

Thursday, May 25, 2023

INVITATION:

Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. (Ps. 106:1)

Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.

BIBLE SONG:

The Mighty One, God, the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.
From Zion, perfect in beauty,
God shines forth.
Our God comes
and will not be silent;
a fire devours before him,
and around him a tempest rages.
He summons the heavens above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:
“Gather to me this consecrated people,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”
And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,
for he is a God of justice.

PRAYER:

Prayer of Unknowing by Thomas Merton:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.

INTERCESSION:

*for the Board of Administration (BOA) here at Hebron as they lead the congregation
*that the volunteers at the Zion/Hope Food Bank would be able to build good relationships with their clients
*for persecuted Christians in Eritrea

*What else do you want to talk to God about?
How is God inviting you to respond?*

BLESSING:

May God show kindness and bless us,
and make his face shine on us.
Then the earth will acknowledge your ways,
and all nations your power to save.

Let the nations praise you, God,
let all the nations praise you. Amen.¹²