

We Walk by Faith Marty Haugen

We walk by faith and not by sight
No gracious words we hear
Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke
Yet we believe Him near

We may not touch His hands and side
Or follow where He trod
Yet in His promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God"

Help then, oh Lord, our unbelief
And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near
And seek where you are found

That when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
In full and endless sight

We walk and not by sight
No gracious words we hear
Of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke
Yet we believe Him near

It had better be true.



Our prayer is characterized
by silence ~

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.
God is present in all our lives.
God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

Thank You For Joining Us!

Prayer Leader:

Cheryl Keehner, CSA
4/18/2017

Centering Space:

14812 Lake Ave | Lakewood
www.centeringspace.org
216.228.7451
centeringspace@srsfcharity.org

To Ponder: *Show Me the Way: Daily Lenten Readings*
by Henri Nouwen

So with Easter, it was fun as a child, to bound over the stairs to find seasonal sweet treats under each plate, but again, with the passing of time and the shadow of death over our broken family circle, I've seen Easter as highest necessity. If hope is to flourish, it had better be true."

Easter season is a time of hope. There is still fear, there is still a painful awareness of sinfulness, but there also is light breaking through. We can be joyful or sad, optimistic or pessimistic, tranquil or angry, but the solid stream of God's presence moves deeper than the small waves of our minds and our hearts. Easter brings the awareness that God is present even when his presence is not directly noticed. Easter brings the good news that, although things seem to get worse in the world, the Evil One has already been overcome. Easter allows us to affirm that although God seems very distant and although we remain preoccupied with many little things, our Lord walks with us on the road and keeps explaining the Scriptures to us. Thus there are many rays of hope casting their rays on our life through life."



Reading Nan C. Merrill Psalm 72 (adapted)

May we know You as long as the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
May we acknowledge you in the rain falling on the fields,
in the showers that water Earth!

May every heart open to your Love from sea to sea,
from the River of Life out to the universe!
May fears that imprison the people be brought to the Light,
and rise from the depths.

Long may You live in our hearts,
may praises be sung to You!

May our prayers rise up before You
and blessings of love be freely rendered!
May we be ever grateful for the grains of the fields,
for the fruits of the vine to be shared with all;

May your Name live on forever,
Your Love endure as long as the sun!

May all the people bless themselves in knowing You
And all nations call You blessed!

Blessed be the Beloved,
the One who lives on in open hearts,
and guides us along the way.

Blessed be You who came in the name of Love;
may your glory fill the Earth!
Amen! Alleluia!

Sharing...
a word...
a phrase...
a reflection...