



MATTHIAS MIDWEEK

Inspired by the life and compassion of Jesus Christ,
We are a church of action in our community, engaging in
Hospitality by offering bread for body and soul

REFLECTION FROM ANN+

My grandson Silas, and his mother are here this week from Wisconsin for his spring vacation. Feeling quite guilty, I went AWOL on Tuesday in order to go with them to the National Aquarium in downtown Baltimore. Of course, I had been there -- years ago when my grandchildren were a lot younger. Upon arrival, my first thought was a negative one. It was too expensive -- \$34.00 for seniors! That's a lot of money to spend for a diversion.

But this visit is no simple diversion. It's a trip to a completely foreign world -- a world with which we human beings have little or no contact and so know almost nothing about. And yet, we share this planet and this life with all these amazing creatures. Quite quickly I moved from grumbling about the price of admission to recognizing what an incredible privilege it is to get a glimpse of their existence.

I saw turtles with noses like a pig. I saw archer fish which acquire their food by sending well-aimed jets of water to down crickets perched on branches above the stream. I saw a huge fish that can live in water and on land as it awaits the seasonal rains. I saw poisonous black frogs the size of my thumbnail. I saw a fish whose offspring are all born male. When it reaches a length of 20 inches, it morphs into a female. When asked how they reproduce, we were told by a prim looking bespectacled volunteer, "Well, those girls have to find a toy boy".

I could go on. Suffice to say that for me the experience was both astounding and humbling. Our world is so much bigger and more beautiful than we ever imagine -- and we are so blind to its wonders. I am reminded of the first few verses of Psalm 19:

*The heavens are telling the glory of God
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork
Day to day pours forth speech,
And night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, not are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.*

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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 1:

Small Church Movement led by Bishop Chilton

11:30 AM: Morning Prayer - Sanctuary
11:00AM- 2:00 PM: Loaves & Fishes

SUNDAY APRIL 2: 9:30 AM

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Readings:
Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8: 6-11
John 11: 1-45

10:45 AM Coffee & Conversation - Parish Hall
11:00 AM: SOS - Scripture on Sunday

11:30 AM: Rebirth Ministries Worship
1:30 PM: Renewed Minds Worship

WEDNESDAY, April 5:

10:00 AM: Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
10:30 AML: Lenten Discussion, Strength for the Journey, Renee Miller

OUR PRAYERS

Pat Prescott and her mother

Mel Berk

Ellen Berk and Lois Johnson as they consolidate their households

Linda Boyd as she prepares to move

Darlene Wilson, recovering from knee replacement surgery

Sylvia Hooper in hospice

WALKING WHILE BLACK
L.O.V.E. IS THE ANSWER
A Film by A.J. Ali & Errol Weber

Bridging the Gap Between Peace Officers
and The Rest of The Community

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 5:30 PM
A Panel Discussion Follows

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