

Pastor Corner March 2021

“Shout triumphantly to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with celebration! Come before God with shouts of joy! Know that the LORD is God— God made us; we belong to God. We are Gods people, the sheep of Gods own pasture.

Enter Gods gates with thanks; enter Gods courtyards with praise! Thank God! Bless Gods name! Because the LORD is good, Gods loyal love lasts forever; Gods faithfulness lasts generation after generation.” Psalm 100 CEB

I’ve done some of my own editing on this Psalm. It’s not a big thing but I think it makes a big point. Read the Psalm and then tell me, did you catch it? I simply took out all the masculine pronouns for God and simply replaced them with the word God. I didn’t insert feminine pronouns or anything that would change the reading in any way. I simply called God, God.

Ask yourself, “Why do I come to church on Sundays? The answer is simple, we come to worship God. As Christians we come to worship God through the gift of Jesus Christ. All of this is empowered by Gods Holy Spirit. The Trinity is complete.

So here new are, moving through the rhythms of Lent. Did you give up something for Lent. That is the traditional approach. Did you acquire something for Lent? Something that will make you a better Christian, a better human being. Both of these can be very effective on this journey we are on.

Personally I try to do a little of both. My main thing is contemplation. I meditate on and review my actions and endeavors of the past year. I know most of us do this anyway but I try to really dig down and see how I’ve been doing. Over the past weeks I have been going through the Beatitudes, one by one, in my sermons. Always a good gauge of how my life individually and corporately stands up in the light of Christ.

Answer? Thats between you and God. It will be different for each of us. What will I do? I will, “Shout to the Lord and serve the Lord with celebration.” What else can I do?

Blessing to all,
In Christ,
Pastor Bob