

Looking for the Light

a devotional from
ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Read:

Psalm 100

A psalm. For giving grateful praise.

1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

*2 Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.*

3 Know that the Lord is God.

*It is he who made us, and we are his[a];
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

*4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.*

*5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

Reflect:

Included in a beloved Lenten devotional book that I return to year after year is a reading titled “Rabbits in Winter.” Rabbits, it shares, grow their fur as the temperature demands, yet another piece of the majesty of God, putting fasteners on the seas, morning lights in the sky and fur on the rabbits. As I think about it, are we much different? It often seems that our personal growth and faith development occur because of struggle. When faced with a new challenge, tragedy, *pandemic* we honestly can’t imagine how we will cope. Our fear can be overwhelming and crippling. But our fur hasn’t grown yet. By the grace of God our strength is made manifest in the struggle and because of the struggle. Bread comes to us day by day throughout the generations, and with it a renewed capacity to carry on. What a comfort to know that God’s love surrounds us and endures forever!

Ask:

- What surprising ways have I found to give praise during this period of global pandemic?
- What signs has God provided to reassure me of his faithfulness in these challenging times?

Pray:

Lord, we lift the weight of our many burdens up to you. Surround us with the peace that surpasses all understanding and renew in us the capacity for joy in all circumstances. Amen.

*Readings for Lent and Easter from the Upper Room
"Rabbits in Winter" author - Donna Schaper*

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