



Greetings!

Please read [Psalm 90](#)

Over the Memorial Day weekend, Patti and I traveled away from home. As we were listening to the 60's channel on the radio, The Chambers Brothers song *Time Has Come Today* played. It is a long song lasting nearly 15 minutes. It was a famous piece and the song has enjoyed an extended life in movies and TV shows over the last 55 years. Since then *time* has been playing on my mind.

Time is a theme in scripture. Psalm 46 says that God is *timeless* and like an *ever-flowing stream*. This notion is especially interesting as I think of all the passages that we are experiencing. It is the end of another school year and the last two have been so different.

Our youngest niece is graduating from high school on Saturday and has a fantastic opportunity at a university – **Time**.

While traveling over the weekend, we paid homage to those who served in the Armed Forces, especially those killed in battle – **Time**.

Over the weekend we visited old friends that we have not seen in 22 months due to the pandemic – **Time**.

Recently, a friend held Confirmation Services on Pentecost, the birthday of the Church – **Time**.

Family reunions are happening again. We hosted a small gathering recently with a larger one planned soon – **Time**.

Commissioning and ordinations in the West Ohio Conference occurred in May. This

June is the 30th anniversary of my Ordination as a Transitional Deacon – **Time.**

Conference begins on Sunday and concludes on Monday for those of us in the West Ohio Conference – **Time.**

I am entering my 6th year as a District Superintendent in the Ohio River Valley District – **Time.**

Churches are experiencing transitions of pastoral leadership – **Time.**

Pastors and parsonage families are experiencing transitions in this season – **Time.**

The Pandemic infection rates and deaths are lower, and lives are changing again – **Time.**

Please get vaccinated if you have not already done so.

We continue to work towards justice and cultural competency in our quest for equality in our culture for all who are marginalized – **Time.**

The great hymn, *O God Our Help in Ages Past*, written by Isaac Watts in 1719, includes this verse which is a paraphrase of Psalm 90:

"Time like an ever-flowing stream, bears all who breathe away;"

the notion that time is timeless in the sense of the eternal. And even though the world forgets,

"they fly forgotten as a dream dies at the opening day."

because our human frailty God remembers. In fact, Isaac Watts closed with that memory in verse 6, the closing of the hymn:

*"O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home."*

Time.



Closing Conversation:

- What events help you keep time in your life?
- We are living into the season after Pentecost or Ordinary Time. What events are you marking in your spiritual life?
- Where are you seeing growth? What needs some pruning?

Are you:

- Keeping Time?
- Making Time?
- Denying Time?
- Out of Time?
- Turning Back Time?

Is it Time for you to change?

Peace,



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