

**Pastor's Pen**



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Provost United Church

This last week, we sang a hymn entitled "Will Your Anchor Hold?" That seems even more appropriate, as I am writing this just after a heavy windstorm on June 21.

I first used that hymn on the first Sunday after the tsunami of December 26, 2005. It had special significance just days after that disaster affected a great deal of Asia, especially areas near the

Indian Ocean. Many thousands of lives were lost, as we remember.

For many days after, there were a large number of letters in many newspapers debating whether God had a part in it, or if there was a God at all. It began with atheists who wrote basically along one line of thought; the tsunami proves God does not exist, because no God who was right and just would allow such a thing to happen. They usually argued this position by trying to show that the Biblical God of power could not exist, if such things could be allowed to happen.

That is not a correct understanding or explanation of what God is about and does, but some of the responses from writers identifying them-

selves as Christians were not helpful. One set of responses posted the theory that it was in fact caused by God as punishment for the sins of the world. That is not a helpful response, nor is it a healthy theology. For all the sins and excesses of the world, why would some of the poorest be singled out? A God of massive punishment on such a scale is not appealing.

I find the other responses more appealing. They avow that God does exist, and creates and is creating. At the same time, what God has created moves and grows as it does. The land rises as it will, after God's creation. In the same way our lives, move and change after God's creation of it.

Some of those things are in our control, and some are not our choice.

The view of the atheists that a God would not allow such things is echoed in some ways by some who are proclaiming themselves Christians in one odd way, The atheists are saying that if there is a God, nothing bad can happen. That is of course false, and in this case the argument was made for more semantic reasons than logical ones. However, there are Christians who believe that if you are devout enough, pray enough, and are blessed enough, nothing bad will happen to you as God will protect you. That is thinking that is faulty. We will die. We will all experience some bad times. It won't be all good, every day. That

thinking only fosters deep feelings of guilt and even non-belief when the bad happens.

The story of Jesus calming the storm and the hymn remind us that the storms will come, to all of us. It is our faith

and belief in the risen Christ that carries us through and helps us weather the storms. The wind blows as it will, but it is the love of God through Christ that is our anchor.



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