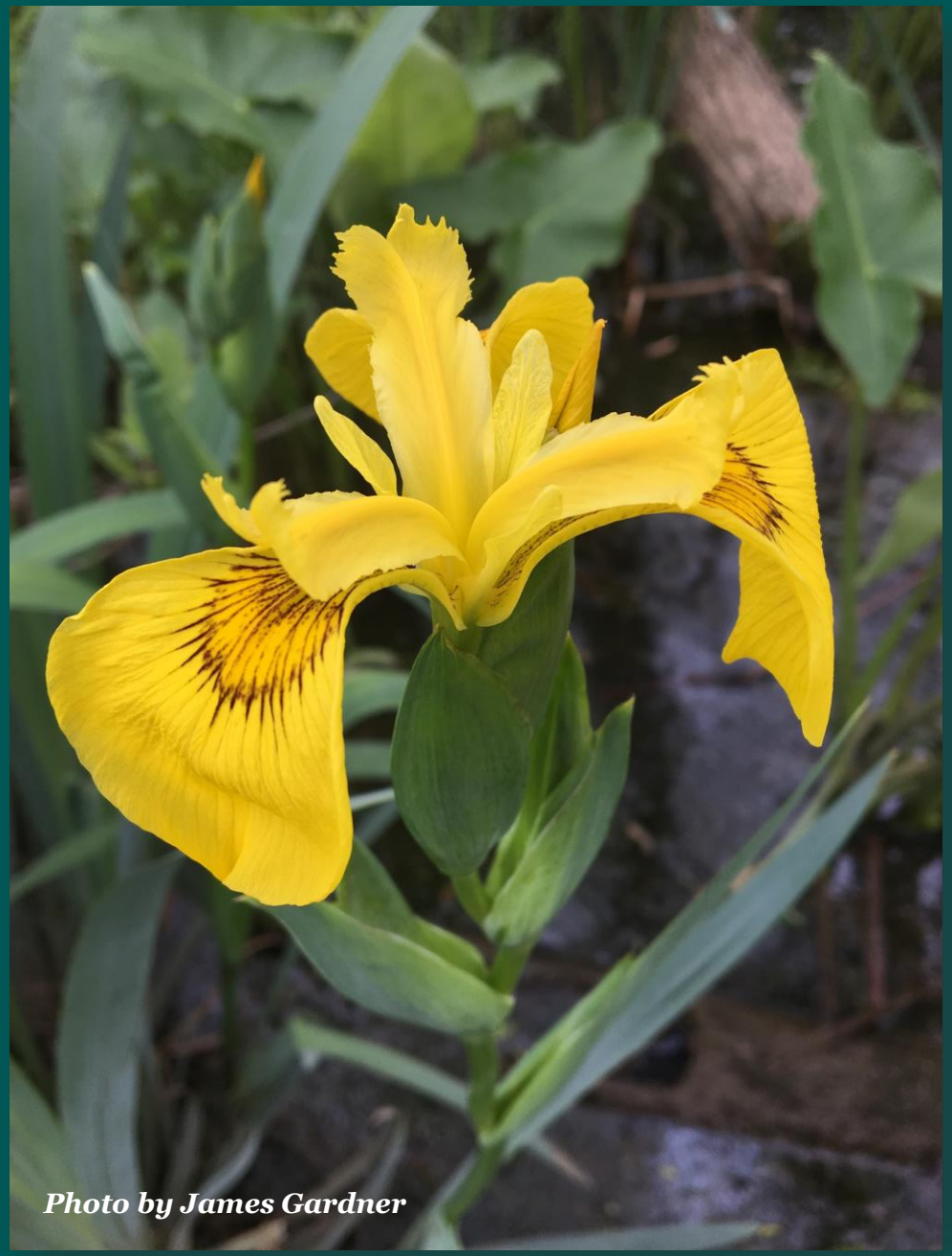

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Sunday, October 12, 2025
Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning

