

Broadcaster

APRIL 29, 2015

EASTERTIDE

Back in the late 1960s, the songs of Donald Avery and Richard Marsh caught fire in the mainline church. They wrote simple words and set them to tunes that were spirited and upbeat. Their signature song begins this way:

***I am the church, you are the church,
we are the church together!***

It's simple and its true...and we embody its truth in the Glenview Community Church whose foundation and core is the community of believers. In the words of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthian Christians: ***We are the body of Christ and individually members of it.***

But just now I have another of Avery and Marsh's songs stuck in my head. Here's the refrain:

***Every morning is Easter morning,
from now on!
Every day's resurrection day,
the past is over and gone!***

Every morning is Easter morning! Christians worship on Sunday, the first day of the week, because it is the day of Jesus' resurrection. So it makes some sense for us to say that ***every Sunday is Easter Sunday.*** We sometimes forget that in Lent. Some clergy and churches stop saying and singing Alleluia during Lent because it's a penitential season. But doing that gives up the central reality of Sunday for Christians... the reality of the resurrection. For this reason the church has never counted Sundays in the forty days of Lent. These Sundays are ***in*** Lent, but they are not ***of*** Lent. Yes, every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection. Every Sunday is Easter Sunday!

But Avery and Marsh go even farther than that. They are singing us into believing

that every ***morning*** is Easter ***morning***: 365 days each year, every year of our lives! No matter what the fickle seasons and circumstances of our lives, every morning is Easter morning. What a gift! What an assurance! What a perspective on life! When we greet someone we meet on the street, or in a store, or in another public place, we probably say ***Hello***, or ***Hi***, or ***Good morning...*** ***Good afternoon...Good evening.*** So, what difference would it make if we replaced these expected greetings with the Easter good news...if we greeted the people we meet with the words: ***Christ is risen!***

This is ***Eastertide!*** I love that old name for this season. It means ***Easter time***, and it reminds us that Easter is a season rather than just a day. On the church calendar it begins with Easter and ends with Pentecost. And in this Eastertide we're celebrating a lot of Easter at the Glenview Community Church! Every Sunday is blessed with something special that emphasizes the resurrection. So we celebrated ***Easter*** on April 5th in two grand services of joyful worship. We celebrated ***Beatles Sunday*** on April 12th and discovered the deep meaning of those timeless songs. We celebrated ***Open House Sunday*** on April 19th and emphasized the physical reality of Jesus' resurrection that calls us to share God's love by giving physical gifts of life to others. Our children led us in energetic worship on April 26th as they presented ***The Sailor's Bible***. We will rejoice with 38 eighth graders as they say YES to God on ***Confirmation Sunday***, May 3rd. We will celebrate the resurrection as we experience it in human love on ***Mothers Day Sunday***, May 10th. We will celebrate the resurrection through music as our Chancel Choir under the direction of Guest Conductor Josh Chodoroff presents Robert Ray's ***Gospel Mass*** and we receive new members on Sunday, May 17th. We will celebrate the

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WORSHIP SERVICES

MAY 3, 2015

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
COMMUNION**

10:00 a.m.

***We will confirm 38 young
people during worship.***

Scripture:

Luke 24:28-35,
1 John 4:7-16

Sermon: *Love...Among Us*
Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

MAY 10, 2015

**FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN
HOME AND MOTHERS DAY**

10:00 a.m.

Scripture:

1 John 5:1-5,
John 15:9-17

Sermon: *Friends*
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

MAY 17, 2015

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

10:00 a.m.

**GOSPEL MASS
BY ROBERT RAY**

Gary Wendt
Minister for Music

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize
Senior Pastor

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resurrection as our Pilgrim Youth Fellowship leads us in worship on **Youth Sunday**, May 31st. And we will be blessed by several of the Chancel Choir's favorite anthems as our church program year comes to close on Sunday, June 7th. Whew! What an Eastertide!

But Eastertide doesn't only mean **Easter time**. It also means **Easter tidings...Easter good news**. So, from that perspective, Eastertide never ends. Christians never stop sharing Easter good news. Christians never stop celebrating God's victory of life. Christians never stop giving physical witness to the spiritual power of God's love in Jesus Christ, our Lord! Yes,

Every morning is Easter morning, from now on! Every day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!

