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BEING TOGETHER IN A YEAR APART

Monday, July 13, 2009

Dear PAM Westminster Conference friends!

The morning greets us! We remember that this bed is not like the one at home. We hurry to get through the bathroom and rush to see who made Chamber Choir. We rush to Breakfast and find out that signals got crossed and breakfast does not start when we were told it would, we complain and wait, the Basketball guys show up adding to the confusion. Finally the line opens. We quickly grab breakfast and race to Music Innovations to pick up the Chamber Choir music if we need to.

We sit looking over the schedule and enjoy a second cup of coffee, what to do today. We fret over getting kids and teens off to their appointed places. Did we remember to bring everything we need so we don't have to walk back to Eichenauer?

Monday always seemed a day of being unsettled. What to do, when to do it, where to go, how long will it take to get there. We are anxious, excited and nervous.

We run to worship, gathering at the table, so familiar and welcoming. We remember other times, finding comfort and strength in familiar words and song. We are reminded with symbols of our faith. water, bread and wine. We find a calming still point. We look ahead with renewed hearts to the things to come as the week goes forward.

**The God of heaven thunders,
Whose voice in cadent echoes
Resounds above the waters,
And all the world sings,
"Glory, glory, glory!"**

**The desert writhes in tempest,
Wind whips the trees to fury,
The lightning splits the forest
And flame diffuses
"Glory, glory, glory!"**

**The mighty God eternal
Is to the throne ascended,
And we who are God's people,
Within these walls cry,
"Glory, glory, glory!"**

PH 180

*Let us remember in prayer today our
preacher and liturgist **

Sally Brown, Princeton Theological Seminary
Alan Barthel, PAM Executive Director

* As we remember those we are praying for, they are those who would have been leading us this week. Pray for their everyday jobs and callings

Today we celebrate -

The Baptism of Our Lord

First Reading - Isaiah. 43:1-7
Psalm - Psalm 29 PH 180
Second Reading- Acts 8:14-17
Gospel- Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The fine print: This is not being done by the 2009 Conference Committee, and there fore is not to be taken as anything official. It is just something I felt led to do. I hope you find it of interest as we are apart this year.

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