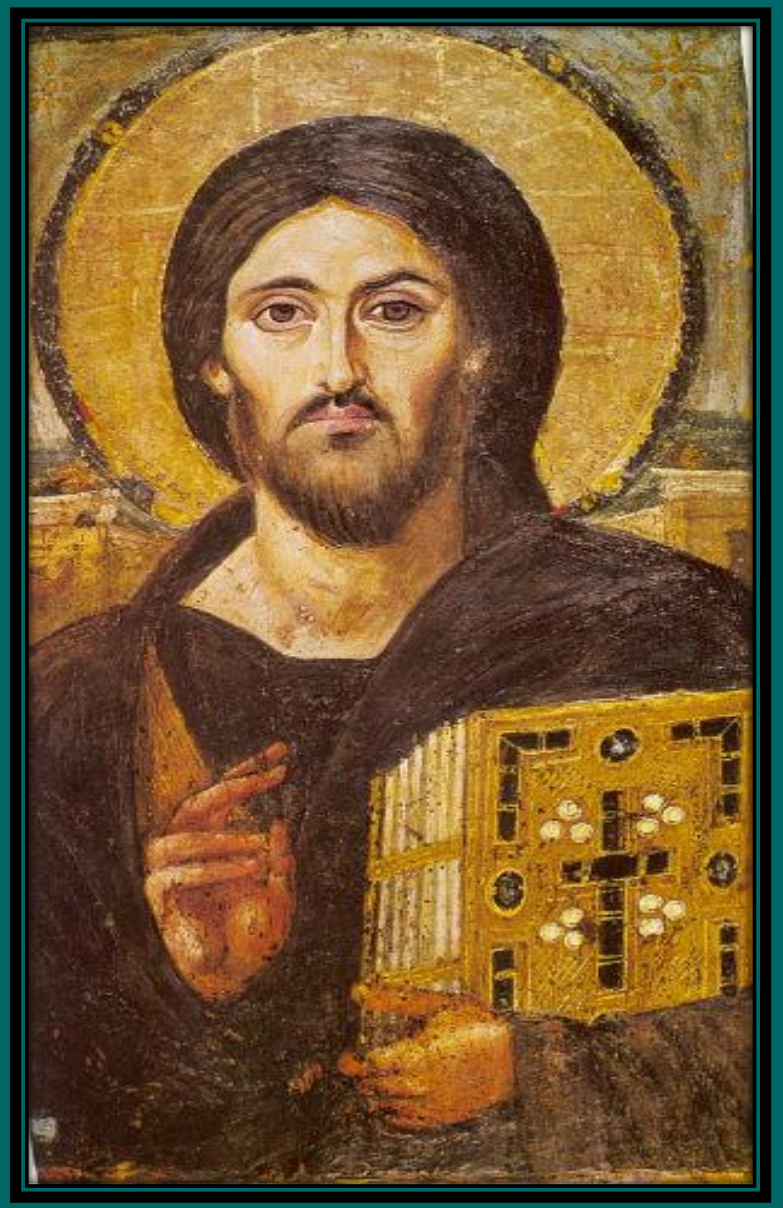
Welcome and Announcements

Art by Sue Carroll

Happy Birthday, Christiana!

