

MEDITATIONS FROM JUNE 2018 SUNDAY BULLETINS

CHANGING PATTERNS

June 3, 2018

Rev. Donna Gatewood

Who or what do you say you are? As the man whose breath is in his nostrils we think that we are flesh and bone and matter here to do many things. We spend our lives chasing after a dream that is already ours—Life abundant and eternal. But we spend our days and our nights covering up our true identity and we allow ourselves to get drawn into and caught up in the daily dramas of the human condition. We are not here to express our personalities. We are here to express our individuality; that part of us that is real, whole, complete and perfect. That part of us that is the Divine Son of God which was created in the beginning before Abraham was is our true nature. Let us choose to die daily to the man whose breath is in his nostrils and walk away from the life of the prodigal. Let us return home to our Father's house where all of us will be greeted with open arms and the only garment we will ever need—the mantle of the Christ.

PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

June 10, 2018

Rev. Donna Gatewood

There is something deep within each of us that calls us to be perfect in all of our undertakings. The majority of us strive to be the very best we can be in all aspects of our lives. We push ourselves to be the best in our relationships, our professions, and our leisurely pastimes. We are competitive and we strive to excel.

Our desire to be perfect is the result of the truth—we are already perfect; for we are created in the image and after the likeness of God, our Father, who is perfect. God is a perfect God in all His ways and there is no imperfection in God. His ways are perfect, His words are perfect.

This same perfection is in each of us at this very moment. Let us begin now to acknowledge our perfection and pursue it in all our ways. Begin by changing the negatives to positives. Acknowledge the truth of all being and know that it is your birthright to be perfect, whole and complete.

It is our Father's will that we live in perfect condition; let His will be done in us. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matthew 5:48

FROM WHENCE YE CAME

June 17, 2018

Rev. Janet Friedline

All of life originates in some way. We look around us and discover that everything seems to have a place from whence it came. Nature produces after its kind, according to species and order. Much of what we see as form, had its origin first as idea before coming forth into manifestation. Some indiscernible activity determines the movement of the planets, the height of the mountain and the depth

of the ocean. There is activity involved in all life, and its origin is the invisible handiwork of an unseen creator.

The same activity created us and sent us into being. Our origin belongs to the one that sent us, according to our species and order. God gave us life, made of his substance, image, and of his likeness. God is spirit, and he does his work in the realm of spirit. What is of spirit is eternal – there is no beginning and no end to what God has sent forth as man. When man accepts his material garment, he does so to live in a world of form. And when his journey is completed, he lays it down, acknowledging his true Self, returning to that place from whence he came.

June 24, 2018 – Student Recognition Day

There was no meditation on the bulletin since a special bulletin was used.