

“Our Time Must Be Coming”

Devotion for July 2016

Hymn: VU493 Today I Live

Scripture: Matthew 5:4 & Romans 14:7-9

Reflection:

We just attended two funerals. One was for a past minister who was a great AOTS supporter and the other for Betty Watson. Most of us knew her and Craig for their great musical talents at our AOTS spring roundups. Attending funerals seems to be a popular pastime once one gets to a certain age, or stage in life. Makes one think, if we dare to do so, that our time must be coming soon too. So, we wonder how much we have contributed, or not, what kind of mess we are going to leave for our kids, who will take care of those left behind. Will we be able to eavesdrop on our Celebration of Life, which seems to be the current term for funerals, wakes and otherwise end of life services. What they say, be they children, other relatives, or just friends: will it be from the heart or just platitudes that are expected of them, but not real feelings. Do we deserve real accolades or just empty words. What they think and what we think may well be completely different. Fortunately for us through the love and grace of God it is never too late; never too late to ask forgiveness if we have caused harm to someone, never too late to tell family we love them.

Discussion.

The end can come at any age but certainly older is closer, so let's talk about, is our will complete, up to date, are there relatives—friends that we should be apologizing too, checking on their health, making sure all our assets and messes are looked after?

Hymn: VU 278 In the Quiet Curve of Evening

Prayer, Lord as we get closer to the last sunset we are so grateful for our lives, our families and all those good times you have provided for us. Please forgive all our failures, our past mistakes and make us worthy to enter your kingdom whenever you call. Amen