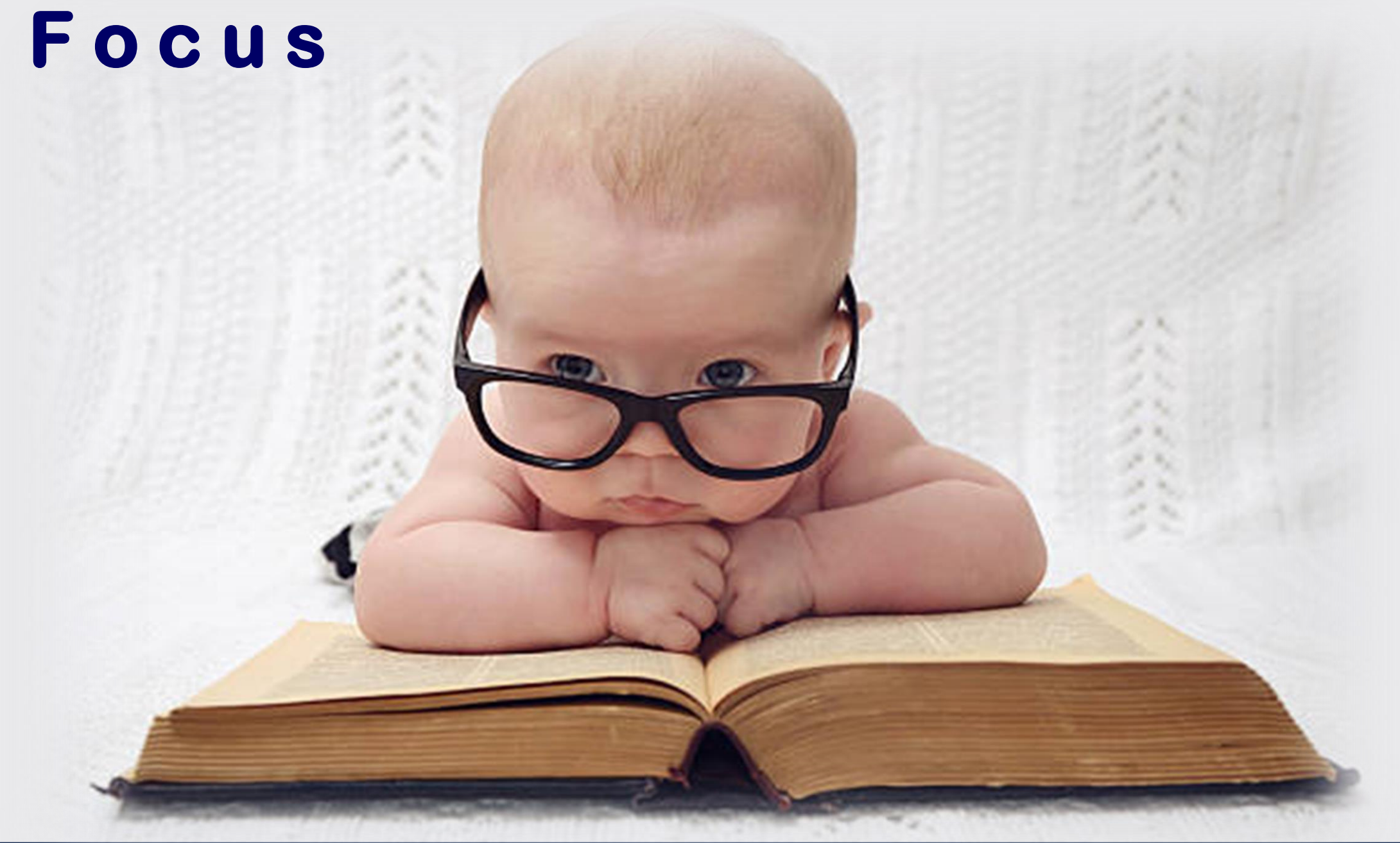
Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Happy time is your birthday, happy time this year.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
The Lord bless and keep you.
Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.
God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.

Justice and Righteousness



Seek justice.

Focus



Woke Up This Morning

TFWS-2082

Well, woke up this morning with my mind,
staying on Jesus.
Well, woke up this morning with my mind,
staying on Jesus.
Halleluh, halleleluh, halleleluh

Well, walking and talking with my mind,
staying on Jesus.
Walking and talking with my mind,
staying on Jesus.
Halleluh, halleluh, halleluh

Well, singing and praying with my mind,
staying on Jesus.
Singing and praying with my mind,
staying on Jesus.
Halleluh, halleluh, halleluh

Responsive Reading: Amos 5: 4-6, 14-15, 25

For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

The Lord loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Seek good, not evil, that you may live.

Hate evil, love good;

But let justice roll on like a river,

righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O man;

he has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God.

Opening Prayer

Eternal God,

As the prophet Amos proclaimed, *Let justice roll like thunder*! Although we would like to sit back and let You be the one to administer justice, You have made it clear that we are to be part of this process. You have called us to uphold human dignity and treat each other fairly.

You have made it clear that Your justice calls for us to act, not passively stand by when we witness injustice. Your justice emphasizes relationship.with you and with one another. Give us the courage and wisdom to let justice *roll down like thunder.* ***Amen***

Isaiah 58: 6-9

You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?

Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:

