. One of the mosques in New Zealand was Al Noor, “The Light”. One of the Baptist

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churches in Louisiana was “Mount Pleasant”, and a Sri Lanka church is named after Saint Sebastian, a venerable individual representing endurance and the fight against plague.

Let us take strength in our shared tree of life, our mount pleasant, our endurance to fight against this plague. Let us live in the light, let us talk about that which makes us human and connected, each in our unique and beautiful way.

So, when we see each other next, whether in person or electronically or over the web, let’s share a unique story of what makes us unique yet, at the same time, share in the same humanity. Let us spend time talking tomorrow, sharing our feelings, that what binds us together, that which needs to strengthen us.

Mark J. Barrenechea  
OpenText CEO & CTO

## This Month

- Sunday, May 5** : 10:30 am—Worship  
& Communion
- Sunday, May 12** : 10:30 am—Worship
- Sunday, May 19** : 10:30 am—Worship, Annual Meeting  
after worship, all are welcome to attend
- Sunday, May 26** : 10:30 am—Worship



**Ladies Luncheon**

The next luncheon will be on May 14th at Main Street Grill in Putnam at 12 noon. All ladies of the church are welcome.

## Make note: For June

- Sunday, June 2** : 10:30 am—Worship, Communion, Music Sunday and Special Luncheon after Worship
- Sunday, June 9** : 10:30 am—Worship , Children’s Sunday
- June 21-23** : ABC Mission Summit– Virginia Beach

Pastor:

Rev. Scott Hayes

Organist/Choir Director:

Howard W. Curry

Director of Christian Education:

Cindy Marcheterre

Administrative Secretary:

Kris Useted

Remember: the last person to leave the church building should be sure that all doors and windows are closed/locked. The Academy Street door into Fellowship Hall is kept locked during the Sunday worship service. Thank you for helping us take care of our facilities.

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