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Reflections from Pastor Brooke for July 31, 2020

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

~ Psalm 17:6

Greetings Beloved Church,

These words from the Psalmist bring comfort as I read them. I once had a colleague who had this amazing presence when you spoke with her. It was as if you were the only person in the room with her; she was fully focused on you. It was always something I admired in her, perhaps because finding people like that is rare.

How fortunate we are to worship God, who is that attentive and more. My colleague had a calm presence about her, so becoming passionate while talking with her was never something in which I engaged. But God accepts us as we are. If I am angry, God will hear my words. If I am distraught, God will hear my words. When I am so grief-stricken that I have no words, God will answer me. God is merely waiting for us to call to God.

So whether you are calling to God in delight or in anguish, God is listening. God desires a relationship with us. The question is not whether God will listen, the question is will we turn to God? God will answer — sometimes in ways we do not understand — but God will not desert us. Thanks be to God.

Blessings,

Pastor Brooke