



Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast

July 28, 2024

"The Balance of Age and Youth"

*"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken..." (Ps. 37:25, NIV)
"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1, KJV)*

The Sunday Blast for July 14 discussed the topic "The Balance of Age and Youth" but due to the tragic events of 7/13, the assassination attempt on former President Trump, caused us to use alternative readings and a short reflection on Matthew 5 (thorough recap of "the law" and the St. Francis Prayer ("Lord, make me an instrument of your peace...").

This Sunday's sermon will revisit the message found in Psalm 37 and Ecclesiastes 3:1-11. Overall, the sermon will describe "The Balance of Age and Youth" as found in scripture originally planned for July 14, and touch on the themes found in Psalm 37:-26 and Ecclesiastes 3:1-11: (Ps 37) the steadfastness of God's guidance, the assurance of God's support, the enduring blessings that come from living a righteous and generous life, and (Ecclesiastes 3) the cycles of life, the balance of opposites, divine sovereignty, and human limitations.

This Sunday's morning prayer service is taken from the "Morning Prayer" service in "Celtic Daily Prayer." One of our members asked recently why some of the evening prayer videos featured Celtic Christian services. Raquette Lake Chapel is a non-denominational chapel, and as a result we use many different services and prayers in our services from a wide variety of Christian denominations. (Good question!) In Sunday's service you will hear many Celtic Christian themes: the immediacy of God who is both "here" and "out there", the importance of community, a deep regard for the natural world, respect for the simple life, and important symbols, such as water, a circle...or "encircling", and the centrality of Christ and the Trinity. We will also hear an adaptation of the famous "St. Patrick's Breastplate" prayer.



Raquette Lake Chapel History: Did you know there used to be a Sunday school classroom in the Chapel? There was a wall where the stairs are now (see the arrow in the picture to the left), and Chapel members think there was a door to the outside of the Chapel in the back to get into the Sunday school room.

Today, to the right of the pulpit, people can still pull up a section of the rug and a piece of flooring to see the steps down to the basement where the Sunday school had their room. (see the picture on the right)



Prayer Box: pray for those affected by the wildfires; pray for those souls affected by flooding in Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Western New York; pray for all those suffering from severe weather; pray for first responders; pray for an end to the divisiveness our country; pray for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine. Prayer for the souls of Christopher and James M.; We continue ask God to take into His care: Margo and Bill, Justin and his family, Barbara, Danielle, Linda, Elizabeth, Joyce, Debbie, John C, Joe, Holland, Steve, Gail, John H, Mia, Patti, Florence, and John P.

Lord, hear our prayers!