

“TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, May 13, 2018)

Share:

When we are troubled and perplexed, anxious and discouraged, there is One who seeks us, One who meets us, One who heals us, One whose love washes over us and sets us free for joy.

This One is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord of our hearts, the Lord of our lives, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Read these words from a hymn today: *Lord, When I Came into This Life*
Lord, when I came into this life, you called me by my name;
Today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.

Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints, of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
Let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
Feet firmly plants on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Read this scripture from worship: Ephesians 1:15-23 (The Message)

¹⁵⁻¹⁹ That’s why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn’t stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I’d think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!

²⁰⁻²³ All this energy issues from Christ: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but *forever*. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ’s body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

Talk together, responding to these questions:

How is your sight functioning, the “eyes of your heart?”

How is God’s power working in you?

What would our lives be like, what would our world be like, if we all visited our Creator before heading out into the world each day?

Where is the Holy Spirit kicking our mission into high gear?

Pray together:

Holy One, come into my heart this morning and give me eyes to see throughout this day all the ways that you rule. Put your resurrecting power to work in my life and empower me to be a witness to Christ, that my life may be a song of thanksgiving to you. Strengthen my hope and bless the work of my hands that I may live as a member of Christ’s body in this world. Amen.

Bless one another:

Take each person's hand and say. "God's grace is for you, God's love is upon you, God's call is within you. Be kind to yourself and others this week as a child of God."