

## **June 19, 2020 Daily Devotional**

**"Come, O children, listen to me;**

**I will teach you the fear of the Lord." Psalm 34: 11**

This line of today's Psalm jumped out to me as I read it earlier this morning. Who are the people who are teaching you in these days? Who is saying to you "Come, O children, listen to me?"

The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II has been one of those teachers for me. Tomorrow he will co-lead the Poor People's Campaign at their digital March on Washington. Last Sunday he preached a sermon on the words of the prophet Amos. The sermon is another prophetic call! I encourage you to take some time to listen to the sermon. Here is a short excerpt...

"Go stand with me. As I was a few weeks ago, the months ago, down in the middle of the Rio Grande river, just for a minute where undocumented folk held a vigil and clergy surrounded them and wouldn't let the border patrol touch them. I saw justice rolling like a mighty string. Look real close, look real, real close at the protesters in the street. And now they're declaring. We will not accept death any more. Look at me at the streams that are coming together, the black and the white and the Brown and the gay and the straight and the Jews and the Muslims and the Christian. Look at them and look at how long they're staying. Not one day, not two days, but days and weeks. They're saying we won't accept this death anymore. Next week. Look at me at the streams that are coming together on June 20th, to build the broadest coalition of national justice organizations and state and grow grassroots for poor people of all different races, colors, and creeds come in together from every state in this nation, lifting up an agenda for a third reconstruction on June 20, 2020."

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