



Devotion for Smalls, Talls, and All on Psalm 96 (vs 1-4 & 11-13)

Psalm 96

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

proclaim his salvation day after day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

he is to be feared above all.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

12 Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;

let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

13 Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes,

he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness

Devotion for FIGs

This Psalm is a song written for the music leader, AGAIN. This is a person who helped people sing and play music to worship God and to learn about God. It was written by David before he became the great King of Israel.

This Psalm uses the word “sing” a lot! Do you like to sing?

- What kind of songs do you sing?
- I wonder if there is a song that we all know. Can we choose one to sing together?

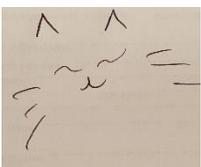
This Psalm says that we should sing. It also says for the heavens to rejoice, the earth be glad, the sea resound, the fields be jubilant, trees or forest sing for joy, all creation rejoice...

- I wonder what all of that would sound like together?

All of this is because God will judge with righteousness.

- I wonder what might be different about the way God judges?

This Psalm reminds us that psalms are for people but are about the world. God doesn't just help us; God helps all of creation. When we help creation, we are acting the way God wants us to behave. Today I am praying, **“God help me to see the jubilant, hear the joy and to spread the gladness.” Amen.**



Your friend,
Kat.

Words you may not know:

- Psalm—a song or poem in the Bible
- Lord—the person in charge of you and me
- Salvation—when we are rescued or saved
- Proclaim—to tell
- Declare—to say bravely
- Heavens – the sky
- Rejoice – to celebrate
- Resound—to be full of sound and to echo
- Righteousness – to be made complete or correct
- Faithfulness – dependable and never lets you down
- Jubilant - so happy you can't keep it inside of you

- Glory – the feeling of something so amazing it overwhelms us

How can we help?

For Smalls:

The psalm starts by talking about giving something to God. What is it? What praises God? You and I do, but the psalm talks about how trees, and fields, and seas and all of creation rejoices. Think of something you might see in the garden. How does that help us to see God and to be joyful?

One thing we hear in the garden are birds! They need water just like we do. You can fill the birdbath with water if you would like. Ask one of the Garden Helpers where to get water for the birdbath.

For Talls:

One way we help people is through the Northside Mission Ministries Food Pantry. People need fresh vegetables! We plant marigolds in the rows to discourage rabbits and other small animals from eating the food we planted for the food pantry. Ask one of the Garden Helpers to show you how to plant the marigolds!

Right now we are planting, weeding, watering.

One way the garden helps people is to give them a quiet place to sit. Check the white seats. Are they clean? You can wipe them off with a towel and some water. Check the shed for materials in a bucket.

For All:

We are sitting here in a beautiful garden. There are so many things here. There are plants for animals to eat and food we grow for people to eat. I wonder, what do the birds eat? Hopefully, if we keep the birdfeeder filled every week, maybe the birds will eat that instead of the tomatoes, beans, or other things in the garden. Can you find the birdfeeder? Does it need refilling? If it needs to be refilled, we have some in the shed. It is in an orange bucket.

Summer service opportunity: JOIN us in the Garden!

-Plant and water with the Community Garden Mission Team

-Create a peace pole with the Music and Fine Arts Team

-Share in the care of God's good earth with the other

Children and Families of
Second Presbyterian Church

WEDNESDAYS in the GARDEN

4-dark

*In case of rain we are
welcomed in the Food Pantry
to restock shelves.*



Psalm 19^a
For the director of music. A psalm of David.

1The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies

proclaim the work of his hands.

2Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

3They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

4Yet their voice^b goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

5It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

6It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

7The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

8The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

9The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

10They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

11By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

12But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

13Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

14May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.
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Devotion for Adults:

I'm Always "Hayden" from this Psalm!

Calvin believed that all sung worship music should be based on biblical texts. He believed that it is one way to teach scripture to the newly literate masses. The first verses of this psalm are, for me, inextricably bound to Hayden's Creation, even though it was also set to music by Bach. I think it is because the lilt of Hayden's melody does just what the Psalmist wrote. Even if there was not the libretto based on the first 4 verses of Psalm 19, "Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world" (verse 4).

The Psalmist writes of the comfort afforded to us and to creation by the ordering of the earth. It makes us and all of the world more comfortable and secure. The last verse, number 14, is equally familiar to most of us. It is a coda of humility at the end of an exuberant eruption of celebration offered to the Glory of God! We hear it in worship; we whisper it before or after Bible Study; we hope it internally when we seek understanding from our own musings.

14May these words of my mouth
and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.
Amen.

Peace be with you,
Kat. Barden

Welcome to the "Secret Garden" of Second Presbyterian Church. This is a community garden that provides fresh fruits and vegetables for the clients of the Northside Mission Ministry Food Pantry. Would you like to help? If so, please see one of the Garden Helpers.

Guided Volunteer Hours

A member of the Garden Team will be on-site to help assist volunteers:

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. - noon
Wednesdays, 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. (or dark)
Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - noon

Garden tasks include planting, watering, harvesting, weeding and sprucing up the Prayer Garden area. You can sign up to volunteer using SignUpGenius to volunteer – or Just Show UP!

