

“TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, January 13, 2019)

Share: The voice of God resounds upon the water.
The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.
The Son of God is named, “Beloved.”
And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”
Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.
Let us worship God in holy splendor.

Read these words from a hymn today *You Are Mine*
I will come to you in the silence. I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice: Be still, and know I am near

I am hope for all who are hopeless. I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light: Come and rest in Me

Chorus:
Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me, I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free; And all will know My name

Read this scripture from worship: Isaiah 43:1-7 (The Message)

¹⁻⁴ But now, GOD’s Message, the God who made you in the first place, Jacob,
the One who got you started, Israel: “Don’t be afraid, I’ve redeemed you.
I’ve called your name. You’re mine.

When you’re in over your head, I’ll be there with you.

When you’re in rough waters, you will not go down.

When you’re between a rock and a hard place, it won’t be a dead end—

Because I am GOD, your personal God, the Holy of Israel, your Savior.

I paid a huge price for you: all of Egypt, with rich Cush and Seba thrown in!

That’s how much you mean to me! *That’s* how much I love you!

I’d sell off the whole world to get you back, trade the creation just for you.

⁵⁻⁷ “So don’t be afraid: I’m with you. I’ll round up all your scattered children,
pull them in from east and west. I’ll send orders north and south: ‘Send them back.
Return my sons from distant lands, my daughters from faraway places.
I want them back, every last one who bears my name, every man, woman, and child
Whom I created for my glory, yes, personally formed and made each one.’”

Talk together, responding to these questions:

- What are some images and effects of water?
- How is water related to God's renewing work?
- At this time in your life, where and when do you need to remember God's words, "I will be with you"? (Isaiah 43:2)
- How does baptism give us identity?
- In these unsettling times, how does "remember your baptism" affirm both our belonging to God and our calling by God?

Pray together:

Loving God, we begin this new day in the sure knowledge that you have claimed us as your children. In all that we do, keep us mindful of actions that are pleasing in your sight. In all that we say, make us attentive to the witness we give to your love. Let our lives be an example to all whom we encounter, living as daughters and sons of God who follow in the path of Jesus, our Lord and our brother. 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."