

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, John 13.

Genesis 2:2-3 "On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation." (NLT)

While thinking of being on vacation, the old song by Connie Francis, "V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N came to mind. The only thing is, we are not heading toward sunny days on the beach, but much cooler and rainier days in Alaska.

"Find a job you love, and you'll never have to work again." While some attribute this saying to Confucius, others pointed to the limited jobs available in his day and questioned who actually wrote it.

As much as I love and enjoy the fact that God has allowed me to be your pastor, and I love the work I get to do, I am grateful for some downtime. It is a time to recharge, but also spend quality time with Donna, and this time, our friends, John and Jennifer.

While the Bible does not say much about individuals taking vacations, at least not in our modern sense of the word, there were feasts and holy days where families joined together to celebrate, and work was stopped for a time. (Ha, say the women.)

I like the term "holiday" used by many Europeans, thinking in terms of "a holy day" and a time to recharge, hopefully bringing refreshment to ourselves, and ready us to do the Lord's work.

While I see the next days as nothing more than a "vacation," the pulpit will not be "vacant." I appreciate the men who will be sharing the Word of God, and I know you will be blessed by their messages. I know I will be listening as much as possible, even if not at the same time as you.

Last evening, we sailed out of Long Beach Harbor toward our first stop in Sitka, Alaska.

Pray for us. Much love to all.