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Dear Friends,

We are rising still! As we continue to recover from the pandemic, living in a world so in need of shared community, peace, and justice, our congregation has responded with grace, commitment and determination.

With our new name, comes a renewed sense of mission to **Inspire, Connect and Act**. We're opening our doors to new families, continuing our amazing social justice work, and staying in community with others – learning together, and supporting each other as needs arise. Our Family Faith Formation programs are helping our children grow up to be purposeful, insightful adults.

The sanctuary is full for worship on Sunday mornings, enhanced with beautiful music from our various choirs that touch our souls and inspire us for the week. It feels good to be back together again.

As we rise together, we must support each other through our financial gifts large or small – as well as with our gifts of talent and time. As you know, we are the ones that literally keep the lights on, the water running, and our dedicated staff paid. Our congregation rises with every gift.

I ask you to **step on** by pledging for the first time or **step up** to a new level of giving. We are on this remarkable journey together - doing so much, with so much farther we can go. Thank you for making it all happen.

Join me as we continue to rise --

Yours always,

Rev. Dr. John Morehouse