

September 18, 2020

Dear Friends,

One way to think about morning scripture reading and prayer or “quiet time” is this: It is an encounter with the Reality of God. To face God each morning is a Reality check. We notice who God is and we allow God to fill our vision. This changes the way we think and live.

For example, if God is love (1 John 4:16), I face God and know that God loves me. My day starts from the point of being loved.

Think about it. If you are God’s loved one, “if God is for us” (Romans 8:31), how does that change your day? How does it change how you think about your safety, your worth, your security? Take a moment to reflect on this.

To see God as God is, we look to Jesus Christ: his life, his death, his triumph over death, for us. What – or Who – we think about matters and is a basis for peace. The Apostle Paul puts it this way: “...whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” (Philippians 4:8) Jesus Christ is ultimately these things. You may do well to unfollow some people on Facebook or Instagram. You *will* do well to follow Jesus!

Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.

I am thankful for Melody Bellefeuille-Frost, our Missions Team lead. Having studied the intersection of art, culture and Christian faith, Melody has an interesting take on how important it is to ponder and promote beauty. That’s one thing people created in the image of Creator God do: we notice and promote beauty.

We will hear Melody’s unique voice this Sunday as she gives a sermon on Matthew 20:1-16 where Jesus highlights God’s beautiful, and surprising, priorities.

[Join Zoom Meeting online.](#)

Join Zoom Meeting by phone.

Toll-free number: 1-833-987-1097 (Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 938 3027 5326; Passcode: 355620.

For this week’s scripture readings and other announcements, go to [Sunday’s bulletin](#). For fall opportunities to connect with others, please click the “Building Community – Fall 2020” banner at www.sunnysidechurch.ca.

Sunday School for grades 4-6 at 11:15 a.m.

You may ‘send’ your child to Sunday School (grades 4-6) at 11:15 a.m. with Simon Snoxell [here](#). (Meeting ID: 962 6834 0082; Passcode: 073935)

Tuesday Prayer Gathering: September 22

You are welcome to [join the prayer team](#) on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. To join by phone, please call the toll-free number: 1-833-987-1097 (Meeting ID: 926 9377 3635; Passcode: 929917).

Praying with the Psalmists: In-Person Evening Gatherings, this Fall

Please [register here](#) to participate either on September 23rd or 30th at 7 p.m. in the church building. We will hear scripture and devotional reflections on how to live through three types of loneliness. We will hear music, pray, and participate in Communion.

Those who register will receive an email detailing how to adhere to public health regulations while attending this event.

I hope to see you there.

With love and prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)