

MEDITATIONS FROM NOVEMBER 2017 SUNDAY BULLETINS

FROM INVISIBLE TO VISIBLE

November 5, 2017

Rev. Donna Gatewood

Our Divine Science Statement of Being reminds us that “God is All.” He is both the invisible and the visible. God is the substance of the universe to fill every human need. God is not the giver but the gift itself. God is more than a divine quality; God is the living presence in all things, in all that is seen and unseen.

“By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear.” Hebrews 11:3. In our search for the abundant life, we have been blind to all that is around us. If we can’t see, hear, taste, smell or touch a thing, we think it doesn’t exist.

The riches of the kingdom of heaven are all around us. Jesus was aware of this when He declared, “All that the Father has is mine.” It is all for us, but not knowing that it is ours, we do not claim our divine inheritance.

It is time for every one of us to make up our minds to *prove* whether or not the Lord (the law) be God; to *prove* whether God’s promises are true or if the Scriptures are just a myth. Let us be wise and listen to the words of the prophet Hosea and to follow his example when he said, “I am rich, I have gained wealth for myself.” Hosea 12:8.

THE POWER IN GIVING THANKS

November 12, 2017

Rev. Donna Gatewood

How often have we faced what appeared to be the death of our hopes, our dreams, and our deepest desires? Such a time may come at the loss of a job, the end of a relationship, the death of a loved one. If such things occur, we can follow Jesus’ example. First we can lift our eyes—look behind the appearances to the Truth, beyond the problem to the solution. We can give thanks. In Truth the answer is already there even though it has not yet manifested to our physical senses.

Each of us is life expressing. Sometimes we forget the joy of being and we cover our faces with obstacles. Even then praise and joy abound if we let them. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, let us enjoy the turkey, the pumpkin pie, our families and friends and even the omnipresent football games. But more importantly, let us be mindful that the awesome power of thanksgiving is our own gracious receptivity of that which the Father has already given to us in the past, present and future.

With the psalmist, let us gratefully sing: “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!” Psalms 100:1,2,3.

The Grateful Heart

November 19, 2017

Rev. Janet Friedline

There was no back page meditation since a special Thanksgiving bulletin was used.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

November 26, 2017

Rev. Janet Friedline

We live in a world of sound, noise, and chatter. This is our means of communicating with one another. We use the spoken word to convey our intent and our purpose. Sometimes we are good at this and other times, not so much. We say one thing, but someone else may receive it in a different way. Sometimes we speak before we have considered what it is we want to say. Language is our method of exchange, and there are times when we mimic the Tower of Babel spoken of in the Bible. We seem to be speaking in foreign tongues, not able to understand one another.

The Bible speaks of a quiet place, a place void of sound, noise and chatter. The message of the soul is a silent knowing and sensing, all without thought or the spoken word. The place of silence is the sanctuary within us, and in the absence of sound, we are alone with God. We do not speak, we listen. And what we hear is of God. Let us go often to the quiet place and be at peace.