



The Anchorage:

A Contemplative Community for All

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Come away...

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Dear Friends of The Anchorage,

Wish I could ask each of you “How are you doing?” My guess is the response would range from ‘stressed due to overwork’ to ‘enjoying the quiet with fewer distractions.’ There may be some of you who are even dealing with having the virus yourself or perhaps your loved ones have it. Maybe someone you love has died from it and your world is shaken and may never be the same. Our hearts go out to you and ache with you. Our prayer is with and for all of you. May you know God is with you and within you, always turned toward you in love.

As always, our appeals for gifts invite you to prayerfully listen for God’s leading to discern together what amount is best for you, for us, for others. These times are financially crippling for some people and for some non-profits. We sense God will lead each of us to know where and how to lend a hand, how to offer support.

The Anchorage annual friend/fund raiser will be held on Zoom this year and may be a total disaster. I sensed God whispering, “the worst thing that could happen is that you will mess up and look foolish. That’s not so bad is it?” I laughed and said I was getting used to it! So, if you join us, please be patient and gracious with me? I know God will help and that is a huge comfort. The name this year is “Seeing with the Heart: Beauty in the Ordinary” and that seems to resonate with these times, doesn’t it? I’ve heard many stories of folks who have noticed things in the last few months that they have never noticed before because they were too distracted – did not have the time to be fully present to the moment.

One of the positive things about this difficult time is that many seem to be more aware of how little they really need and are appreciating having fewer distractions. There is a movement away from being so busy. It may be providing more family time, more time for what is truly important. One friend put it well when she said she hoped we didn’t just forget this and go back to the way things were before. A beautiful prayer is, “God help me to learn what you want me to learn in this disorienting time.”

Hear again, this invitation from Jesus, “Come to me, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest.” (Matt. 11:28) It may be that The Anchorage can play some small part in your response to that invitation. We’re here if you need us and we long to provide support and encouragement for you as God leads. “Come away – anchor deep.”

In hope, gratitude and prayer for you,
The Reverend Dr. Catherine Powell
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