

Worship Engagement and Devotion for week of July 18, 2021

READ ISAIAH 52:1-10, MATTHEW 9:35-38

Reclaiming Good News Series Week 2: God Our Redeemer



What is good news? How do we know when something is good news? Can old news still be good news? In our new series, Reclaiming Good News, we'll search the pages of Scripture together to gain insight and understanding about the meaning of a phrase we use a lot! Let's explore good news in a fresh way.

Questions for Reflection:

- What promises are given to the exiles in the Isaiah passage? How is this good news for you today?
- What can we learn from the Isaiah passage about proclaiming the Good News?
- Read Romans 10:14-15. What does Paul say about the 'beautiful feet' of verse 7 in the Isaiah passage?
- When have you experienced a sense of real joy and peace in sharing the Good News/Gospel?
- How could you share more of the 'good-tidings' of the Gospel this week?
- What can we learn from Jesus' actions in the Matthew passage?
- What does God Our Redeemer mean to you? In what ways is this good news for you?

Spiritual Practice: Prayer Walk

A prayer walk is a spiritual exercise that consists of walking and praying at the same time. It is a walk in which you are intentionally noticing your surroundings, God's creation, and the people living and working as you walk.



Walk through your neighborhood, being sure to practice physical distancing, and spend some time noticing God's creation. Stop and thank God for the gifts you find in nature. Pray for the families living in the homes you walk past. Pray for local businesses and schools. Pray for your community and those who serve in your community.

Pay attention to what you see on your walk. How does what you see inspire your faith journey? Look for ways you see good in the world. Where do you see examples of great faith? Where do you see God at work? Do you notice any needs or someone or something that could use some assistance? Pray about how God might be calling you to make a difference in your community.

If you are unable to leave your home, you can prayer walk through your house by walking through each room and praying for the people who gather in each space. You can also prayer walk with your imagination by visualizing places in your mind and praying as you reflect.

At the end of your prayer walk, reflect on all that you noticed and the things that moved you to pray. Thank God for all that God reveals to you on your prayer walk!