



## Wednesday Prayer

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Changes of Seasons

***Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-5***

I see a few final leaves falling outside my window, I hear the helicopter overhead again as news of the election results brings those who celebrate and those who protest together on the streets near where I live, and I feel the magnitude of the work ahead of us. The seasons are changing.

We are entering a time of shorter days, continuing indoors as the pandemic surges, and preparing for a very different Advent and Christmas season. Scripture lessons as we approach this next season call for us to keep alert, to continue on the path of justice and mercy, and to work together to bring light to a weary world. The African American spiritual "*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*" comes to mind, especially these lines ~

*"Children don't get weary, children don't get weary, children don't get weary,  
til your work gets done."*

As humans, we get weary. And then as Christians, we are reminded that we are called to share the light of Christ with those in our communities. We are called to work together. In a message from the Minnesota Women's Foundation this week, a quote by author, academic, and activist Angela Davis was shared:

*"You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world.  
And you have to do it all the time."*

So as these seasons change, we will continue to work together to protect children and youth. We will carry the mission of Cherish All Children forward. We will engage more deeply in fighting against unjust systems through learning and partnering. We will share hope.

**God of light and love, let our lights shine as we go through changes of seasons.  
Transform our weariness into action and our troubles into hope. Amen.**

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[Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning](#), sung by Daon Drisdorn