

## MEDITATIONS FROM APRIL 2015 SUNDAY BULLETINS

### **THE RESURRECTION**

Easter Service

April 5, 2014

Rev. Donna Gatewood

*(No Meditaton since special holiday bulletin was used.)*

### **WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?**

April 12, 2015

Rev. Janet Friedline

When I say the word “problem,” all of us have some idea of what that means. Jesus told us that in this world there will be trials and tribulations and we have discovered that this is so. Many times these trials and tribulations come to us in the form of a problem, and the very first thing we want to do is to solve it. Problems keep us in a state of unrest, they annoy us and we just want them to go away.

But exactly what is a problem? What some consider being a problem, others consider simply being a part of life, and they don’t relate to it in a personal way. The purpose and function of the material world is to provide the contrasts of experience so that we may learn the true meaning of our existence. There really is nothing to solve. Experiences are simply that – experiences. It is not necessary to name them problems or opportunities. Let us live the experience, take the meat and leave the empty shell. We are in this world to learn the true meaning of our existence – let us get busy and do so.

### **WHERE DO YOU LIVE?**

April 19, 2015

Rev. Janet Friedline

Many times when we first meet someone, one of the questions we ask is “where do you live?” They may answer by giving us their street address, their neighborhood, or if from out of town, the city that they call “home.” We use this information as a point of identification, getting to know the person in some way. We want to know what people do for a living, are they married, or do they have children. We are really very curious about each other and we want to know more.

But exactly what does this information tell us about another individual? Do we really “know” someone by their address, their family status or what it is they do for a living? To know someone, we need to dig a little deeper. What is their view of life, what do they hold “dear?” We make these determinations in consciousness, in that place where we ponder and consider life. The question we should ask is “where do you live in consciousness?” The person we really want to know about is us. Let us ask ourselves the question “where do I live in consciousness?” Let us listen – the answer tells us who we are.

## **THE PERFECT TRUTH**

April 26, 2015

Rev. Donna Gatewood

The Truth which Jesus said shall set us free is a cure for all of our stresses and distresses. It is the way by which we may all be set free from all that holds us back and hinders and causes us to suffer.

This Truth is simple. It is so simple that only a child can understand it. For didn't Jesus say, "Unless you become as a little child, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." We are living in the kingdom of God right now, this very minute; for the kingdom of God is peace and joy in the Spirit. It is not missing from us for Jesus told us, "Behold, the kingdom of heaven is at hand and within you."

To discover this Truth is a great discovery. We are here to find the Truth which has been with us always. Become as a little child that you may be open and receptive with ears to hear and eyes to see beyond the human condition.