

## MEDITATIONS FROM JUNE 2017 SUNDAY BULLETINS

### **TALKS WITH GOD**

June 4, 2017

Rev. Janet Friedline

Many of us learned about prayer as little children when our parents took us to Sunday school. We were told that we could pray to God about anything and he would hear us. And so we took all of our cares and concerns, all of our wants and wishes to God in prayer. Sometimes we felt he heard us and other times we weren't so sure. Sometimes we felt our prayers were answered and other times they were not. And we didn't know what to think. Did we pray amiss? How do we get God's attention?

In time, our concept of God began to change and so did our method of prayer. For many years we prayed to God – but now we simply wanted to talk “with” God. When we talk with God, rather than “to” him, we feel the immediacy of his presence. Instead of reaching out to God, we turn within and give recognition. The true conversation takes place in the stillness of inner being. There is a time to talk, and a time to listen. Go often to the sacred place and be at peace.

### **LET GO; LET GOD**

June 11, 2017

Rev. Donna Gatewood

Paul learned his lesson well. Never again would he resist the action of God for He had found the joy of relying on the mighty Christ within. “We should serve in newness of spirit and not in the oldness of the letter,” said Paul. For it is in the newness of Spirit that we are willing to let go of our fears, worries, prejudices, and mistaken thoughts and ideas.

Our narrow point of view of “me” and “my” will receive no response. We are moved by the Spirit of Love which includes the good of all. We are here to serve the Christ and in serving Him we serve the whole.

As the skydiver holds on to the ripcord and yields himself to the parachute, let us give ourselves to the Christ within. Let us hold on to the principle of our oneness with God and give our hearts, minds and hands to His loving activity.

Father, your knowledge, wisdom, and purpose direct my thoughts and guides all of my efforts. My tasks are part of your infinite plan.

## **FLESH OR SPIRIT**

June 18, 2017

Rev. Janet Friedline

The Bible speaks to us of the origin of life. We trace our roots back to our source, determining from whence we came. We study our human form, considering its source to be the biological parents through which we made our appearance on this earth plane. The physical aspect of being is referred to as the “flesh,” or the one of skin and bone. And we marvel at how wonderfully we are made. We think, and we reason, accomplishing many things. And when we live from the place of material being, it is said that we are sowing to the flesh.

We understand the biological process necessary for outer expression. And in our time of reasoning, we ask the question “why or what put this process in place?” We have noticed there is an invisible activity that brings forth manifestation. Life proceeds from the inner to the outer, whether it begins as a seed or an idea. We are that life and when we live from the place of inner being, it is said that we are sowing to spirit. This is our true origin; it is from “whence we came.” Be still and know that this is so.

### **June 25, 2017 – Student Recognition Day**

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