

## **January 19, 2025**

### **Psalm 40: 1-5, 9-11 (Inclusive version)**

I waited patiently for God,  
    who inclined to me and heard my cry.  
God drew me up from the desolate pit,  
    out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
    making my steps secure.  
God put a new song in my mouth,  
    a song of praise to the Holy One.  
Many will see and fear  
    and put their trust in God.  
Happy are those who trust,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
    to those who go astray after false gods.  
You have multiplied, O my God,  
    your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
    none can compare with you.  
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
    they would be more than can be counted...

I have told the glad news of deliverance  
    in the great congregation;  
see, I have not restrained my lips,  
    as you know, O God.  
I have not hidden your saving help within my heart;  
    I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
    from the great congregation.  
Do not, O God, withhold your mercy from me;  
    let your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
    keep me safe forever.

### **John 1: 35-46**

The next day John (the Baptizer) again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come and see."

They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see."

### **Psalm 46      Echo Scripture Reading by the Sunday School youth**

God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city, it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;

he utters his voice; the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the LORD;

see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with fire.

**"Be still, and know that I am God!"**

I am exalted among the nations;

I am exalted in the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.