

St. Bede's Episcopal Church, Menlo Park
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21
September 27, 2020

MORNING PRAYER 

Prelude

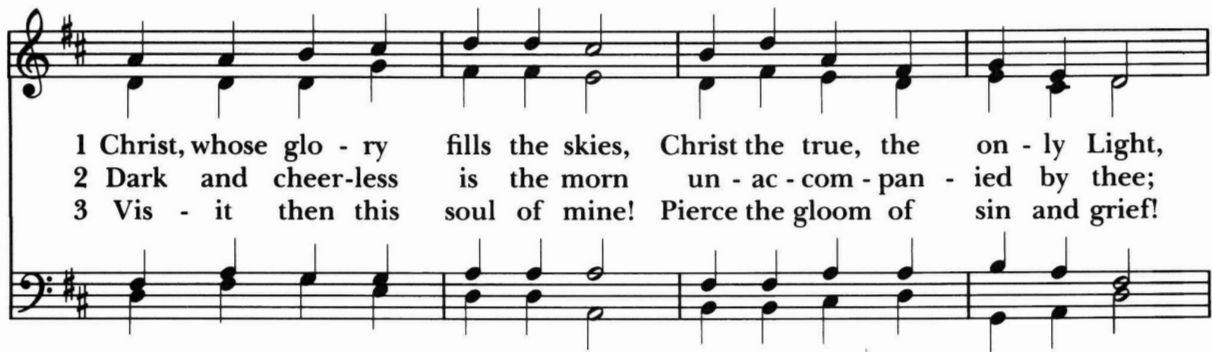
Improvisation on "How Firm a Foundation"

Tune: *Foundation* from **The Sacred Harp, 1844**
Pianist: Ed Brink

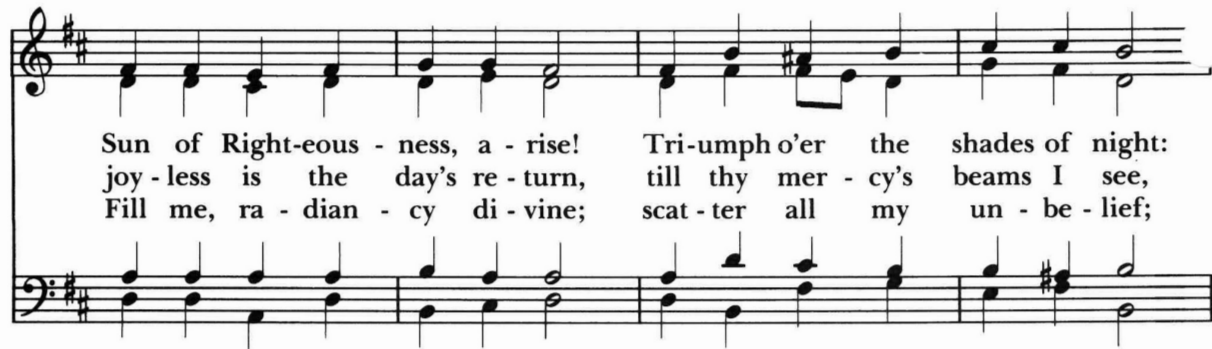
Throughout the service, please sing along with the prerecorded voices and organ accompaniment. The host will mute individual mics so that the prerecorded voices and organ accompaniment can be heard.

Hymn 7 *sung by all*

Christ, whose glory



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

Opening Sentence ☼

BCP, p. 78

Officiant You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

Welcome ☼

Confession of Sin ☼

EOW, p. 19

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Officiant begins the confession.

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER ☼

BCP, p. 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**



All

[Antiphon]

Worship the Lord in the / beauty • of / holiness: *
O / cōme, / let us / worship.

Come, let us / sing • to the / Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the / Rock of / our sal- / vation.
Let us come before God's / presence • with thanks- / giving *
and raise to the / Lord a / shout with / psalms.
For you are a / grëat / God; *
you are / great a- / bove all / gods.
In your hands are the / caverns • of the / earth, *
and the heights of the / hills are / yöurs / also.
The sea is / yours, • for you / made it, *
and your hands have / molded • the / dry / land.
Come, let us bow down and / bend the / knee, *
and kneel be- / fore the / Lord our / Maker.
For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture
and the / sheep of • your / hand. *
Oh, that today we would / harken / to your / voice!

