**Final Sending & Blessing for 10/17 Presbytery Meeting**

**written on 10/16 by Deb Tregaskis**

Beloved Sisters and Brothers,

Know what God sends you forth, so…

Repay no one evil for evil (\*Romans 12:17ff)

Offer kindness in the midst of hatred.

Harbor love.

Shelter Light.

Care for those the world has trampled.

Look at them.

Listen to them.

Learn from them.

Choose resurrection hope

in the face of despair and division.

Savor beauty.

Stitch a thin but unbreakable thread of gratitude

to bind you to the One who made you.

Reflect joy

to honor the One who blesses us.

For….

Christ is our Shepherd……

In him our deepest needs are met,

our joy restored.

Into the cup of life he pours mercy until it overflows.

Go now in peace,

in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN

(\*This final blessing is a paraphrase from a liturgical resource

called Seasons of Mercy )