Covenant Life

- Our next in-person Gathering will be Sunday January 22^{nd} at **3pm** continuing the pattern of meeting on the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Sundays.
- If you have not already completed your 2023 Promise, please click here.
- If you were unable to attend our last prayer meeting, you can listen to the audio here, and read the Word Gift summary here and the transcript <a href=here.
- Your ongoing financial support to the Community is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online here or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, Tx 75222.

Praying about the readings today I heard a particular message regarding God's call in the <u>First Reading</u>:

- You are my servant...through whom I show my glory
- I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth

Then, in the <u>Responsorial Psalm</u> I heard what sounded like our response to God's call:

• Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

This sounds so much like our story, a story that started over fifty years ago when God called us, and we responded. He promised to be our God, make us His People, a Delight, His Delight, and a light to the nations! Our response then was, 'Here we are Lord, we have come to do Your will'.

2023 is our Jubilee Year. We are again being asked to respond.

Certainly, this is a time to rejoice and celebrate all that has been accomplished, repent of anything holding us back, and most importantly pray, meditate, discern what He is asking of us going forward. We want this to be a year-long effort to discern our personal and collective response to the Covenant and how to be faithful to that Covenant going forward. We want to be particularly attentive to prophetic words and discern collectively.

To facilitate this prayer and discernment we are providing:

- 1. A meditation prayer card attached to this email.
- 2. A nine-week novena (starting next week) leading up to the Jubilee celebration.
- A monthly meditation that will follow the Jubilee on discerned words (in the graphic at the bottom of the prayer card) which are relevant to our covenant life together.

We are asking the Lord to reveal Himself individually and collectively to us in a clear way, as He did 50 years ago so that we can follow Him and cooperate with what He is about today. The Community Coordinators are specifically asking for prophetic words. We want words brought forth at our Gatherings and via emails or phone calls in whatever form you are comfortable with. When you embark on one of the proposed meditations, do so with a pen and paper close by so that you can record what you hear and send it to me or one of the Coordinators so that we can collect all the words and discern together.

Sisters and Brothers, the coordinators have discerned that God is not finished with us yet and the witness of covenant community is needed more than ever. Let us join together in this joyous opportunity to celebrate our past 50 years and listen carefully to what God will say about saying Yes today!

"Heavenly Father, individually and collectively we hear Your call. Again, we say Yes to being Your People, Your Delight. Speak to us clearly as we turn to You to hear what You are about in this day and how We can cooperate with You. Give us the courage and strength to respond with energy. Thank You for the sisters and brothers You have provided to assist my Yes to You! I love You Lord!" God Bless,

David