

“TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, January 28, 2023)

Share

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever.

Read these words from a song.....*Spirit Open My Heart*

[refrain] Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that’s kind and tender. All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. [refrain]

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. [refrain]

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother. In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. [refrain]

Read this scripture from worship.....Mark 1:21-28

²¹They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He^[a] commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Talk Together:

- Where do you feel challenged by today's scripture?
- Where have you felt distanced from God in your life?
- What does the act of confession mean to you? The act of forgiveness?
- How does naming God, even when things are hard, draw you closer to God and community?

Pray together:

Lord of all places

We ask for your prayers.

Be with our world, with all those suffering and in pain and in war.

Be with our nation, and all its leaders and politicians who seek to serve and listen to you.

Be with our community, with those on the streets and those struggling to make ends meet.

Be with our church, all those who gather around our table both at home and in person, bind us together to best serve you in our world,

Be with all those who are sick, who are waiting on test results and procedures. Be with those who are dying and those who mourn them.

We know you hear all of our prayers, so grant us your peace as we reach out to you today.
Amen.

Bless One Another:

Let us go out into the world, recognizing that even though we fall short, God calls us back time and time again. Amen.

Resources Used:

Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal