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For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

- Ecclesiastes 3:1

To my brothers and sisters in Christ,

In 2002, when I accepted the call of the Vestry to become your rector, it was with no expectation as to the length of time I would serve this parish. It has now been more than sixteen years, and the joy that I have received has blessed me beyond measure. My heart is filled with gratitude for what we have shared in worship, ministries, and all the passages of life.

There comes that moment, however, when it is time to set some things aside, and to look for what might be in store for the next phase of one's life. Accordingly, last evening, in line with the Canons of the Episcopal Church, I asked the Vestry to consent to my resignation as Rector of St. James' Mill Creek, effective June 30, 2019. The Vestry has accepted my resignation, and following Sunday worship on June 30th of next year, I will officially be retiring from full-time parish ministry.

Although my resignation/retirement is more than seven months away, I know that the time will go by quickly. I trust, however, that during the interim we will have ample opportunities to talk about our time together, to give thanks for what we have shared, and to contemplate what lies ahead as we each continue our journeys as disciples of our savior Jesus Christ.

Your brother in faith,

The Rev. James Michael Bimbi