

## **MEDITATIONS FROM APRIL 2016 SUNDAY BULLETINS**

### **THE INNER VOICE**

April 3, 2016

Rev. Janet Friedline

Life expresses itself to us in a variety of ways. We look around us and discover there are options to consider and decisions to be made. We are asked to choose between “this and that,” trying to determine what is best. But how do we know for sure? Not knowing what the result might be, we don’t feel confident that we are making the “right” decision. And what if we should change our minds, or better yet, what if it doesn’t work out? In our time of confusion, the decision may be to simply do nothing at all.

Let us remember that the life, which expresses in a variety of ways, is God’s Life. God did not send us into this world to fend for ourselves. Our mistake is that we think we are responsible for our care and concern. This is God’s responsibility. In a time of decision, we become still and say “speak Lord, I am listening.” And then actually listen – give no thought. The word is spoken, and if we are quiet enough, we will hear it. And we will know just what to do.

### **GIVE TO RECEIVE**

April 10, 2016

Rev. Donna Gatewood

It has been said that if a man were to offer twenty-dollar gold pieces for sale on the street at fifty cents each, there would be very few buyers, because nearly everybody would leap to the conclusion that he was a fraud.

If you will study the real reason why people instinctively feel that way, you will find in it the very secret of success in getting what you desire. You have heard it said hundreds, if not thousands, of times that “You can’t get something for nothing.”

You may or may not think that you believe this to be true, but it is true, whether you believe it or not. And everyone deep down in their inner nature knows this is so. That is why they shy away from any promise that promises too much.

There is one promise that you can count on. That is the promise that is found in Luke 6:38. “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.” You must give to receive.

## **SPIRITUAL HEALING IS OUR BIRTHRIGHT**

April 17, 2016

Rev. Maria Borrero

When we have a relationship with our Father, it is then that we are led to our true place. Our true place is wholeness. We must never give up. Instead, when it gets difficult, let us be still and know in our hearts that God's grace and joy will lift our consciousness and guide us on our path back to the Father's house. "The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy, in the Holy Ghost."

## **GOLDEN NUGGETS**

April 24, 2016

Rev. Janet Friedline

From early childhood, we are encouraged to study and to learn. We are told to reach beyond what we know as experience and observation. We seek out others to find out what they have discovered to be important and have meaning. If their words touch us in a particular way, we consider these individuals to have wisdom beyond our present understanding, and we value what they have to say. And this is helpful. What is learned in a time of "coming to know," is meant to be shared.

The words of wisdom might be called "golden nuggets." They are like seeds of truth dropped into our consciousness to nurture and cultivate. Seeds are surrendered to the fertile soil so that they may develop after their own kind. The seeds of truth, planted in receptive consciousness, grow and mature, according to their divine nature. And in due time, they go before us, healing and restoring all things to their rightful place. Let us be still and know that this is so.