

May 11, 2020 Daily Devotional:

Over the coming weeks we will journey together through the Psalms for our devotion time. The Psalms are filled with hope, lament, courage, questions, challenge, and pretty much every facet of the human experience. Today we begin this journey with Psalm 1.

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Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

or take the path that sinners tread,

or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,

and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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As soon as I read this Psalm I thought about the photo of the tree during worship yesterday (thanks to our photographer, Heidi!). The Psalmist likens the righteous to a tree whose roots are being fed, and even though they will not continually yield fruit, they will when the time is right.

How are you being fed in these times? How are you staying rooted and grounded? What are your streams of water?



Let us pray...

God of all, in these Easter days, in these days of new life and of death. We ask you to keep us grounded, to keep us rooted in your ways of justice, mercy, and humility. Open our eyes, O God, to the ways we still side with the wicked, to the ways our lives are entangled with systems of death and oppression. Lead us on the journey to the living water, through love and sacrifice, to life and flourishing for all of your children. In the name of all that is holy, amen.