

Sixth Sunday after Easter

May 17, 2020

INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME (Pastor)

CENTERING WORDS

Enemies assail the innocent like raging waters, but God pulls them from the torrent. Our bodies break down and fail us, but the prayers of the faithful heal the sick. Be at peace with everyone.

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

(Natalia Lopez)

Listen for the word that stands the test of time. Listen for the word that lives and moves among us. Listen for the word that God is speaking to us this day.

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Numbers 27:16-20**

*** OPENING HYMN:**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (Jeremy Flint and Family)**

Kate: How shall we serve our God who has blessed us in so many ways?

Family: We serve him best by serving those of his children who stand in dire need, particularly those who are oppressed and denied freedom of thought.

Kate: Let us praise the Lord with our lips and our lives, walking in the way of holiness and love.

Family: Thank you, God, for giving us the greatest gift, the chance to serve you and yours.

*** Let us pray (Jeremy Flint and Family):**

God of mercy, look upon your children who are kept prisoners by abuse, poverty, sickness, and

discrimination. May we never remain silent when our voice can be lifted on their behalf. May this time of worship provide us with the inspiration, the motivation, and the insight to act on their behalf. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Lisa Schutt)**

Heavenly Father, forgive us for the times when our own welfare has kept us from taking action that would carry out your will. Forgive us for the times we have expressed love with our lips but have denied it by the way we live our lives. Forgive us for the times we were sure of your will, but only did what pleased us. Renew a right spirit within us, Lord, and free us to do your will. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD (Natalia Lopez)

Let your ears be attentive. Let your minds be focused upon the Spirit. Listen for the word of God.

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Esther 4:14 (Natalia Lopez)**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **"You can make the difference"**

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD:**

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns

*** CLOSING HYMN:**

***DISMISSAL BLESSING**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Numbers 27:16-20 (NKJV)

¹⁶“Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, ¹⁷ who may go out before them and go in before them, who may lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep which have no shepherd.”

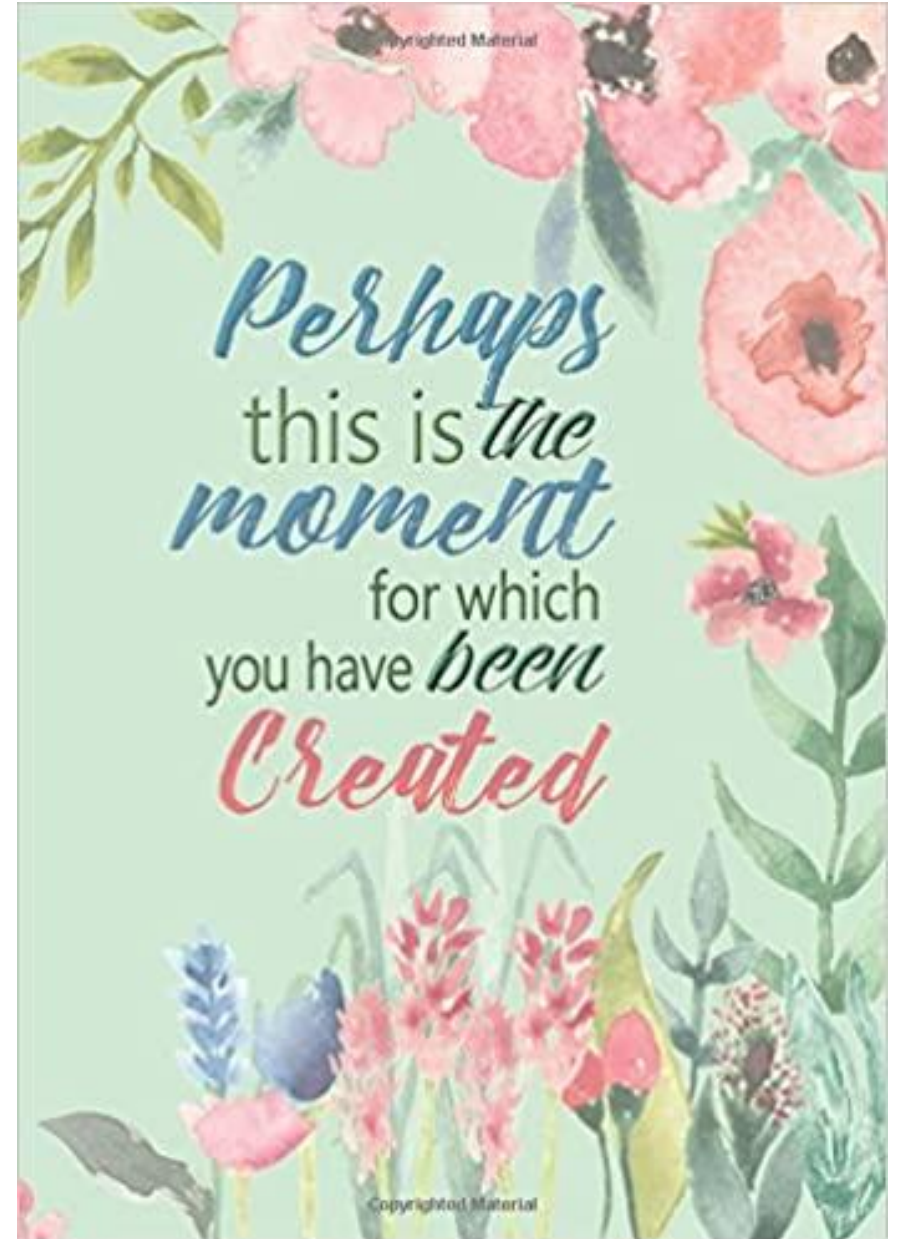
¹⁸And the LORD said to Moses: “Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom *is* the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; ¹⁹ set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and inaugurate^[a] him in their sight. ²⁰ And you shall give *some* of your authority to him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.

Esther 4:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?”

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