



GORDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

...A Neighborhood Congregation

“To Sow, Grow and Serve in the name of Jesus Christ”

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Care Letter for February 11, 2018

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:2-9

THOUGHT:

Don't worry about everything around you. That's my job! –Jesus

Have you ever climbed a mountain? We know that my colleague, Melanie Silva, has climbed a mountain, because she told us about it last week. I have climbed a few mountains. It's great to get to the summit and see the world at your feet, and to enjoy the amazing view! I haven't climbed anything very technical, but climbing a mountain is always a strenuous adventure. What is your favorite mountain? Perhaps you saw one while on vacation. I think the Matterhorn in Switzerland is amazing! Mount Hood in Oregon provides a majestic background for the city of Portland. Do you live near a mountain? The Bible mentions several mountains. Three of them are very important in the biblical story. First, Mount Sinai. This is the mountain where God gave Moses and the children of Israel the Ten Commandments and other matters of law and ritual. Mount Sinai represents the Law. Second, Mount Carmel. The person we associate with Mount Carmel is the great prophet Elijah. It was on Mount Carmel that Elijah competed with the prophets of a false god, Ba'al, to see whether their god would cause rain to fall and thus end the drought. The false prophets prayed to no avail. But the God of Israel brought an amazing outpouring of rain upon the mountain that day. Mount Carmel represents the Prophets. Then there is the Mount of the Transfiguration. Many scholars believe this is present-day Mount Tabor. On the Mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus met with the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). They had a conversation. It was here that Jesus was clothed with heavenly glory as befitting the Messiah. Jesus fulfilled the Law and was the fulfillment of many prophecies. Let's rejoice in the work of Jesus as our Messiah and Savior!

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: O God, may I listen to the voice of your Beloved Son! Amen.

*We are praying for you and wishing you a good week!
Your friends at Gordon UMC*

Activity Page for the week of February 11, 2018

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Exodus 1-4
Monday: Exodus 5-7
Tuesday: Exodus 8-10
Wednesday: Exodus 11-13
Thursday: Exodus 14-17
Friday: Exodus 18-20
Saturday: Psalms 13-15

Verse to Remember

*I am the LORD your God, who brought
you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery;
you shall have no other gods before me.*

—Exodus 20:2-3

The Life of Moses

This week we begin readings in Exodus, and Moses is the prominent figure in this book. This puzzle reveals the name of a very important person in his life. Use the grid on the right to fill in the empty boxes on the left, which — when filled out correctly — will reveal the name of this person. Remember, only one of the letters derived from either the top or the bottom clue is the correct one. We've done one box for you.

C2	D3	B1	D3	B4	C5
			I		
A5	E4	B2	E5	D4	A5

	A	B	C	D	E
1	G	R	T	J	E
2	P	K	C	B	W
3	Y	X	F	I	H
4	U	N	Z	A	O
5	M	D	S	V	L

Write a Personal Psalm!

In our **Daily Bible Readings**, we have now read 15 psalms! Have you ever tried to write a psalm? Sometimes, the author of the psalms wrote using an acrostic beginning with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Here's what you could do: Think of a word to use as the acrostic pattern: God, for example. Then write three statements expressing praise. Each sentence begins with one of the letters of the word "God." See the example to the right.

Now you try it. Consider using words for your acrostic pattern such as: praise, goodness, thanks, prayer, etc. Use a separate sheet of paper and share your work with someone.

Psalm of Praise

Glory to you, O God, because
you give me comfort in my
trials;

Over all the years of my life,
you have always been
there for me.

Do again today as you have
in the past!

Answer: (spelled backwards): MAIRIM