



Thinking Outside the Box (While Loving the Box) June 27, 2022

Hebrews 13:2 cautions us. “Do not neglect to practice hospitality, because in so doing, some have entertained angels without realizing it.” The writer references Genesis 18, where Abraham receives three angelic messengers and hosts them at a meal. This thirteenth century icon by Andrei Rublev called “The Old Testament Trinity” recalls that event.



Over the next few weeks, “Outside the Box” will focus on strengthening the art of hospitality in worship, in receiving newcomers, and in engaging the community, especially people who differ from us. Practicing hospitality goes beyond simply being polite to the stranger. Rather, radical hospitality, like that of Abraham and Jesus, engages the stranger, receives them as they are, seeks to understand the stranger, and asks nothing of them. It also accepts with hospitality the invitations from others to relate and engage. Radical hospitality seeks to serve Christ in each person, as our baptismal vows call on us to do.

God’s peace,

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