

Pastor's Message

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CONSEQUENCES

We learn from relativity and from evolution that there are always consequences. Nothing in the universe happens in isolation. Nothing!

We can still catch the echo of the Big Bang more than 13 billion years later. The expanding universe still goes on and every particle of matter resonates with all the disparate energy of the universe.

There are always consequences. Thomas Carlyle observes that no Indian arguing with a partner on the banks of the Susquehanna River fails to affect a family living in Tibet.

Consequences. Every human life changes the universe literally and irrevocably.

In the liturgical celebrations of Spring we encounter the consequences of the extraordinary life of Jesus and especially of his dying in love and rising in hope. For the remainder of the liturgical year, we deal with the echoes and relationships, the expansion and the energy of Easter. The only way to address Easter is in comprehensive terms. Easter gives us the cosmic Christ.

The consequences of Pentecost and the Spirit, of a Christian community and universal love, of the end of everything less than grace and of all boundaries of forgiveness even for the enemy, seventy times seven, and of love that reaches eternity, all this is the consequence of Easter. We celebrate this and seek to absorb it. We contemplate this and seek to become part of it from now until the end of the liturgical year.

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