



### Meditation Text

*I believe that in all [people's] lives at certain periods, and in many [people's] lives at all periods between infancy and extreme old age, one of the most dominant elements is the desire to be inside the local Ring and the terror of being left outside.*

*The desire which draws us into Inner Rings is another matter. A thing may be morally neutral and yet the desire for that thing may be dangerous... Unless you take measures to prevent it, this desire is going to be one of the chief motives of your life, from the moment you enter your profession until you are too old to care... If you do nothing about it, if you drift with the stream, you will in fact be an 'inner ringer.' I don't say you'll be a successful one; that's as may be. But whether by pining and moping outside Rings that you can never enter, or by passing triumphantly further and further in—one way or the other you will be that kind of [person].*

*As long as you are governed by that desire you will never get what you want. You are trying to peel an onion; if you succeed there will be nothing left. Until you conquer the fear of being an outsider, an outsider you will remain.*

*The quest of the Inner Ring will break your hearts unless you break it. But if you break it, a surprising result will follow. If in your working hours you make the work your end, you will presently find yourself all unawares inside the only circle in your profession that really matters. You will be one of the sound craftsmen, and the other sound craftsmen will know it.*

— C.S. Lewis, "The Inner Ring"

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Chiming the Trinity

Invitation to Worship

Matt Marston

Prelude

*Be Thou My Vision*

Gordon Young

Invocation

Frank Granger

Hymn

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

*Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love*

*Here I raise mine Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood*

*O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above*

Robert Robinson, 1758

\*Scripture Lesson

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Randy Brittain

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me,

**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts;

**People: you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

Leader: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**People:** Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**People:** Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

Leader: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

**People:** I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Anthem

*Psalm 139*

Allen Pote

*Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know everything I do.*

*When I rise up and lie down, you are with me through and through.*

*Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say,*

*Your presence follows me day by day.*

*Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away?*

*If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.*

*Search me, O God, and know me. Try me and know my heart.*

*See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen*

### Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Matt Marston

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in*

*heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,*

*forever. Amen.*

#### \*Scripture Lesson

John 1:43-51

Emily Harbin

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### Children's Moment

Janet Cleland

#### Sermon

*Seeing Greater Things*

Matt Marston

#### Hymn

*Guide My Feet*

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*Guide my feet while I run this race, Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race, For I don't want to run this race in vain.*

*Hold my hand while I run this race, Hold my hand while I run this race,  
Hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.*

*Search my heart while I run this race, Search my heart while I run this race,  
Search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.*

#### Prayer of Stewardship

David Millians, Deacon

#### Offertory

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Charles Callahan

#### Benediction

Matt Marston

#### \*Postlude

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Charles Callahan

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#### Flowers

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Alan and Carol Reddish  
with prayers to God for healing and peace in our nation and our hearts.*