

Sunday, May 28, 2023

INVITATION:

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. (Ps. 148:13)

Pause and slow your breath before entering into prayer.

BIBLE SONG: Psalm 78:1-7

My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders he has done.
He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach their children,
so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.
Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds
but would keep his commands.

PRAYER:

In the quiet, I reflect on my last week. If Jesus was living undercover in my life, what might he think of how I'm serving in His name?

Lord, I pray for the leaders in Your church, both at Hebron and also globally. Forgive them and us when we have not walked worthy of our calling, and when we have disgraced and defamed

Your name. I pray that we would please You in every way, and bear fruit in every good work.
(Colossians 1:10)

Jesus, I am sorry for the times that I've ignored You when You've revealed Yourself to me, when my personal agendas have gotten in the way of Your good plan for my life. Today, Jesus, You have my attention, my affection, and my allegiance.⁷

Pause and listen for what God is saying to you.

INTERCESSION:

*that our worship this morning will be glorifying to God

*for those in our neighborhoods who are struggling with the daily challenges of life

*for those affected by the earthquake and Civil War in Syria

What else do you want to talk to God about?

How is God inviting you to respond?

BLESSING:

As God's people, we are called to bring this story to the world,

to tell and re-tell it by our words and our actions,

so that others may hear and join the story, too.

So go with joy and courage,

strengthened and sustained in your storytelling

by the grace of God,

the love of Jesus Christ,

and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Amen.¹²