

Grace-filled Voices

March 10, 2015

The Lord Inhabits the Praises of His People (Psalm 22:3 –KJV)

By Alfred Focke

In mid 1974 I received a request to engineer and quote several fuel treatment systems for new power plants to be built in Iran. The fuel to be treated was the worst oil rubbish ever proposed to our company as a prospective fuel. Late in the development I told my boss I wanted to go to Iran to start the systems up if we won the competition. He said “no”. About three weeks after the “no” an unrelated head hunter called me at home and said “how would you like to go to work in Iran”.

We knew that the Lord had his hand on us for several years before the proposed contract appeared. We had not been able to buy anything sizeable, or unwieldy, and other messages. We called our friendly realtor to ask about putting our house on the market, and he said “ I have a man in the office who would love your house. We will be right over”. The man bought our house and furniture on the spot, at our price. Someone bought our cars the same way. He agreed to find and pick up our van at the airport after Kay had left. Talk about a push from the Lord? We went.

We had a blessed time there. We both came to a personal relationship with Christ there. We gathered a lifetime of “war stories”, but not all of life was so much “interesting times”.

Kay and the kids left Iran four years to the day after arriving, and I stayed behind because I could fix things. The country was in the midst of a revolution. Ayatolla Khomeni Told the rioters to wear white so the blood would show on TV. They did. We had had tanks in our streets, and machine gun fire at night. The Lord cared for us every minute, and gave us the gift of faith that was the kind of faith that only He could give.

We could not call out, but our parents could direct dial us, and did so alternately each week, so they were not in the dark about our welfare.

In the process of coming to the personal relationship with the Lord I came upon the verse quoted at the beginning of the top of this page. I was looking for a verse that I could quote as a turning point for me. The Jews certainly had periods when they praised the Lord without reservation, and the Lord did definitely inhabit those praises. I have sung for you the first eleven verses of this psalm several times over the years, an arraignment by David Lewis. It remains very powerful for me to this day. Writing this meditation has brought many tears of gratitude to the Lord.

Alfred Focke

Prayers & Squares

Meets on Saturday, March 14th
at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone who wants to sew
quilts is welcome to come.

Kairos Cookies

Sunday, March 15th is Kairos Cookie Day. Please bake some cookies, put them in a clear plastic zip type bag and put them in your freezer until it's time to bring them on Sunday. Kairos can use hundreds of dozens of cookies. The men come to eat the cookies but stay to hear the Word of God. It's a good deal all around.

Soup Suppers & Teachings in Lent

We have the soups planned for each week and we encourage you to sign up for one of the recipes, take it home and make it for the following week. The soups are from a Monastery Cookbook. They are easy to make and delicious to eat. The teachings after the soup supper are on a variety of interesting subjects.

The fellowship is unbeatable—Join us.

Don't Forget to sign up for the Stand Up For Kids Meal to be served on Wednesday, March 25th. There is a list of what is needed available on the Welcome Table. Please contribute one of the items or money for this ministry of helps to feed homeless teens.

Sunday Servers

March 15, 2015	4th Sunday of Lent	9:30 a.m. Service
First Reader	2 Chronicles 36:14-23	Linnie Phelps
Psalms Reader	Psalms 122	Frances Slaughter
Second Reader	Ephesians 2:4-10	Dick Phelps
Intercessor/Acolyte		Kari Campbell
Lay Euchar. Ministers		Myrna Lipnicke, John Lipnicke
Sub-Deacon		Jr Fox
Early Intercessors		Jan Simon, Pastor Dorothy Worley
Welcomers		John Gerhart, Liz Gerhart
Ushers		Dick Sholly, Chris Corey
Vestry Person of Day		Jan Simon
Healing Ministers		John Gerhart, Liz Gerhart
Counters		Cline Handy Helen Reid

This Week at Grace

March 10, 2015—March 18, 2015

Tues. March 10, 2015

11:30 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper
7:00 p.m. Lenten Teaching
Trish Stewart on Search
for new Rector
(Will be repeated on
Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.)

Wed. March 11,

9:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service
2:00 p.m. Lenten Teaching
Trish Stewart on Search
for new Rector
3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

Thurs. March 12

7:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Sr. Women's Bible Study
12-1:00 p.m. Ladies' Lunch—Café Rosarita
4:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Fri. March 13

Fr. Joe's Day off
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Healing
Stations of the Cross

Sat. March 14

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Prayers & Squares

Sun. March 15

Fourth Sunday in Lent

7:30 a.m. Spoken Eucharist Service
9:15 a.m. Nursery opens
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service
9:30 a.m. Children's Church
11:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

Mon. March 16

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Bible Readings for March 15, 2015

2 Chronicles 36:14-23

Psalm 122

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 6:4-15

We are using the English Standard Version of the Bible and
the Lectionary from the Book of Common Prayer (Year B)

Bishop Keith Andrews will be with us on April 26th for his first official visit to our congregation as Bishop. If you would like to be confirmed, received or baptized by the Bishop, please contact the church office. To be confirmed, you will need some education so please let us know right away so we can set up the proper classes.

Wednesday Mornings at 10:00

**Join us for a service of
Holy Eucharist at Grace**

The **7:30 a.m. Spoken Service** For those who want a quiet worship experience come to the spoken service at Grace at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays. We know there are people who are not able to come to the 9:30 service.