

Wednesday March 25 Mid-week Home Worship (FB Live)

Introductory words: *sing outloud at home; add your prayers/comments as we go, to participate as community; be patient with technology and less-than-perfect setting*

Light a candle:

We light this candle to remember that Jesus is with us”

Pray for the Holy Spirit’s presence as we worship together

Read: Psalm 46: 1-7 [*a Psalm of Trust*]

Sing: “Cornerstone” (Hillsong)

Introduction to reading and meditation: *we are all looking for hope*

Read: Lamentations 3: 21-23

Henri Nouwen Society: Meditation from Monday

Hope at All Times

It is central in the biblical tradition that God’s love for his people should not be forgotten. It should remain with us in the present. When everything is dark, when we are surrounded by despairing voices, when we do not see any exits, then we can find salvation in a remembered love, a love that is not simply a wistful recollection of a bygone past, but a **living force that sustains us in the present**. Through memory, love transcends the limits of time and **offers hope at any moment of our lives**.

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Sharing: What can we be grateful for? Where have you seen God’s love? What gives you hope right now? How has God been faithful?

One-word answers/phrases in the comments section

PRAY through these words and phrases

Sing: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” LUYH 348

Praying our Fears: Introduce format of prayer, teach song, encourage sharing in comments-section

Sing: “Don’t be Afraid” 2x LUYH 429

Prayers for our personal fears, fears for our church, for our families [share, then pray]

Sing: “Don’t be Afraid”

Prayers for our fears for the world, for creation, for this pandemic [share, then pray]

Sing: “Don’t be Afraid” 2x

Close this time of prayer with Philippians 4: 6-7

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Closing Blessing Song: “The Blessing” Numbers 6: 24-26 *[by Kari Jobe et al]*
-teach and sing verse and “Amen’s”