If you don't know that song, find it on YouTube and you soon will! I'm pretty sure it will get stuck in your head. I hope it will also get so stuck in your heart that it comes out in what you say and what you do, every day. It's Eastertide! For us, that's forever and for always. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY **MAY 3, 2015 AT 10:00 AM**

This year we will confirm 38 young people at Glenview Community Church. That's a lot of 8th graders!

They've come every Sunday morning at 8:45 (or done a make-up with me after school) for the past two years. They've learned about the Bible, church history, the church, GCC, the UCC, and what they believe...for now. It will change over time, but for right now, during this sacred time in their lives, each confirmand is making the decision to say "yes" to God as they kneel in prayer and affirm their baptism. Adorned in their white robes these confirmands will enter the sanctuary to be confirmed next Sunday during worship and then serve the congregation communion as their first act of becoming a new member. Join us for this special service of worship, as we all say "Yes" to God, once again.

Rev. Keckler

VOLUNTEER WHO INSPIRES PEOPLE

The Membership Board would like to acknowledge the volunteer efforts of people in our church community. So many people volunteer to work behind the scenes as well as in more well-known positions and all of these efforts are needed and appreciated—whether it is 5 minutes tidying up a room, helping plan an activity, stuffing envelopes, or holding a leadership role. This week, we'd like to extend our appreciation to **Sheila O'Brien and Tom Amos**

GCC would like to recognize **Sheila O'Brien** as a Volunteer who Inspires People (VIP). For two years Sheila was the first point of contact for most of the visitors to GCC. Sheila would make a point of reaching out to any visitors who had signed the Friendship Book the prior week, answering questions and providing follow-up contact to ensure those visitors felt welcome here. Her efforts resulted in some of the largest new joiner classes in years. Thank you, Sheila, for your warmth and generosity to those visiting our GCC community.

GCC would like to recognize **Tom Amos** as a Volunteer who Inspires People (VIP). Tom is a dedicated volunteer at GCC and strives to help GCC grow and always be a warm and welcoming place of faith and friendship. He has served in many leadership roles, most recently as a member of the Men's Ministry Planning Group and as chair of the Adult Education board. He is an active supporter of A Just Harvest and a passionate supporter of Heifer International. Thank you, Tom, for your love and support of our GCC community.

GCC SPIRIT WEAR

The youth are working with Energy Tees to sell spirit wear for GCC. The children and youth will use the money raised to fund their mission work. Each month the children and the youth do several projects for the Night Ministry, and other service organizations. The children and youth will get about 40% of the proceeds from the wearable items and 100% from the totes. The deadline for ordering is May 5. The link is available on GCC's website or you can go directly to gccspiritwear.com to order.



The Simple Gifts Concert Series of the Glenview Community Church presents British organist and composer Paul Ayres on Sunday, May 3 at 3:00 p.m. Arrive at 2:45 p.m. for Paul's pre-concert talk. His compositions usually involve words – solo songs, choral pieces, music for theatre productions – and he is particularly interested in working with pre-existing music, from arrangements of folk-songs, hymns, jazz standards and nursery rhymes to 're-compositions' of classical works, as in Purcell's Funeral Sentence, 4A Wreck and Messyah. Paul is currently being commissioned to write a piece for GCC's 75th Anniversary in the fall. A free will offering will be taken.

CALLING ALL ADULTS!!!

The Fellowship Board is excited to introduce "First Thursdays." Every first Thursday of each month adults over 21 and their guests are invited to meet out at various establishments in Glenview for fellowship. This May, come out to Grandpa's on Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m.! Contact Ryan Peschke with questions at 773-678-2062 or peschker@gmail.com. We hope to see you!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY **MAY 17, 2015**