[Antiphon]

Worship the Lord in the / beauty • of / holiness: *
O / cōme, / let us / worship.



Psalm

Psalm 25: 1-8

Psalter for the Christian People

We will read the psalm responsively by half verse, with the officiant reading the first half of each verse (to the asterisk), and the congregation reading the second half (in bold type).

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long..**

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

7 Gracious and upright are you, O Lord; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

8 You guide the humble in doing right *
and teach your way to the lowly.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

New Revised Standard Version (NSRV)

Reader

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

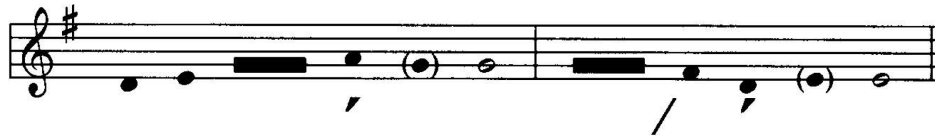
Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle B A Song of Pilgrimage *Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16, 20b-22*

EOW, p. 30
Tone II.1

Please mute your mic and sing along.



- All
- 1 **Before I ventured forth, even while I was véry young, ***
I sought wisdom openly / in mý prayer.
 - 2 **In the forecourts of the temple I ásked for her, ***
and I will seek her / to thé end.
 - 3 **From first blossom to éarly fruit, ***
she has been the delight / of mý heart.
 - 4 **My foot has kept firmly to the trúe path, ***
diligently from my youth have I / pursúed her.
 - 5 **I inclined my ear a little and recéived her; ***
I found for myself much wisdom and became a - / dept ín her.
 - 6 **To the one who gives me wisdom will I give glóry, ***
for I have resolved to live according / to hér way.
 - 7 **From the beginning I gained courage fróm her, ***
Therefore I will not be / forsáken.
 - 8 **In my inmost being I have been stirred to séek her, ***
Therefore I have gained a good / posséssion.
 - 9 **As my reward the Almighty has given me the gift of lánguage, ***
And with it will I offer / praise tó God.

Chris Brown, *cantor*

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

[Antiphon]

Cantor, then all

Be - lov - ed, let us love one an - oth - er, for love is of God. Who
- ev - er does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Verses – sung by the Cantor

- 1 In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ. [Antiphon sung by all]
- 2 In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven. [Antiphon sung by all]
- 3 Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.
- 4 For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us. [Antiphon sung by all]

Naomi Braun, Dan Stanley, Thomas Wade & Katina Mitchell, cantors

Third Lesson Matthew 21:23-32

NSRV

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two

did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 435 *sung by all*

At the name of Jesus



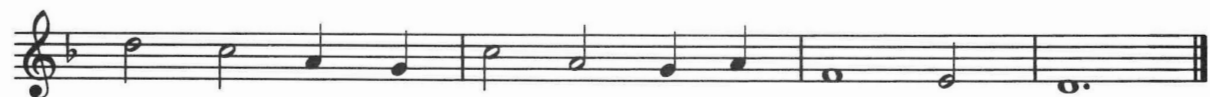
1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum-bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
*5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
*6 Chris-tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
4 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt.
Music: *King's Weston*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

EOW, p. 41

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

BCP, p. 97

Officiant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant Help us, O God our Savior;
All **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**
Officiant Look upon your congregation;
All **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**
Officiant Declare your glory among the nations;
All **And your wonders among all peoples.**
Officiant Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
All **Never forget the lives of your poor.**
Officiant Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
All **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**
Officiant Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
All **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 233

All **O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

BCP, p. 100

Officiant Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem

As Torrents in Summer

Edward Elgar 1857-1934
text: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

As torrents in summer,
Half dried in their channels,
Suddenly rise, though the
Sky is still cloudless,
For rain has been falling
Far off at their fountains;
So hearts that are fainting
Grow full to o'erflowing,
And they that behold it
Marvel, and know not
That God at their fountains
Far off has been raining!

