

PRAY EVERY DAY April 16, 2023 Resource

*Praying the Psalms: Psalm 16:9-11 (NRSV)*

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol,  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*Hymn "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" by George Herbert, 1633*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife;  
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
such a light as shows a feast;  
such feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as makes a guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
such a joy as none can move:  
such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.

*The Bible in a Year with KUMC*

This plan is available at KUMC and on the church website. This plan can be started at any time.

*Small Group or personal study*

- What was your furthest moment from God this week?
- What was your closest moment to God this week?
- Read John 20:19-31
- Notice the setting v. 19. The disciples were in the dark, behind locked doors, and afraid.

Notice the actions of Jesus who seeks them out, appears among them, intrudes, and begins by sharing peace. Locks are no trouble for the risen Christ who seeks us out. Is there any way you are in darkness, hiding, or afraid at this time?

- Jesus said, "Peace be with you" three times in this passage (vv. 19, 21, and 26). Jesus does not only share peace but is our peace. In Christ, sins are forgiven, the Spirit given, revealed resurrection, fear and doubt transformed into believing. Where do you need the peace of Jesus in your life?

- How could you share the peace of Christ with someone else today?

- Jesus sends the disciples, gives them Holy Spirit power, and gives authority to forgive sins. When the disciples meet again with Thomas they shared their experience and stayed with him. Thomas' doubts did not make them lock the doors against him. As they remained together,

Jesus came a week later and shared with Thomas what had been shared with the other disciples. Who are the people you know who doubt Jesus, Christianity, or the Bible? Thomas is a reminder that doubt was present in the first disciples about something as important as the resurrection of Jesus. How could we remain with those who doubt as the disciples did until Jesus comes to them?

*Spend time in silence*

*Prayer for others and yourself*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Share the Love of Jesus because It's All about Relationships*

How will you or how did you share the love of Jesus with neighbor today with no strings attached?

*Praying the Psalms: Psalm 16:7-8 (NRSV)*

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.