

October 8, 2017

Our Deepest Fear

by Marianne Williamson from A Return To Love: Reflections on the Principles of A Course in Miracles

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.

Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?

Actually, who are you not to be?

You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world.

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine, as children do.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM



W e l c o m e

in Christ's name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us.

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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

Music for Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Amazing Grace" Handbell Choir

Call to Worship (responsive) (from "Great Is Thy Faithfulness")

L: Great is thy faithfulness, O Great Creator.

P: Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand has provided.

L: Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not. As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

P: Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

L: Summer and winter, spring-time and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above

P: Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

L: Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine and ten thousand beside!

P: Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #23 green hymnal

Opening Prayer (unison)

O Great Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we turn to you in the midst of our troubles and know with absolute certainty that you are always faithful to us. No matter what our path or how uncertain our next steps may be, you are there guiding us, loving us, and blessing us always. Help us to feel your strength, your comfort and your love in every second of our lives forever and ever. In Jesus' name, amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN

Anthem "You Raise Me Up" Handbell Choir

Learning Community Conversation

(Children leave for Sunday School through the Fellowship Room afterwards)

* **Fellowship Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"** #50 green hymnal

Reading from Scripture Psalm 80: 7-19 (pew Bible# 549OT); Isaiah 5: 1-7 (pew Bible# 647OT); Matthew 21: 33-46 (pew Bible# 22NT)

L: God is still speaking to us through the Living Word.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "God's Word Lives Through Us"

Anthem Listen With Your Heart" by Thornhill & Nix

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Responding in Prayer

Sharing Celebrations & Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using **debts** and **debtors**)

Response

Hymn of Joy: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" #292 in green hymnal

Responding through Giving

Invitation to Giving and Receiving of Gifts

Offertory:

Hymn of Praise: "The Doxology"

* **Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Bless these gifts, most generous and loving God. Use them to do your work and your will in our troubled world. May the love with which these gifts are given flow to those who receive their blessings. In the name and through the power of Jesus, the living Christ, amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE LEAVE TO SERVE

***Closing Hymn** "God Be with You" #177 green hymnal

***Benediction**

***Response**

Organ Postlude:

***Congregation:** Please rise in body or in spirit.