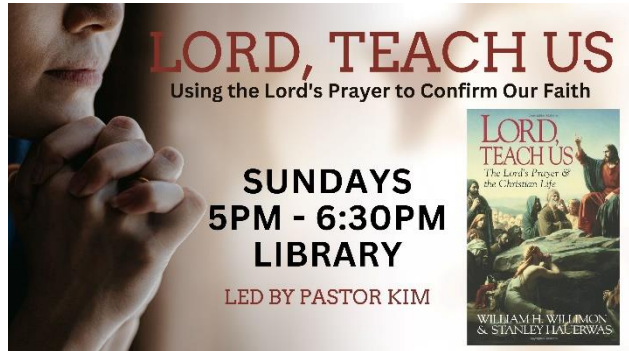


I Believe...GOD

United Methodists come from a rich tradition of beliefs and practices. Each week you are invited to dig deeper. Use these days to study, to pray, to consider what you believe. As United Methodists, our beliefs are formed and evaluated through a quadrilateral: scripture, history, experience, and reason. Read one scripture each day. Then dig deeper through the quotes and other resources on the page.



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Readings for this week:

Monday – John 1:1-4

Tuesday – Ex. 20:1-7

Wednesday – Psalm 146

Thursday – Acts 17:16-31

Friday - Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Saturday – Rev. 21:1-9

Martin Luther King, Jr. Christian Century, April 13, 1960

In recent months I have also become more and more convinced of the reality of a personal God. True, I have always believed in the personality of God. But in past years the idea of a personal God was little more than a metaphysical category which I found theologically and philosophically satisfying. Now it is a living reality that has been validated in the experiences of everyday life. Perhaps the suffering, frustration and agonizing moments which I have had to undergo occasionally as a result of my involvement in a difficult struggle have drawn me closer to God. Whatever the cause, God has been profoundly real to me in recent months. In the midst of outer dangers I have felt an inner calm and known resources of strength that only God could give. In many instances I have felt the power of God transforming the fatigue of despair into the buoyancy of hope. I am convinced that the universe is under the control of a loving purpose and that in the struggle for righteousness man has cosmic championship.

Because I believe...:

As you read the scriptures above, and any scripture- list the names and characteristics of God that are present.

Write out a short statement that expresses your belief.