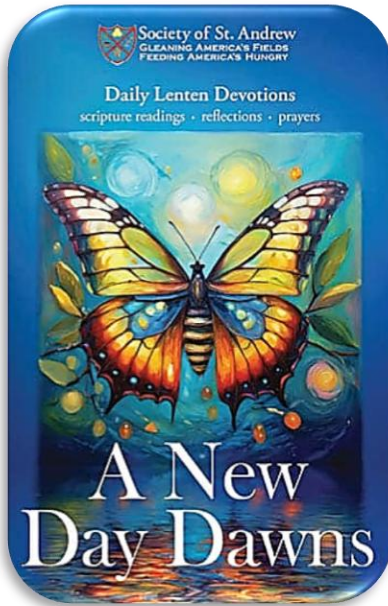


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I SEE! I SEE!

SCRIPTURE: PSALM

27:13-14

One summer evening, our family left the city's lights behind as we drove into the country for the annual county fair. As we rounded a curve in the road, the lights of the carnival attractions were

suddenly visible, glowing brightly in the dusk sky. I was enchanted! Clapping my hands, I leaned forward in my car seat (the kind that hooked over the front bench seat and had a toy steering wheel attached to it) and excitedly squealed, "I see! I see!" My mother loved to tell that story! I feel like I remember all the details even though I was so young.

"I see! I see!" has become my familiar shorthand to look, pay attention, something amazing is up ahead. A shorthand that echoes the psalmist: "I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." I go back and forth: is it true that seeing is believing, or does believing allow us to see clearly? Scripture validates both in context. Jesus invited new disciples to come and see (John 1:39) and celebrated those who "Don't see, yet believe" (John 20:29). Both seeing and believing allow me to attend to God's good work of caring and sharing in a fragmented and hungry world.

Prayer: Glorious God, whether seeing allows us to believe or believing allows us to see, help us to always trust your constant good work in our hurting world. We pray in Christ, the bright morning star and our eternal hope. Amen.

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THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF PROPHETIC WITNESS - CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

The Office of the General Minister and President is pleased to announce the establishment of the Office of Prophetic Witness in Washington, DC, the nation's Capital, by Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. Public witness is a historic Disciples commitment. Disciples founder, Alexander Campbell reflected, "we ought to have the largest meeting house in Washington City, and there stand in the presence of king's and earth's nobility and proclaim the gospel..."

The Office of Prophetic Witness will work with other denominational and faith leaders to coordinate and provide support and encouragement for their public witness in the public square, and advance necessary faith actions including Moral Witness Wednesdays and Justice Focused Weekends – One Moral Vision in 1,000 Voices beginning in April.

Envisioning a wider witness, Rev. Terri Hord Owens observed: "National City Christian Church is our national church, and I hope the Office of Prophetic Witness will further root our passion for justice alongside our national church and other manifestations of our denomination further extending our prophetic witness throughout and beyond the church."

Rev. Dr. William Barber II, former pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church, former Moderator of the North Carolina Region of the Christian Church, founding director of the Center for Public Theology & Public Policy, Yale Divinity School, and president of Repairers of the Breach, has been appointed to serve as the inaugural Prophetic Preacher In-Residence in the Office of Prophetic Witness. He has agreed to take on this role pro bono.