

“TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, December 16, 2018)

Share: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon the holy name of the most high God.
Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.
Trust and do not be afraid.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.
The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Read these words from a hymn today

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly, all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace
In love, all love excelling, our lost and fallen race.

Read this scripture from worship: Isaiah 12:2-6 (The Message)

²“Yes, indeed—God is my salvation.
I trust, I won't be afraid.

GOD—yes GOD!—is my strength and song,
best of all, my salvation!”

³⁻⁴ Joyfully you'll pull up buckets of water
from the wells of salvation.

And as you do it, you'll say,
“Give thanks to GOD.

Call out his name.

Ask him anything!

Shout to the nations, tell them what he's done,
spread the news of his great reputation!

⁵⁻⁶ “Sing praise-songs to GOD. He's done it all!

Let the whole earth know what he's done!

Raise the roof! Sing your hearts out, O Zion!

The Greatest lives among you: The Holy of Israel.”

Talk together, responding to these questions:

- In unsettled times, what brings us fear?
- From what does God save us?
- What are the refreshing “buckets of water” in this day and time?
- What does our trust and salvation lead us to do and show how to act toward God and others?
- Of what do we shout and sing?

Pray together:

O God, our light and our salvation, you bring hope and peace to the lowly and oppressed. Let us see the world through your eyes that we may love the widow and orphan, that we may work for justice, that our lives may bear witness to the good news of your kingdom at hand. May our calling serve to draw people to your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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."