

January 8, 2021

Dear Friends,

Refuge in God

The Psalm of the day (117) says this:

Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD.

It is time to be very, very stubborn about where we spend our mind space. The following Psalm (118) is also an important read, chock full of help to reframe our situation:

Verse 1: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Verses 5&6: When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD; he brought me into a spacious place. The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

Verse 8: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans.

This is me begging. I plead with you to turn to him as your top allegiance and faithful companion. It will change your perspective and your actions. If you aren't in a habit of daily scripture reading to acquaint yourself with who God is and who you are in relation to him, you may join me in using this [reading guide](#) from Christian Resource Institute.

And some of you may find encouragement in this video of Brian Doerksen's song [Everlasting Arms](#). It's unique; as described on YouTube, "On a summer evening in 2020, a few friends and family from three generations were invited to hear Brian Doerksen's song 'Everlasting Arms' in a vulnerable face to face experience. In order to keep their reactions natural and honest, each person or pair was recorded in one take. This is how they responded."

Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.

Please [contact me](#) for a Zoom link to Sunday's service.

*Please join the Zoom meeting after 9:30 a.m. to avoid problems entering.

For this week's scripture readings and other announcements, go to [Sunday's bulletin](#).

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. For a Zoom link, contact [our family pastor](#).

Prayer

You are welcome to submit prayer requests to the [prayer team](#). We will remember you before the Lord in our Tuesday prayer time.

May we live as bearers of good news as described by the prophet Isaiah (52:7): "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'"

Please keep in touch.

With love and prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)