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Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

What a weekend.

Between the inauguration and the Women's March, there was a lot happening in Washington, and it was an emotional few days.

The words I have heard most from people are: disappointed; disillusioned; uplifted; and, energized.

The questions I have heard most are: What now? And, where do we go from here?

With those feelings on my mind, I received a message from a clergy friend, currently on sabbatical in South Africa. Inspired by a visit to Nelson Mandela's cell on Robben Island, and reflecting on the division here at home, my friend shared this quote from Mandela:

*May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.*

I don't know the answers to the important questions people are asking, but I do think Mandela was onto something. May the choices we make reflect our hopes, our dreams, our aspirations and the best of ourselves.

See you in church,  
*Andrew*