to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke,

to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

Is it not to share your food with the hungry

and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—

when you see the naked, to clothe them,

and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

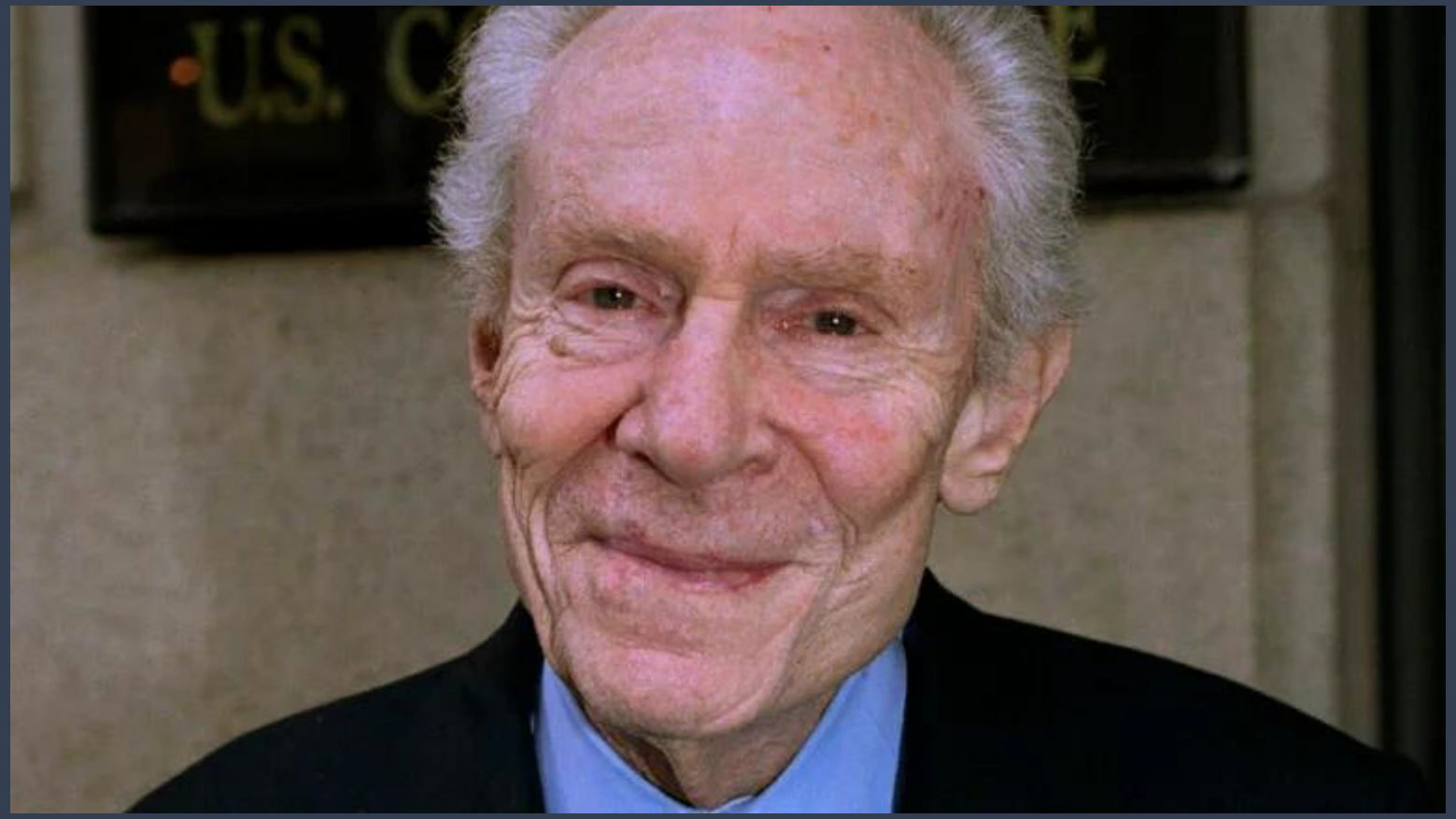
Then your light will break forth like the dawn,

and your **righteousness** will go before you,

and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;

