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NEWSLETTER

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LESSON TOPICS FOR MARCH 2023

MARCH 5

“WHAT DO YOU EXPECT”

Rev. Janet Friedline

Each of us has certain desires and aspirations. The challenge is to bring them to fruition. How do we expect to accomplish our goals? Do we look to man, or are we willing to consider more certain advice and counsel? Turn within – or without, the choice is ours.

MARCH 12

“GO TO THE SOURCE”

Practitioner Gene Policastrì

Thomas Merton questions that if you were to take a drink from the Mississippi River, where would you put your glass? At the source of the river in Minnesota? Or, in down by the drainage point near New Orleans. The answer is of course at the source. To connect with God, we should always go to the source.



MARCH 19

”DOING WHAT COMES NATURALLY”

Rev. Janet Friedline

Well-meaning individuals advise us to “be ourselves, to just act naturally.” To do so, we consider our nature. Do we pay tribute to the nature of the one of flesh, or do we acknowledge the one of spirit. The real question is, “how do we know us?” We express the idea we hold about us, it can be no other way.

MARCH 26

“LOSING YOUR FALSE SENSE OF SELF”

Practitioner Gene Policastrì

Jesus was in the desert for forty days and forty nights, ensconced in prayer and fasting; the height of asceticism. On the surface he proved he could not be tempted by the things of this world. But there is a deeper meaning for us. That is, our false sense of self represented by our human ego is always tempting us to pay attention to the things of this world, rather than the reality of our being. Losing that false sense of self brings joy beyond belief. That is our Lenten message.

Directions to join to our Sunday Services

To join via telephone

Call the toll-free number: 669-265-1582; and press#. You will be joined and be automatically muted. If you are asked to enter the conference ID, enter 721-672-3017, then press #.

To join via zoom app

Simply enter our meeting ID: 7216723017. There will be no password required. You will automatically be muted and disabled to use your video.

“AN EXAMPLE”

Rev. Pat Beach

After Jesus washed his disciples' feet, he said, *"For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."* He didn't mean that they should necessarily wash the feet of others. He meant that all of their actions should be motivated in general by humility and service. His teaching was always centered on the Invisible Essence behind the visible form.

This motive is described in the verse in Philippians 2:5 KJV, *"Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus."* Other translations of this verse give different terms to describe the same thing. The Lamsa Translation reads, *"Reason that within you which Jesus Christ also reasoned."* The Phillips Translation reads, *"Let Christ Jesus be your example as to what your attitude should be."* The Message says it as, *"Think of yourselves as Christ Jesus thought of himself."*

Because our approach to life is based on our sense of identity, who we believe ourselves to be is of great importance. Jesus knew himself to be the child of God and he knew this was true for all others as well. He asked that others know it for themselves and live accordingly. He provided an example in both words and actions. We have been shown the way to realize God's Presence within us. His teaching, still relevant, is simply this, "Come. Follow me." Our Father, for the ability to return to your House, we give you thanks. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As one of the mildest winters on record, it is amazing to see daffodils in bloom in late February. Although spring is just around the corner, there is no guarantee that we won't have a winter surprise. Whatever takes place, we accept that it is part of the divine plan for us at this time.

The Board of Trustees met for a very brief meeting in February. Due to church closure and the continued virtual service, not much has changed. However, with that said, we are pleased to announce that on **Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023, the church will be open for a live service as it was for the Christmas Eve service.** The service will be hybrid that day, meaning that the zoom connection will still be available for those wishing to tune in using that platform and in addition, the church building will be open for those who wish to worship live. The Easter service will be held in the library and the speaker will be practitioner, Gene Policastri. Whichever you choose, we are pleased to have you worship with us.



Even though we are not in the building regularly, the bills for the building itself continue to accrue. Additionally, Mrs. Mayu White, Church organist as well as church administrator, who really keeps things running, Alan Naylor and Adrienne Neal, our church musicians, the grounds keeper, etc., continue their services for which they must be paid. We are grateful to those who continue to send in their tithes and offerings to help meet these expenses.

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen"...Hebrews 11:1NRSV

Shirley Taylor Moore, President
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The Church Office will remain closed until further notice.

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Ongoing Prayer and Study
Group
Conference call

Tuesdays
6:30 pm

If you would like to join, you
may do so by using the
conference call number:

605-472-5203

Access Code 662944#.



Statement of Being

God is all, both invisible and visible.
One Presence, One Mind, One Power is all.
This One that is ALL is Perfect Life,
Perfect Love, and Perfect Substance.
Man is the individualized expression of God
And is ever one with this Perfect Life,
Perfect Love, and Perfect Substance.



Dial-a-Prayer - MEDITATION PHONE LINE

(202) 338-1240

We like to remind you of the call-in meditation line: (202) 338-1240.
This is a service provided by our church. Each day, one teacher,
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message is available 24/7 to uplift, comfort, and encourage us from
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your friends and family.

