

Mid-Week Ponderings

April 1, 2020

***Do not fear or be dismayed at this great multitude;
for the battle is not yours but God's. ~ 2 Chronicles 20:15b***

This passage was sent by Matthew Williams, one of our newest members at Church of the Redeemer.

The “battle” we seem to be facing right now is called coronavirus. I have heard it called all kinds of things like, “the enemy, the beast, the invader.” Many of us are waging our own battles on top of this; they are called grief, loneliness, boredom. But this passage reminds us that those battles are not our own. That’s not to say that we can’t do anything, because we certainly can. We can wash our hands, stay at home, and maintain physical distancing to help battle the coronavirus. We can make phone calls, accept help, go for a walk, to address those other battles. But we can also remember that we do not do any of those alone. God is with us and we can ask God to enlighten us as to what it is we need to do and what we need to leave to God.

One way to perhaps feel more connected to God is to create a home altar. I have been admiring Margaret’s wall of crosses during her “Praying at the Home Altar” that she does every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. on Facebook Live. I invite you to join her. As we prepare for Holy Week, I encourage you to create a home altar. It can be your coffee table or a portion of your kitchen table — just someplace that you will see each day. Begin to gather things: a cross, a Bible, something that holds special meaning for you. In particular, I want to encourage you to get outside and gather a branch or something living to be able to “wave” during our Palm Sunday worship this week. We won’t have palms, but we can still shout “Hosanna” from our homes.

Also remember that we will be celebrating communion this week, so be sure to have some bread or crackers and some juice in the house.

As you continue to connect with God from your home, consider which things that you are battling that might be better left to God. Remember to allow God to be God.

Blessings,

Pastor Brooke

