

Thursday, March 21, 2024 - Day 32 of Lent

Open in Prayer:

Almighty and ever living God, you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent. May this time be one of outward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore. Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter. Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what we have to give.

- Author Unknown

Only 8 Days of Lent left. I hope you are planning to join us for the special worship services next week

- Maunday Thursday Worship and Communion – Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm, March 28.
- Good Friday Tenebrae Worship – in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm on March 29.
- Easter Sunday Resurrection Day Worship – In the Sanctuary at 10:00 am on Sunday, March 31.

Let's get into God's Word today!

Read Psalm 116:1-6 (NIV)

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "LORD, save me!" The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The LORD protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Answer the following questions:

1. When you read this Psalm, what emotion does it draw up in you?
2. I see this Psalm as a song of thankfulness, a song full of awe and great wonder. I hear in it the hopelessness of the singer, combined with brokenness and despair. And yet, the singer is crying out the only one who can identify with them – the God of the Universe. The God who created the stars, hung them in the sky, and knows them by name. That same God knows us. In response to the cries of the singer, what does God do?
3. Where in your life do you need to cry out? What would you desire to see God do in your life as you cry out?
4. In verse 6, what changes in the singers words? What are they now experiencing? Why is that important to note?

Though nothing seems to have changed that we know if in the situation the Psalmist was in, they have cried out to the Lord and God has overwhelmed them with Grace and Mercy and Righteousness. So much so, that the singer changes direction and is praising God in the midst of the difficulty in life.

What do you need to take away from this today?

Close in Prayer

Almighty God, you are worthy of our praise! Reign in our lives and the world from this time on and forevermore. By your grace today, may we find ourselves singing your praise from morning to evening. Amen.