

## Prayer offering for Nepal



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An early morning prayer service for the Nepal quake victims was held Sunday, May 3, at the labyrinth behind St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The interfaith gathering of Florentines offered prayer for the victims and people of Nepal. There were two prayer services on Sunday, netting considerable donations for the relief efforts of Habitat for Humanity, the International Red Cross and Episcopal Relief and Development.

## Soups On to discuss role of mothers in life

On Monday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to join a group from diverse spiritual paths to discuss the roll of mothers.

The evening will begin with bowls of beef stew, fruit, homemade bread and vegetables followed by the evening's topic until 8:30 p.m.

The gathering will end with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

The Heintz home is located at 875 Seventh St.

For more information call Suzanne Mann-Heintz at 541-590-0779.

## FUUF to reveal true meaning of Mother's Day

On Sunday, May 10, from 10 to 11 a.m., Rev. Ruth Miller will lead the service at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship with "Mother's Day: The Divine Mother Rises."

"Although Mother's Day was created in response to the great trials and losses of mothers during the Civil War, the fact that it is held in May is not

an accident," said Miller. "May has a special meaning in the ancient cultures and in the Roman church."

All are welcome to attend.

The UU Fellowship is at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road, and is wheelchair accessible.

For more information, visit [www.florenceuuf.org](http://www.florenceuuf.org) or call 541-997-2840.

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with Joyce Meyer



## All can find a place at the table

In Psalm 42:5 (AMP), the psalmist asked, "Why are you cast down, O my inner self? And why should you moan over me and be disquieted within me?" It seems to be that way with many people today.

Because of the pressures of everyday life — in our work, finances, our homes or relationships — there is some form of

depression, discouragement, or discontentment in almost everyone you see.

But it really doesn't have to be that way. We do not need to live our lives downcast. We can be content, encouraged and joyful even in the midst of troubles.

For many years I felt bad about myself because of the abuse I endured for most of my childhood. I felt damaged and ashamed and focused more on

what I did wrong than anything else, until I came to an understanding of who I am in Christ.

What we think of ourselves has a lot to do with how we feel about ourselves. The question is can you see yourself the way God sees you — the way He says you are in His Word?

Will you trust the Holy Spirit to work in you until you can see it?

Don't worry... you don't have to wait until He's done;

the work is ongoing. You just need to trust Him.

Come to the table.

In a book I read about shepherds and sheep, it talks about how a shepherd will go to the "table lands," a high plateau that is difficult to reach but where there is good, healthy grass for the sheep to graze. He goes and "prepares" the land by removing any poisonous grasses and flowers that could harm the sheep.

In Psalm 23:5 (AMP), David says, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies."

And 2 Samuel, chapter nine tells a beautiful story that conveys how welcome we are at that table.

Some time after the death of King Saul and his son Jonathan, David began to search for someone in the bloodline of Saul to be good to in Jonathan's memory.

Jonathan had been like a brother to David and he wanted to honor his friend by showing favor to any of his descendants.

David found out that Jonathan had a son who was still alive. But he was told that the young man had "issues." His feet were lame. That was no matter to King David, who sent for the young man, Mephibosheth, to be brought to him.

Of course, Mephibosheth came in fear and shame, bowing and asking, "What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I am?"

Many of us come to God that way because we do not feel good enough or that we deserve God's love, grace and mercy. I felt this way for a long time, so I understand what it's like.

But we don't have to be good enough to come to God. He wants us to come to Him just as we are, and then He will change the things about us that need to be changed as we grow in our relationship with Him.

David assured Mephibosheth, saying, "Fear not, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake,

and will restore to you all the land of Saul your (grandfather), and you shall eat at my table always."

The last verse of that chapter says, "So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table, (even though) he was lame in both feet."

What a beautiful account of unconditional love, acceptance and redemption.

Come to the table, for you are always welcome.

This is our story as well. The table has been prepared for us in the presence of all our enemies — all our issues and problems.

The Lord welcomes us to His table and anoints our heads with oil, which symbolizes the Holy Spirit. The custom in those days was to anoint the body with oil mixed with perfume to refresh and invigorate.

In the same way, the anointing of the Holy Spirit refreshes and energizes our hearts.

Another custom was the filling of the cup. As long as the host continued to fill a guest's cup, it meant that the guest was welcome.

In Psalm 23:5-6, David says, "You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over ... and through the length of my days the house of the Lord shall be my dwelling place."

When the Lord is your Shepherd, there is no reason for you to feel insecure, ashamed or fearful before Him.

You will always be welcome at the table in the presence of God.

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