Have you been checking "Visitor" each Sunday on the Friendship Pad and wishing you were a "Member?" Now is the perfect time to find out more about GCC and what it means to become a member or an associate member. Please contact one of the pastors if you would like more information or if you wish to join the church. We'll be having a new member session on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. where we'll talk about our faith journey, and learn about GCC as well as our parent denomination, the United Church of Christ. Join us! Questions, please contact Rev. Pam Keckler.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 30 April 2015		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Tiger Cubs 156	Gym
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 01 May 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Pickleball	Gym
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Barbara Clements Memorial Service	Sanctuary
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 02 May 2015		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Rustman Memorial	Memorial Garden
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	BSA 156 PLC Planning Pow Wow	Founders
Sunday, 03 May 2015		
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Adult Ed	Chapel
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Confirmation Sunday	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room
Monday, 04 May 2015		
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Called To Care	Founders
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Faith In Action Team	Parlor
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Committee Mtgs	Founders
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga	Room 201
Tuesday, 05 May 2015		
3:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Lori Evans BB	Gym
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF 12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room
8:00 PM to 9:30 PM	Church School Teacher Bible Study	Youth Room
Wednesday, 06 May 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	FISH	Room 7
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Community Dinner	Mayflower
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Girl Scouts	Room 8
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF/POW	Youth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg./Back up	Gym
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	BSA 156/ Back Up	Room 5
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	PYF Singers	Room 201
Thursday, 07 May 2015		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex
7:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 08 May 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	GCC Pickleball	Gym
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	GCC Adult Volleyball	Gym
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA MEETING	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 09 May 2015		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Men's Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Sunday, 10 May 2015		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
11:15 AM to 12:00 PM	Leadership Committee Mtg.	Founders
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	PYF	Youth Room

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Monday, 11 May 2015		
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Spirit Group	Library
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Patrol Leaders Council	Founders
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Spiritual Council Mtg	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga	Room 201
7:31 PM to 9:00 PM	Mission Board Mtg.	Parlor
Tuesday, 12 May 2015		
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	WA Board Mtg	Parlor
3:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Lori Evans BB	Gym
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Adult Ed Mtg	Library
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	New Member Session	Founders
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Pastoral Care Mtg	Parlor
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Confirmation and Youth Bd Mtg	Youth Room
Wednesday, 13 May 2015		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM	FISH	Room 7
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	PYF/POW	Youth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg.	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Properties Board Mtg	Room 210
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	BSA 156	Room 5
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	PYF Singers	Room 201

MYRA LORIS IS COMING. WORLD WAR II

Myra Loris will begin her six-part lecture series on World War II on the following Tuesday evenings starting with dessert at 7:00 PM. Ms. Loris will begin at 7:30 PM and speak for an hour.

MAY 5

"The End of Life As Usual" looks at the build-up to the war, from the American perspective, and the immediate changes and consequences to both the nation and to individuals in the early months of the war post Pearl Harbor.

MAY 19

"V" is for Victory looks at the massive changes taking place in the lives of the civilian population during the war years, including rationing, coupon books, Victory Gardens, Scrap (and fat and rubber) Drives and the heroic efforts of the folks back home to do their part for victory.

JUNE 9

"Production Miracle" looks at the astonishing conversion of America's civilian industry to the most enormous, successful defense Industry that the world has ever seen. Both the major industries involved, and all the social and demographic changes created by this conversion will be explored. Filled with amazing facts, numbers and data!

Tickets, \$15 per lecture or \$35 for the three-part series, will be available at coffee hour beginning April 13, at the door, or by calling Beryl Bills (847-724-1694). Chapters 8 and 9 of the Glenview Community Church Women's Association, are sponsors of the program. All proceeds will benefit social service agencies.

The series will be resumed in the fall, beginning September 15.

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE BROADCASTER IS MAY 6, 2015 AT 9:00 AM



BENEFIT IN AID OF VICTIMIZED IMMIGRANT WORKERS

International film and stage star Martin Sheen will keynote a breakfast for **Arise Chicago** on Friday, May 1 from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., at Cinespace, 2621 W. 15th Place, a 50-acre film studio in Chicago and the largest film studio outside of Hollywood. It is where **Chicago Fire** and the big new hit show **Empire** are filmed. As you know, Martin Sheen is very articulate about how his faith informs his activism, and is an inspiring speaker! You can come be a part of this event for a donation of \$100. Donations help recover unpaid wages for immigrant workers who have been victimized by unscrupulous employers.

