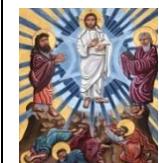


Pathways Monthly Prayer Readings January-February 2023		 <i>A Path to the Spiritual Journey</i>
Tues. Jan. 10, 2023 Commitment Prayer Value Presence	<p>Psalm 40</p> <p>I have trusted You, Holy One and waited for You. When I was mired in misery you touched me with your spirit. You pulled me out and set me on solid ground. You put a song in my heart and work in my hands. I praise you.</p> <p>I know what you want from me, and where the meaning of my life lies— Not in rituals, offerings, sacrifices, or creeds, just my heart; open to others, and open to You. Christine Robinson</p>	
Wed. Jan. 11, 2023 Lectio Divina	<p>John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" Jesus said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. John 1:35-39 NRSV</p>	 John the Baptist Altar wing Stadtkirche Schwabach, Germany
Thurs. Jan. 12, 2023 Centering Prayer	<p>God drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure... Happy are those who make the LORD their trust... Psalm 40: 2,4a NRSV</p>	
Tues. Jan. 17, 2023 Commitment Prayer Value Presence	<p>Psalm 27</p> <p>You are my light and my salvation Whom then shall I fear? You are the strength of my life of what shall I be afraid? Trials, enemies, changes, difficulties— they rise up and they resolve Therefore-- I will trust you I will wait for you I will seek you. Christine Robinson</p>	

Wed. Jan. 18, 2023 Lectio Divina	<p>Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee and saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.</p> <p>... he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.</p> <p>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. Matthew 4: 12-23 NRSV</p>	 <p>Calling of Peter and Andrew</p> <p>National Gallery of Art Washington, DC</p>
Thur. Jan. 19, 2023 Centering Prayer	The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1 NRSV	
Tues. Jan. 24, 2023 Commitment Prayer Value Contemplation	<p>Psalm 15</p> <p>How do truly good people live? They speak the truth from their hearts have no hidden agendas, are loyal friends. They offer respect to their neighbors, but avoid the company of the selfish and the foolish, They honor good people wherever they find them. They live to do good, keep their word make their living with honest work and give generously from their abundance. Their way of life makes them strong in heart. Christine Robinson</p>	
Wed. Jan. 25, 2023 Lectio Divina	<p>Jesus began to speak, and taught them, saying:</p> <p>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matthew 5:2-9 NRSV</p>	 <p>Dorothy Day with Homeless Christ -- Kelly Latimore</p>
Thur. Jan. 26, 2023 Centering Prayer	<p>And what does the LORD require of you but to do justice... and to love kindness... and to walk humbly with your God? Micah6:8 NRSV</p>	

Tues. Jan. 31, 2023 Commitment Prayer Value Contemplation	<p>Psalm 112 Hallelujah!</p> <p>Happy are they who revere God and delight in doing good. They and their families will be blessed.</p> <p>They will know a rich life, and the satisfactions of righteousness. God's light will shine through them into the world.</p> <p>They are generous and just. Their confidence seldom shaken Sturdy in spirit, trusting, unafraid. They give freely of their abundance They can hold up their heads with honor. Christine Robinson</p> <p>It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. Psalm 112:5 NRSV</p>	
Wed. Feb. 1, 2023 Lectio	<p>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. "No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand..." "...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your (Abba) Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16NRSV</p>	 <p>Shine - A reminder for us to be the Light of the World Mike Moyers</p>
Thur. Feb 2, 2023 Centering Prayer	The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Isaiah 58:11 NRSV	
Thur. Feb. 2, 2023 Candlemas	<p>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." Luke 2:27NRSV</p>	 <p>Presentation in the Temple 1627-1628 Rembrandt</p>
Tues. Feb. 7, 2023 Commitment Prayer Value Hospitality	<p>Psalm 119:1-8</p> <p>Happy are they who live lives of righteousness, who walk the Way of God. Happy are they who live with integrity and seek wisdom with all their being. Who strive to be good and walk in your ways.</p>	

	Your heart wells up in our hearts so that we can live justly and in love Oh, if only that were a simple or easy thing, to live that way! Then I would not cringe at the chasm between what I love and what I do! I thank you for what you have taught me. I will keep your law- I welcome your presence in my life. Christine Robinson	
Wed. Feb. 8, 2023 Lectio Divina	I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. 1Corinthian 3:6-9 NRSV	 Potato Planters - Jean Francois Millet, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Thur. Feb. 9, 2023 Centering Prayer	Happy are those who keep God's decrees, who seek God with their whole heart. Psalm 119:1-8 NRSV	
Tues. Feb. 14, 2023 Commitment Prayer Value Hospitality	Psalm 99 Awaken to the awesome mystery of God Who cradles the earth and all her peoples, Who planted the laws of justice and mercy in our hearts, Who nurtured and nudged the saints of the ages and the teachers of the people Forgiving them their faults, mistakes, addictions, and selfishness, And invited them to grow and change. Awaken to this awesome mystery Follow it all your days. Christine Robinson	
Wed. Feb. 15, 2023 Lectio Divina Transfiguration	Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. Matthew 17:1-8 NRSV	 Transfiguration, Kelly Latimore

Thur. Feb. 16, 2023 Centering Prayer	And from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 NRSV	
Tues. Feb. 21, 2023 Commitment Prayer Creation	Psalm 32 Blessed are those who have made peace with the past with all they have done and left undone. Blessed are those who have found the courage to inventory their failings and missteps, who know their weaknesses and vulnerabilities. Blessed are those who have heard a word of forgiveness from those they have hurt—and those who have felt the accepting love of God. Christine Robinson	
Wed. Feb. 22, 2023 Lectio Ash Wed	Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Psalm 51: 10-12 NRSV	 Praying Hands Building: Oral Roberts University
Thur. Feb. 23, 2023 Centering Prayer	"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21 NRSV	
Tues. Feb. 28, 2023 Commitment Prayer Value Creation	Psalm 121 I lift my eyes to the hills. From whence will my help come? My help comes from the creativity of the cosmos Which is making the heavens and the earth. It comes also from the core of myself. It is my guide and hope. On this path I am safe Whatever befalls me. Christine Robinson	