

WILDERNESS WORDS

Editors

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This Sunday:

Leading: Lee
Preaching: Carol Mork
Presiding: Mary Ellen

Readings this week:

Second Sunday after Pentecost, 29 May, 2016

First Reading:
 1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39 & Psalm 96 OR 1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43 & Psalm 96:1-9
Psalm: (above)
Epistle: Galatians 1:1-12
 Romans 5:1-5
Gospel:
 Luke 7:1-10

(Click on citation to link directly to the reading.)

Reflections:

From the English Troupe:

What do you bring back to Spirit of the Wilderness about faith, worship, and God from your time in England?



Inviting Mystery, Embracing Compassion, Encountering Christ.

- “Five Evensong services in five different cathedrals! What an old, beautiful, and huge tradition we are part of!” (Karl)
- “A stone sculpture outside the front doors of St. Martin’s in the Fields, London,” of a baby with the passage from John, “In the beginning was the word, and the word became flesh and lived among us.” (Lee)
- “Seeing the cathedrals and experiencing evensong helped me understand the Church of England’s history better, and how Spirit is different, but also has similarities.” (Beth)
- “I’ll return with a deeper, more wondrous sense of connection to Christians across the ages and the miles, to my fellow Spirit congregants for their love and laughter, and to the Creator for surprising me with moments of joy and awe.” (Karen H.)
- “Contemporary art in ancient cathedrals such as the Martyrs at St. Paul’s, the carved pieta at Durham, a branch mobile at Ely, the Prisoners of Conscience Window at Salisbury. The new expression seemed to make the old even more powerful.” (Mary Ellen)
- “Evensongs: The connection I felt to the old tradition, resonating through the words of Psalms spoken, choirs and organ music echoing through the old cathedrals.” (Jane)
- “The cathedrals: the feeling of majesty and grandeur, and of the continuity of faith in God through the ages. Those feelings surrounded us in these places and we couldn’t help but be swept up in them.” (Bonnie-Gay)
- I was visiting with a man at Durham who told me they have had daily services there for 900 years! (Howard)

Save these Dates

May 29th: Forum after Church about Prayer House by the Rev. Jill Mowbray.

June 8: Bishop’s Committee

July 3rd: SOTW at the Care Center.

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- Who else has touched this wall, sat in this chair, looked up at these windows, heard these words? It is amazing how many people have been in these places, how many stories have been told; some happy, some not so happy, but these stories go on and on. (Layne)

A Request:

While on sabbatical I visited Lamula School with my friend Anne. She volunteers there in the Molweni township, teaching math, and reading and leading an extra curricular program at the end of the day on Tuesdays.

We worked with two classes—second and fourth graders, each with around sixty Zulu kids in one class. For the extra curricular time, half of the kids left and the others played educational games—did puzzles, junior scrabble, checkers, chess, opposites, etc. The kids loved it and you could see them learning.....but the games were in short supply and were dog eared, with missing pieces,

I plan to mail a box of educational games and puzzles to Anne for use at Lamula school, and would invite you to dig out one from your basement or buy one to send. The kids are 6-9 years old and learning English.

We’ll collect these at church and I’ll plan to mail them in late May. Karen Kobey has decorated a box for games for kids to be put at the back of the church until end of May at which point they will be mailed. Thanks! *Mary Ellen*



Reflections! It was great to hear ‘many voices’ during Mary Ellen’s sabbatical. So we will continue from time to time. If you are willing to author an occasional Reflections for our Newsletter please let Mary Ellen know. We will again take over coordinating this after our return in early July.