

*Feeling called to a day of spacious grace and peace,
to open more fully to the mystery of God's love?
You might want to consider...*

The 2025 Anchorage "Desert Days"

**Fridays, Feb. 7 with Robert Miles
April 4 with Miyoung Paik
June 6, with David and Susan Rice
9:30 am - 2:30 pm**

Come away for spacious silence within a gentle rhythm of music and reflection with God in solitude, allowing the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and our hands through the mystery of discovering more deeply our true source of inner peace, healing, and guidance.

The theme for the year is "Learn the Unforced Rhythms of Grace." This concept seems appropriate for this year as it welcomes a letting go, moving into a place of learning to trust God. The main point of the day is to spend time in quiet with our holy and loving God. A probable schedule will be:

- 9:30 Light a candle to honor God's presence – then an introduction to the space and to each other
- 10:00 Opening Prayer, comments on topic, with handout for reflection
- 10:30 Find space to be with God – sit quietly, walk
- 11:30 Lunch – all together. We will use lunch to ask this question for the group to share "What are you learning from God, what has God been saying to you, over the last 2 months?"
- 12:30 Regather in quiet, with comments on topic, handout for reflection
- 1:00 Find space to be with God
- 2:00 Closing prayer
- 2:30 Adjourn

Within the unhurried rhythm of the day, find a place that nurtures your soul, maybe outside, with as few distractions as possible, and just "be." Sense God within you; respond with your heart. It seems God also delights in having uninterrupted time with each person, to have our faces turned toward this One who loves.

Leadership:

Robert Miles, a retired Lutheran parish pastor, who served churches in SC from 1980 to 2019. He also recently participated in the spiritual direction program at LTSS. His undergraduate degree is in English from Davidson College, and his seminary was LTSS. Robert served as Chair of The Anchorage Servant Leaders in the past and is currently living in Clemson, where he and his wife Debbie enjoy the blessings of their grown children and grandchildren.

The Rev. Dr. Miyoung Paik is a retired United Methodist pastor and an artist. She loves to sit in her backyard, sings with the Lexington County Choral Society and wishes to paint more. She has just returned from serving on the pastoral staff at the American Church in Paris. She applied and was granted the position for a year. The main function being to perform weddings and lead worship.

David and Susan Rice served in international missions with Cru from 1991-2016 in Eastern Europe and more recently with The Antioch Partners in the UK. They are currently based in Greenville with the Antioch Partners, providing missionary care for nationals and Americans serving globally. Susan's passion is to create space for others to experience the depths of God's love, while David enjoys soul friendship and exploring pilgrimage as an inner and outer journey of encounter with God.

Location: Kellett Park, Greenville, SC.

Fee: \$42 (includes lunch) (\$30 if BYO Lunch) **(\$10 deposit due 2 weeks ahead)**

Registration Form **Please detach here and mail**

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Desert Day Date(s): _____ \$10 Dep _____

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