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What a glorious day that the Lord has given to us as we journey together towards the Autumn season! We are truly blessed with the presence of God in our lives and the leadership of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, all the while being surrounded by the Holy Spirit.

It has been a long hot, dry, humid summer, but we survived it. With very little rain, it has affected our farmer's crops, our wells, our lawns and fields, but we survived it. We are never sure what creates these weather patterns, but we surely know that God is always with us. His presence is seen everyday in the faces of those we meet, whether our friends or strangers, in the works of volunteers helping with those in need, and in those who guide us through life's challenges.

We have prayed for many of our congregants over the past several months, to give them comfort, support, and strength through hardships or health issues they are facing. The power of prayer has always been a mystery to me, but I know that it is a very powerful and spiritual practice that certainly strengthens faith and leads to positive changes in the lives of those we pray for.

Our world seems to be in crisis these days, and there are so many overwhelming tragedies, environmental disasters, homelessness, and loss of purpose for so many people that we see and read about. It is so important for us to stay strong in our faith, and be willing to share the Word and works of God everyday and everywhere we go. We need to be an example of the love and comfort that we have been taught through our ministry together.

I hope that our time together in the coming months is a positive experience as we continue to do God's work as a family. Blessings and comfort to you all.

Pastor Carol Merrill

*Exodus 13:21-"And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light"*