Prayers of the People

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

All **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

All **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

All **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Marc our Bishop; for all bishops and other ministers; and for the community of St. Michael and All Angels, Concord, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, and Christ Church, Alameda, in Antioch, in our diocese.

All **For all who serve God in the Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Gina, Mark, John, Pete, Barbara, Richard, Barbara, Anne, Jon, Tim, Kim, Karen, Donna, the Young family, Ed, Suzie, Gladys, Josie, Tina, Karen, Kyle & Celeste, Keary & children, Angel, Sherrilynn & children, Rich, Conan, Anne, Ryan, and those we name now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts;

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

All **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for Anne, Siri, Kathy and Irene, and the blessings we now remember, aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

All **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays this week: Angela S., Carol L., and Mary W. I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating anniversaries this week.

The People may add their own celebrations,

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;
All **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, especially for Sheila, Diana, and all those who have been the victims of violence, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
All **Who put their trust in you.**

Intercessor We pray for the people of St. Bede's, and those who help to make our community loving and holy; this week we especially give thanks for the Building and Grounds Committee. And we pray for the ways in which God moves, and will move, in our midst.

All **Almighty God, giver of every good gift:
look graciously on your church and on St. Bede's,
and so guide us as we choose a rector for this parish,
that we may receive a faithful and able pastor,
who will care for your people
and equip us for our ministries;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that I - could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

BCP, p. 102

All **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

WELCOME! 🌿

In song and sermon, prayer and practice, we seek to renew our ancient traditions in light of the modern world. We affirm the transformative power of God's word and Jesus' call to active charity. Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, please join us today in fellowship. You are our most welcome guest!

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY 🌿

Officiant: **The Rev. Martha Korienek**
Music Director: **Katherine McKee**
Organist: **Rani Fischer**
First Reading: **Helen Greenwood**
Second Reading: **Laura Gable**
Third Reading: **John Hickson**
Intercessor: **Irene Lawrence**
Zoom Host: **Brendan Deocariza-Nee**

Thanks to **Nancy Stork** and **Orlia Amaral**, who cantored Canticle B on September 13 and 20, respectively.

The St. Bede's Choir:

Soprano
Orlia Budge
Catherine Clover
Rani Fischer
Irene Lawrence
Katina Mitchell*
Nancy Stork

Alto
Naomi Braun*
Becky Zeren

Tenor
Carol Brink
Ed Brink
Chris Brown
Dan Stanley*

Bass
David Chu
Quentin Long
Thomas Wade*

*Denotes section leader

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us next Sunday for the celebration of St. Francis.

We will have a family-friendly service, with a pet blessing. All furry friends are welcome!

SoulWork Series: The History of Morning Prayer and its Music

Final session: **Sunday, September 27** at 8:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer in the United States. Thank you Kathy and Irene for a wonderful series.

Growing St. Bede's: a Community Discussion

Growing the parish was one of the top priorities identified by parishioners as we prepare to call a new rector, but what does that exactly mean to us? What size parish are we now? Who are we hoping to attract and/or retain? How might growth change us? What is our role in growing the church? What is the rector's role?

Please join us next **Sunday, October 4** at 8:30 a.m. or on **Thursday, October 8** at 7 p.m. for a community conversation on parish size, the impact of parish growth and expectations we hold for the future, led by Reverend Martha. There will be time to share your thoughts on this subject, which will help guide us as we move into a time of transition. Check next weeks eNews for the Zoom links for each meeting.

October Selection: Bede's Book Club

On **Wednesday, October 7**, we will be discussing *The Spirituality of Imperfection: Storytelling and the Search for Meaning*, by Ernest Kuntz and Katherine Ketcham. This insightful work draws on the wisdom stories of the ages to provide a wellspring of hope to anyone thirsting for spiritual growth and guidance in these troubled times. The Book Club meets at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. Contact Laura Gable for a meeting invite.

Avenidas Door-to-Door: Services for Seniors

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