

MEDITATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 2017 SUNDAY BULLETINS

GOD IS

September 3, 2017
Rev. Janet Friedline

Throughout the ages, man has pondered about God. He has studied the Bible, looking for clarity in the scriptures. Ancient holy men, and modern day metaphysicians, have added their concepts and opinions, sharing what they discovered in times of contemplation. They encourage us to satisfy our desire to know God. We want to know the significance of life, and the purpose for our being. The search for Truth takes us beyond the physical form and the mental thought. There is more to life than what appears to be.

We study, we ponder and we learn. We discover that the true message is given in our time of meditation, in a place that is free of mental work. God is the creator, the only power. God is the activity that sustains and maintains what it has sent forth into expression. God is eternal life. God is spirit and must be worshiped in spirit and in truth. God is the invisible activity out of which all things are made. God is – and there is none else. And because God is, we have existence. I Am that I Am, is our true name and that is how God knows us.

GOD'S CALL

September 10, 2017
Rev. Donna Gatewood

God speaks to us always. Even now, this moment, He is calling. Are you taking the call; are you listening? Are you truly listening? Our Father has given us ears to hear and eyes to see but what is it that we are hearing and seeing?

Let us close our human eyes and allow our spiritual eyes and ears to be opened to the Truth. Let us read between the lines and hear beyond the words and discern the hidden meaning in all that is. Let the veil be lifted from our eyes that we may see beyond the film and past all appearances to the presence of God in all of creation.

Let our human ears become deaf to the noise of the world and the clanging symbols and the babbling voices clamoring to be heard. Let our spiritual ears be opened so that we may receive the call of God and hear His word as He speaks to us, guides us, heals us, and blesses us in all our coming and going.

Father, we pray, let us be those who receive the seed in good ground and heareth the word and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit.

For the blessings of spiritual perception and ears that hear and eyes that see rightly, Almighty Father, we give you thanks.

THE FIVE Ws

September 17, 2017

Rev. Donna Gatewood

As we go through our daily lives we are constantly asking ourselves the same burning questions. Who? What? When? Where? Why? When we are on the spiritual path these questions become a little bit easier to answer.

We are not simply who we are because of to whom we were born. We are who we are because of by whom we were created. We are individualized expressions of our Father, God. We are His children.

What are we? We are spiritual beings living in a material universe and no matter what we do, what we aspire to, what we want, or what we stand for we can cope with change, we can overcome negative circumstances and situations; we can change our thinking and change our lives.

When? Right now this very moment. There is no other time but the present. Let go of the past and plan for the future, but don't become attached to the plan. Experience the fullness of life right now. Now is the only time.

Where? Right where you are. The ground on which you stand is holy ground. God is right there where you are.

Why? We are here to move towards the Christ consciousness; to experience the peace, joy, love and power of bringing forth the Christ

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

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Rev. Janet Friedline

Many of us have certain ideas about life and how we want to live it. There are certain things we think will satisfy and fulfill us, and we begin to acquire these things. As children, we looked to our parents to meet our needs, to feed us and clothe us, providing shelter and education. As we grew older, our wants became a little more expensive, advancing from dolls and toys to computers and cell phones. As adults, we sought ways to make a living, providing for ourselves and meeting our needs.

At some point we noticed we had acquired many of the things we thought would satisfy and fulfill. But, we did not feel satisfied and fulfilled. Something was missing. We had the material goods, but felt empty inside. Our ideas about life began to change, and we found us looking beyond our prior expectations. We wanted to know who, or what, put it all in place; what was the activity that created it and expressed it? Our questions led to religion, to one that speaks of a spiritual life. And this is the one we want to live. God fills the empty places, be still and allow him to do so.