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Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

A few weeks ago, I began a sermon with a quote from Fred Rogers, and so many people commented on it or asked about it, I thought I'd share a little more wisdom from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood:

Deep within us – no matter who we are – there lives a feeling of wanting to be lovable, of wanting to be the kind of person that others like to be with. And the greatest thing we can do is to let people know that they are loved and capable of loving.

Some days, doing “the best we can” may still fall short of what we would like to be able to do, but life isn't perfect – on any front – and doing what we can with what we have is the most we should expect of ourselves.

All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of those things that connects us as neighbors – in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver.

In easy times and in tough times, what seems to matter most is the way we show those nearest us that we've been listening to their needs, their joys, and to their challenges... Listening is where love begins.

See you in church,
Andrew