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There were these two grasshoppers who fell into a bowl of cream one day. One groaned and complained about his lot in life and sank to the bottom of the bowl and drowned. The other grasshopper began singing and kicking her little feet, and behold, the cream was turned to butter. And the happy little grasshopper hopped away to freedom.

How do we as Christians handle our situations in life? In the book of Numbers, Chapter 13, there is another story of grasshoppers. Moses sent out spies into the land of Canaan, who returned with stories of people like giants, fortified cities and a land flowing with milk and honey. A man named Caleb, strong in faith, stepped forward and said, "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to conquer it." But the other spies said, "No, not against people as strong as they...WE are in their sight as grasshoppers."

Do others see us as grasshoppers? We find ourselves and the Church living in an alienated world. Most of what we see of the Church in the news or in the movies is a Church either corrupt or insipid. Are we of faith indeed grasshoppers? No! Even if we were, would we sit and complain and sink to the bottom, or would we sing a new song and kick our feet, to a new and glorious future in loving justice and faith?

In this world every person who claims the love of Christ is a representative of the Good News, that there is yet hope, yet peace,

yet love. Let us not be diverted or oppressed with evil or confusion. We have a message for the world, and we must live with strength and assurance.

So as we take time this summer to relax, refresh and reflect, let us hold onto our faith and keep on kicking. This can be a world of terror, or we can continue to work to make it graciously good. Let us face the future with confidence and faith in God and trust in each other. Grasshoppers make little difference in today's world, or do they? Thank God that as a people and as St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, we are still kicking and singing along the way...."Glory, glory, hallelujah! God's truth is marching on."

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