

JUNE 21 SUNDAY MESSAGE TED LAND, TRANSITIONAL PASTOR PALMA SOLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BRADENTON, FLORIDA

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

Today is officially the first day of Summer. The Summer Solstice was actually yesterday, so last night was the shortest night of the year. The romantic French see it that way.

Six months ago, we gathered at the Botanical Gardens for The Longest Night/Blue Christmas service.

That seems so long ago.

So much has changed since then.

The days have been growing longer ever since December 21. They will start growing shorter now. Change is constant.

Will we be able, on December 21, to gather once more for an occasion of remembrance? Will the Sanctuary be packed on Christmas Eve as it has been in the past?

When will we be able to put away our masks and shake hands and hug again?

God knows. GOD KNOWS.

And in that is my hope and comfort.

In life and in death we belong to God.

Hallelujah, amen.

Your transitional pastor, Ted Land