

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday March 18, 2024 - !! Corinthians 4:6

6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Read II Corinthians 4 for meditation and inspiration.



THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

Dear Lakesiders and friends,

The mystery of the Holy Spirit is not a mystery undiscovered. The Holy Spirit is given to the church to bring about community in the deepest sense, a true loving and accepting spirit and a fellowship dependent upon grace for themselves and for each other. When the Holy Spirit is present and active you can truly sense the bonds to togetherness the are beautiful, hopeful, faithful and gloriously joyfully loving.

Theologian Bernard Haring tells the moving story of his visit to a little Church in Bavaria where he had been invited to preach. He says that as he went into the Church for the first time, he felt something. This happens in some Churches; you can feel the Presence, the Grace. And, as the people were worshipping, this feeling came over him again. Once more, it happened when the people began talking with one another as they left the Church building. Mr. Haring started to look for the secret of this wonderful atmosphere. Perhaps, he thought, it was the pastor or his assistants? But the pastor said, "No. It isn't us. Come, I'll show you." So, he took Mr. Haring to the home of an older woman who had been crippled by arthritis for twenty-five years. She had become so disabled that she was unable even to feed herself. But, as they walked into her room, Bernard Haring said he again felt this deep sense of Divine

Presence. During their conversation, the woman said to him, "Praise God, that I can offer up this small suffering toward the Redemption of the world." As they were leaving the little house, the pastor turned to Bernard Haring and said, "That is the secret of the vital life of our parish. That is the secret."

What a beautiful thing it is! It is a practical, down-to-earth secret for a successful life! It opens so many beautiful vistas. It means that today, right now, you can begin a whole new attitude toward God, toward what is happening and your worth in the community of Lakeside Presbyterian Church. You can use your gifts for the building up of the body of Christ, His Church. You can pray that your church become stronger in faith and increase in members joining the body. You can be the secret of God's Success Story called Lakeside Presbyterian Church.

In the Power of the Spirit,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger".

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