

## WE ARE THE WORD

Tuesday, February 20, 2018, 6th Day of Lent

**Isaiah 55:10-11** “The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.”

The people Isaiah was speaking to would have understood the importance of the rain and snow. Their land was very dry and not only was water needed for them and their animals, it was also necessary to grow the food they needed to sustain their bodies. Rain and snow ensured food for the next year as well as the seed for future crops – the difference between life and death.

In Scripture, Jesus is called the Living Word, the Bread of Life and Living Water - all the things needed to give us life and hope. He instructed his disciples to go forth and share this knowledge with all. Just as the rain and snow water all the earth, so we are to follow Jesus’ commandment to invite all who are hungry and thirsty to come and know him. Our obedience in sharing Jesus can also be the difference between life and death – joy and sadness -- peace and pain. At this time of Lent, it is important to remember his commandment to treat others the way we want to be treated so that the Word is sent out and prospers all who hear it.

Hear this **Prayer** written by John Birch: “You call us to love those whom you would love, and give us the words to say. You call us to bring wholeness to lives that are broken, and give us the words to say. You call us to bring comfort to those who are grieving, and give us the words to say. You call us to bring good news to those who are seeking, and give us the words to say. Your word, living water in desert sands. Your word, blossoming in parched earth. Your word, bearing fruit wherever it is sown. Amen”

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