To register for the event, go to www.arisechicago.org and be sure to click on **Non-profit/Faith Community** tickets. A flyer with details about the event and **Arise** activities is located on the Mission Outreach Bulletin Board in the hallway to the office. Or you can contact jennifer@arisechicago.org for more information.

The Faith in Action Team

THANKS FOR YOUR INPUT!

A special thanks to the congregational members who came and shared their creative ideas with the Capital Task Force Committee to help answer the question, "What do you think our facilities need to make GCC a viable, energized, ministry-driven church in the 21st century?" We will add your input to the "needs and issues" list we are compiling regarding the current and future needs of our church building.

We are interviewing architectural firms and, once chosen, we will work with the selected firm to gather additional input from the congregation through a series of town hall meetings. Stay tuned for the schedule of these town hall meetings.

The Capital Task Force Committee

DAY OF FAITH AT THE CAPITOL

You are invited to join the Faith in Action Team of GCC and members of other faith communities in Chicago and the suburbs for a Day of Faith at the Capitol in Springfield, IL. On Tuesday, May 12, we will travel by bus to Springfield for prayer and face to face visits with legislators. Our goal is to request commitments to legislation which:

- removes lifetime bars to employment in education and health-care
- provides state revenue to continue services to those most in need in Illinois
- proposes police reforms, such as body camera guidelines, to improve accountability

There are no costs to you for the trip and lunch is provided. Buses will leave at 6:00 a.m. from a location close to GCC and return at 8:00 p.m. For more details and to participate in this social justice effort, contact Betsy Martin at betsywisemartin@att.net or by phone at 847-657-7595.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Glenview Community Church's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive nominations and elect the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and board members and to receive the annual reports of the leadership. There will also be updates from the Capital Task Force and the Governance Task Force. In addition, there will be a congregational vote to approve the dissolution of two existing trust funds as has been duly approved by the Finance Board and Spiritual Council (Executive Board). These two trusts have outlived their original intended purposes, and the proceeds upon their dissolution would be added to the Capital & Reserves account, remaining as part of the church's investments.

This notice constitutes the official call to meeting. All members of the church are urged to be present.

DROP-IN CHOIR DAY, MAY 10

The entire congregation is invited to sing in the choir on Sunday, May 10! No rehearsals necessary, no RSVP needed – just be in the choir loft at 9:00 AM on Sunday, May 10 to learn two fun and easy pieces to sing for the 10:00 worship service. We will have some Chancel Choir members helping to lead you so that you don't feel too exposed. Come one, come all!! Experience Glenview Community Church's worship service from "behind the scenes" in the choir loft, and enjoy singing together. **"All"** ages welcome.

GOSPEL MASS SUNDAY, MAY 17 AT 10:00 AM

The Chancel Choir, along with gospel instrumentalists, will be sharing Gospel Mass by Robert Ray on Sunday, May 17. Gospel Mass combines various styles of contemporary African-American music with the traditional liturgical setting of the mass. All six anthems in this contemporary mass combine to form a truly powerful and uplifting musical experience. Join us!

COMMON GROUND

Common Ground returns to GCC, but on a different night. Co-sponsored with our Adult Education Board, the Common Ground programs are on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Founders Room. \$10.

MAY 20

Jim Kenney

The Worst of Nationalism — ISIL, the Euro-Fascists, Boko Haram, Israel-Palestine, and the American Extreme Right

Is nationalism the “presenting problem” of our time? And if it is, why? What are its roots and what energizes it? And why is it so toxic? We’ll assume that the answer to the first question is “yes.” And then we’ll explore the roots, the extent, and the dangers of modern nationalism. Un-surprisingly, we’ll visit IS (or ISIS or ISIL) as a modern embodiment of a developing global phenomenon. We’ll touch on the role of nationalism in developing nations, in Africa, in Europe, in the Middle East, for example. But we won’t ignore our home ground. We will also scrutinize emerging poisonous nationalism in the U.S.

WHAT A NIGHT! WE DID IT!