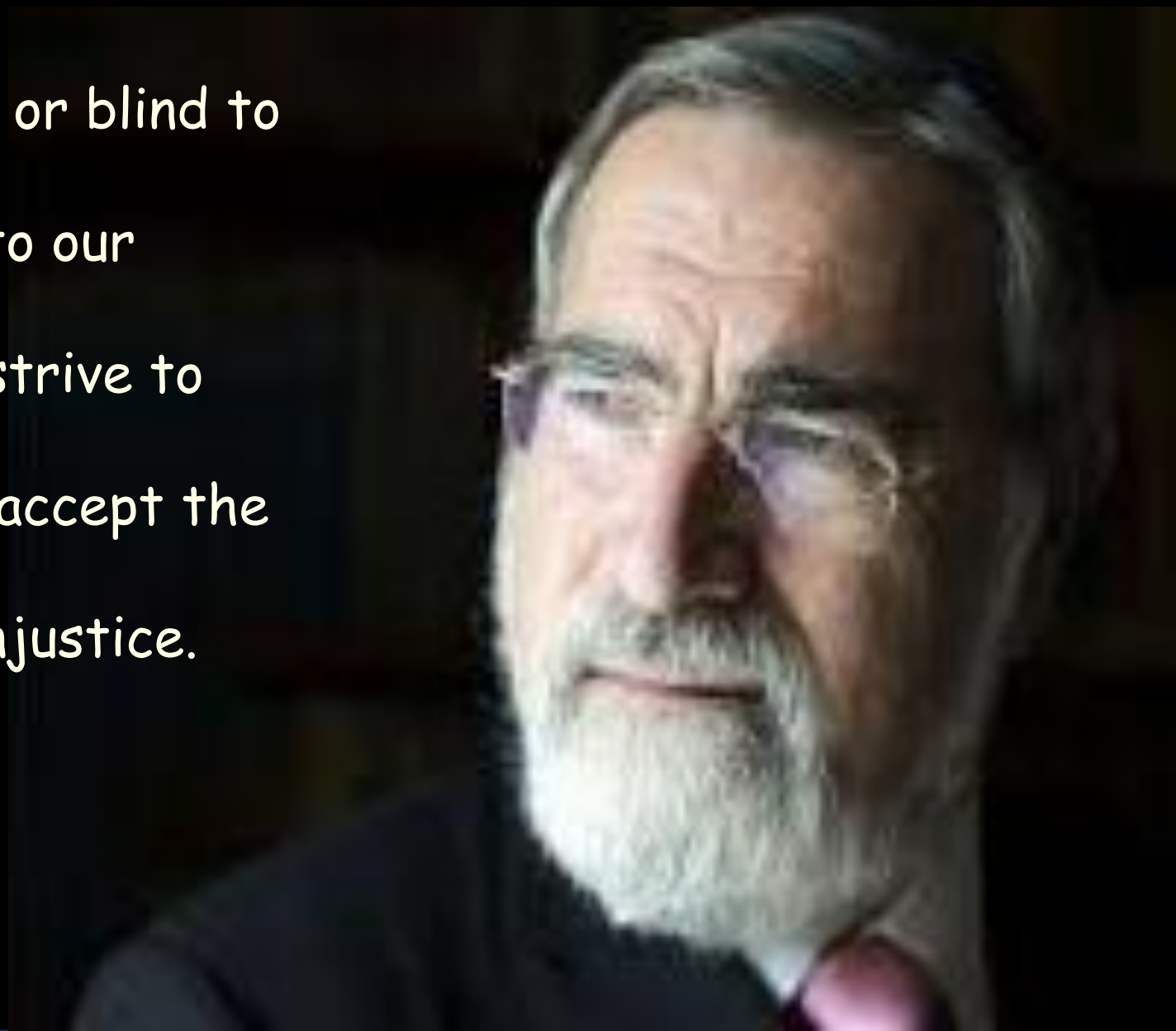
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.



Aaron Feuerstein

God is not deaf to our prayers, or blind to our aspirations or indifferent to our existence. We therefore can strive to perfect our world, refusing to accept the inevitability of suffering and injustice.

—Dr. *Jonathan Sacks*



Cry of My Heart

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It is the cry of my heart to follow You
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You
It is the cry of my heart to follow
All of the days of my life.

Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord
So I can walk in Your truth
Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord
And make me wholly devoted to You.

Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do
Open my heart up more and more
And make it wholly devoted to You.

Community Prayer

Father, it seems like the words "It's not fair" are words we use very early on as children. It's a concept that never goes away as we get older. We want justice for ourselves, but are not so quick to think about others wanting the same thing.

ing God,

This becomes even more challenging when the other person is someone we don't agree with, don't particularly like, or who is not much like us.

Father, You are the source of justice and fairness, and this is something You want for every one of Your children, not just some of them.

Sometimes we are presented with opportunities in getting justice for others, and we want to demonstrate Your fairness as well as Your grace and mercy when we do. Justice that is not tempered with grace and mercy can end up being harsh, and that is not who You are either. Help us to look at others with Your heart, seeking that everyone be treated fairly, with respect and kindness. ***Amen***ving God,

Offering and Doxology
UM Hymnal 95

We give thanks for this wonderful,
generous community of faith.

Doxology - UM Hymnal 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Benediction

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