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St. Francis Episcopal Church



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Rivers

And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.

Joshua 3:13

Going To New Places

When all of the pandemic protocols are over and we can freely go about our lives without quarantine or restriction we will be facing a new place, a "new land." Israel, as we know, did that very thing. When the time of slavery to Pharaoh was over they faced a new land in the wilderness. When they were coming out of the wilderness they faced a new land in Canaan. Each time they were ready to go into a new land God parted the waters so they could enter. First it was the Red Sea. The next one was the Jordan River. We do not always remember that the waters parted twice for Israel. Only God could part those waters so that Israel could go forward into the promises they were given.

Your River

When you step your into life after the pandemic it will be a new world. There are promises God is giving you right now that will be fulfilled in that new world. There are some natural barriers, "oceans and rivers," that only God can remove for you to attain those promises. What are they for you? Is it fear of losing what you have always had? Is it not understanding what will happen next? Is it something else? God will part the waters, as only God can do, making the way for you to walk in the promises given to you for a new land. Would you ask God what the promises are for you? Would you ask God to part the waters that keep you from those promises?

Coming Attractions

Sunday, July 19, 2020 worship via zoom at 10:00am

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Centerville Family Practice, Dr. Nelson and Dr. Beerta Ortega Granada, that they would have energy and wisdom to take care of patients during this pandemic.

The Diocese of Virginia

For the members of Outreach/Mission committees and all those for whom they labor that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Anglican Communion

For the people of the Dioceses of Northern Mexico (Mexico) The Most Revd Francisco Moreno(Primate) Bari(Nigeria) The Rt Revd Idris Zubairu that that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

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