

Weekly Reflection

Lord, I want to see!

Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me, said the blind man. Look at my misery, abandon me not, and reject me not. You are my only hope in this hopeless place. This is the meaning of the plea a blind man made as Jesus entered into Jericho. This cry of abandonment captures the experience of so many human beings who live in despair, who search endlessly for meaning in a cruel, chaotic, unjust world. It is also a cry of help from people who feel that God has abandoned them, that God is hiding from them. The "hidden God" is a challenge, for if there is a God, and just about everybody at one time or other doubts even this part. He seems to be hiding.



This may sound like a very modern malaise, but the complaint is not new. Yet the problem is not "finding" God; as C.S. Lewis observed: "to speak of man's search of God is like speaking of the mouse's search for the cat". The problem is not "finding" God, but how do we let ourselves be found by a hidden God.

Readings & Hymns

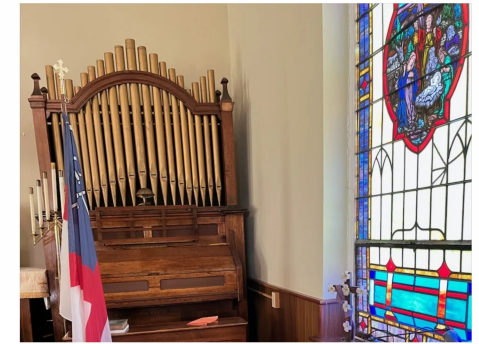
Readings	Hymns
The Old Testament (Is 63,7-16)	PROC:499
The Epistle (1Cor,13,1-13)	OFF: 396
The Holy Gospel (St.Luke 18,31-43)	COMM:189
	REC: 315

Happy Birthday!

Those celebrating birthdays in March are Rev. Pothin Ngyele and Doris Frye. There are no wedding anniversaries during March. Please keep them all in your prayers.



Building Fund Campaign



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Why do we build a church? We (Christians) build to see God. In 1 Chronicles 22:19 God says "Seek me, build me a temple". Building a space for a community to encounter God is one of the most basic acts of drawing heaven into your world. It has been this way for centuries. There is something about building that seeks God. In turn God responds. A church building resonates with the soft presence of God throughout the week because like Jacob experienced, God can be awesome in a geographical space. "Ground" can be made "holy" (Ex 3:5).

A Message from the Rector



The Many Meanings of the Cross
Do you have a cross on you, at home, in your office or your car? Why? The cross is one of the earliest and most widely used Christian symbols. In the broadest sense, a cross symbolizes the religion of Christianity. More specifically, it represents and memorializes Christ's death. The Cross means many things to many people. Some have it displayed on their mantel; others wear it around their neck. What is the Cross?

*The Cross is love: Christ died for sinners. He died for people who had lost their way.

He did not die because it was forced upon him. It was a choice. A choice made in love. The message of the Cross remains a gift of love to those undeserving. Above all, the Cross is a symbol of love.

*The Cross is personal: In most religions, people strive to reach deity. Christianity is the only faith where God has reached down to us. Our response to such a God is to know personally. Jesus died so that he could know you. It was personal.

Ministries Update

VESTRY MEMBERS:


Amanda Miller, Sr. Warden
Immaculee Ayetan, Jr. Warden
Rick Frye, Secretary
Lynne Brisbane, Treasurer

Upcoming Church Events


- Adoration service: 1st & 3rd Sunday of month at 11:00 am
- Congregational Annual meeting and Potluck will be on February 23rd.
- Ash Wednesday is March 5th
- March's Potluck will be on the 23rd.

Verse of the Week: Luke 18,51

“Bartimeus ask a lifetime gift from Jesus: “Lord, I want to See!””


Study Topic
Spiritual Awareness


Study Topic
Understand our church's history


Study Topic
Emotional support in time of Crisis

Highlights

Our Church is our Families' family

