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Miner Musings: A Prayer

I found myself staring at the blank page, unable to say much at all. For me, it is one of those silent times, when I'm supposed to be quiet and listen. God has given me much to ponder and it takes time to unpack it all, especially into the form of a short devotional. So, today, I give to you a prayer. I spoke this prayer in our sanctuary last Sunday when ministers and members of UCC churches in the Southern Association gathered together. It is my prayer for them as well as a prayer for me...and I hope it may be one that works in you too.

In Christ,

Reverend Heather Miner

Holy and Loving God,

We are thankful for the journey.

You were the one who found us when we were most ready to begin. You are the one who seeks to guide us even now. You will be the one whose face we see at the end of our days.

You have inscribed into our being faith...faith that surpasses understanding...faith that makes us rise each morning with hope in our hearts...faith that helps us walk with people on paths we've not tread.

Dear Jesus, when it seems like more than we can handle, lead us beside the still waters.

That we might lay down our burdens.

That we might lay down our troubles.

That we might lay down in the confidence of our Creator's hand holding us fast.

O Lord, restore our soul; restore our soul;

That when we rise again

We remember...

Your yoke is easy; your burden is light...

Keep us from the temptation to take up all that is not of you.

Forgive us when we trespass into territory that is not ours
As we forgive those who trespass into what is ours.

Your yoke upon us is easy; your burden is light.

Holy Spirit show us what you've gifted us to do, each one of our churches, each one of our ministries, each one of us, we who are your people.

Prepare the way...prepare us on the way...that by faith we might move mountains.

O God, you are our God and we will ever praise you.

Amen.



Community Church News

This Sunday, May 11th, is both Pentecost and Mother's Day. To celebrate the life and care the Holy Spirit gives, that which too part of a mother's love, after church, we will release butterflies into the air.

This is our last chance to sign up for the Prayer 101 Retreat, May 16th – 18th. Call Chip today (949) 644-7400 x 22.

Plan to be here on June 8th when we recognize our 3rd graders with Bibles, our Acolytes and our Sunday School Teachers in our 10:00 worship. This is a great time to have your child bring a card to your Sunday School Teacher.