“Our second annual Hometown Auction and Chili Cook Off was a huge success! The competition was fierce among the chili contestants and with 17 unique chili entries, each more delicious than the next, it was scrumptious and much fun to taste and vote on favorites! What wonderful fellowship took place as so many came together to raise \$8600 for the youth Mission Trip and service projects....

The professional auctioneer brought energy and excitement and many fantastic deals were had including Bears, Cubs, and Orchestra tickets, Yoga memberships, local restaurants, cookie of the month subscriptions, special baked goods, fabulous artwork, great gift baskets, unique parties, and the like. It was truly a group effort and we thank you for the many, many hands and ways you all helped!

**STAY TUNED FOR NEXT YEAR’S EVENT
AND THANK YOU ALL AGAIN!**

ADULT EDUCATION SUNDAYS 9:00 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL

MAY 3

RELIVING AUSCHWITZ

Holocaust survivor Dr. George Brent will be with us to share his experiences during World War II. He is a resident of Wilmette and a retired dentist. He is also an active member and supporter of the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie. There are fewer and fewer survivors like George Brent, so this is an opportunity you don’t want to miss.

May 17

NO NEED TO WAIT...

April 16 was National Health Care Decisions Day – a day to remind ALL adults to have the conversations and complete their Advanced Directives. If you missed it, you’re NOT off the hook until next year! Join Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel. She will present the latest on the changes to Illinois’s Advanced Directives and the replacement for the DNR called the POLST, Practitioners Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment. She has recently completed a certification training led by Dr. Julie Goldstein, Ethics and Palliative Care Consultant for Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital and Chair of POLST Illinois.

**SUNDAY MAY 31 AND SUNDAY JUNE 7
SPIRITUALITY PART 1 AND PART 2**

For the past 20 years, Dr. Bobbie McKay has been talking with people about the presence of God in their lives. Her three research studies have taken her across the United States and in England to talk with over 4000 people about when God became “real” to them. Dr. McKay is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, a licensed psychologist, has taught at both Chicago Theological Seminary and New York School of Ministry. She has published six books, four of them about her research on Spiritual Life in mainstream religious congregations, Protestant, Catholic, Reform Jewish and Muslim.

Her work also appears in “Religion and Healing in America”, Oxford University Press, 2005

But what you may not know about Bobbie

is that she began her ministry at the Glenview Community Church when a group of amazing, energetic, unforgettable women decided they needed a woman minister of their own. And God brought these awesome women and Bobbie together in a never to be repeated act (anywhere in the world) that introduced the whole idea of a small group ministry into the UCC. It all began right here in this church.

Bobbie has amazing stories to tell of when God became real to ordinary people, in everyday life situations, and transformed them. And if you think you’ve never had a God experience, you are in for a big surprise!

CONFIRMANDS

Register for 7th Grade

Confirmation 2015-16

All 6th graders are encouraged to register for 7th Grade Confirmation class for next fall. Parents, watch for information and registration forms coming your way soon. Questions, please contact Rev. Pam Keckler at (847) 724-2210 ext. 224.

PYF MAY SUNDAYS 4-6 PM

May 3: Millennium Park Scavenger Hunt!
Cancelled.

May 9: Paintball Explonson 3:00 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. Cost will be \$40 or less depending on the number of attendees. You must RSVP by May 2 in order to get a spot.

NEW DVD IN LIBRARY

During Lent, we had two small groups view and discuss the DVD “Sacred Journeys” with Bruce Feiler. This was a PBS special that looked at six pilgrimages of various religious faiths. We have a copy in the church library and invite you to borrow it and learn more about these pilgrimages.

CHURCH BUILDING HOURS

The Glenview Community Church is open seven days a week. The regular hours for the church (excluding special events) are as follows:

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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PONDERING IN SILENCE...

The Word of Scripture should never stop sounding in your ears and working in you all day long, just like the words of someone you love. And just as you do not analyze the words of someone you love, but accept them as they are said to you, accept the Word of Scripture and ponder it in your heart, as Mary did. That is all. That is meditation... Do not ask, "How shall I pass this on?" but "What does it say to me?"

Then ponder this Word long in your heart until it has gone right into you and taken possession of you.

---*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

