

Friends,

This week we have witnessed another mass shooting, this time with ten people killed in a grocery store in Colorado. Sadly, mass shootings today seem somewhat unsurprising, and even commonplace. We may even switch the channel when we see them.

Yet, when something happens close to home--like it did in Dayton in 2019--and we hear the stories of those whose lives were taken, and their grieving loved ones, we often wonder why God allows something like this to happen. What meaning is there? What purpose is there?

Yet, the truth is, as much as we like to ask these questions and try to understand, often times there isn't an answer. Often times the answer is simply that we live in a broken world, a world marred by sin and violence. Try as we might, there is sometimes no more satisfying answer than that.

Yet, the Christian answer doesn't end there. Because, though we might not know why or understand something like this happening, we do know that God is with us when we find ourselves in a situation like this. God is there holding us close, giving us strength we didn't know we had. Ultimately, God is the One that we can hold onto, even when we don't have any other answers.

On the journey with you,
Pastor Jordan