

“First Watch” Touch Points for Evangel’s Prayer Vigil team
For the week of March 27, 2016

When You Need Stillness

The current series of Touch Points is taken from “Time Out in Tough Times,” from the editors of Guide-posts (MIF Books, 2009). The reflections come from a variety of writers.

READ: Set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord our God. *1 Chronicles 22:19*

REFLECT: One afternoon I went for a long walk along a woodland path. Not even a bird sang, and gradually I became immersed in stillness. As I rested quietly on a huge stone, I actually felt the living presence of God surround me.

I realized that in these days I am seldom still; I have a husband, children and a career. And yet I need to remember: When the children clamor for attention . . . be still, and know that I am God. What I feel that I have not enough hours . . . be still, and know that I am God. When I am overwhelmed by my own inadequacies . . . be still, and know that I am God.

And I have a little exercise that helps: I perch on a footstool, close my eyes and allow God’s presence to fill me. Stillness surrounds me, and with my spirit renewed, I’m ready to resume the tasks ahead.

Patricia Houck Sprinkle

PRAY: *Living God, let Your presence surround me.*

DO: Sit in your favorite spot, close your eyes and allow God’s presence to fill you.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER PROMPTS

- Use the Pause to Pray as a guide to focus on other concerns through the week. Copies can be found in the lobby and in the Archive section on the website (evbapt.org). The prayer time returns to Wednesday evenings on March 30.
- Reflect on this week’s Easter Sunday worship service—the music, Scripture, Pastor Dave’s message “He is Not Here . . . He is Risen” (Matthew 28:1-10)—that all will help as you go through this week; for your own walk with Christ, and that you may be a blessing to people you have contact with.
- Continue to pray for opportunities to invite people to our services and to become engaged in spiritual discovery with the people of Evangel in other ways as well. Ask the Lord to open doors of conversation, connection or compassion with others to enable that engagement this week.
- Pray that God will bless our succession planning efforts. For more information, pick up a copy of the Evangel Profile (one per household). Also see the [website](#) for information to help you better understand our succession planning as Pastor Dave and Jennie anticipate retirement (tentatively late spring 2017).

** A podcast of the sermon and other materials will be posted on the website by Monday.*

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