# Readings from the Word

Now when Rachel saw that she did not give birth for Jacob, and Rachel was zealous against her sister, she said to Jacob, "Give me children and if not, I am dead." And Jacob was fierce with anger against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?"

### Genesis 30:1,2

And [Jesus] says to them, "Is it permitted to do good on the Sabbaths or to do evil? To save a soul or to kill?" But they were silent. And looking around at them with anger, feeling sorrow at the hardness of their hearts, He says to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out; and his hand was restored, well like the other. And the Pharisees came forth straightway and took counsel with the Herodians against Him, so that they might destroy Him.

## Mark 3:4-6

Real spiritual indignation does not originate at all in the anger of the earthly self, but from the inner essence of zeal. To outward appearance such zeal does indeed look like anger, but inwardly it is neither anger nor even the indignation of anger. Instead, it is a kind of sorrow accompanied by a prayerful wish that the situation were different.... **Arcana Coelestia 3909** 

Thus says the Lord Jehovih;.... "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will give among you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My spirit among you, and make you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My judgments, and do them.

### Ezekiel 36:26,27

Jehovah said to Joshua the son of Nun,... "Only be firm and be very courageous, to take heed to do according to all the law, which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may have intelligence, in all the ways in which you go."

#### Joshua 1:7

## Choose a question or two to reflect on or discuss:

- 1. What have you found to be effective in getting your heart in the right place?
- 2. Can you think of a time when you or someone you know was firm on the outside but soft and loving on the inside?
- 3. Where do you notice hardness of heart within you, or in what circumstances does it come up? What would it be like to have a heart of flesh in those times?

#### Musicians

Leah Martin, organ and piano
Nathan Odhner, horn and voice
Bryn Athyn Cathedral Choir and Choristers
Jennifer Cole, Pamela Henderson, Graham Bier, voice
Derek Austin, guitar
Scott Russell, bass
Shawn Rose, piano

#### **Preludes**

Sonatina for Organ, mvt. III - Alec Rowley The Lord's My Shepherd - Darwin Wolford Mélodie - Pyotr Tchaikovsky, arr. William Felton Wait on the Lord - Lori and John Odhner Romance - Camille Saint-Saëns Magnificat in G - Charles Villiers Stanford

#### Welcome

The Sun Shines in Splendor1074
Opening Prayer The Lord's Prayer
As We Gather
Children's Talk (with reading) Blessing on Children
God is Love: Let Heaven Adore Him
Interlude: Horn Concerto No. 4, mvt. II - W. A. Mozart
Adult Talk (with readings)
Reflection/Discussion (see questions under readings) Announcements
Here I Am, Lord
Benediction

#### **Postludes**

Hornpipe from Water Music - G. F. Handel "See, the Conqu'ring Hero Comes!" from Judas Maccabaeus - Handel

## **Upcoming Events/Services**

Thanksgiving Festival Service
November 27, 10:30 am
(Asplundh Field House)

Advent Choral Vespers
December 6, 7:30 pm
(Cathedral)

Christmas Marionette Services
December 7, 9:30, 10:15 am
(Cathedral Council Chamber)

Christmas Tableaux
December 14, 2:30/4:15/6:00/7:45 pm
(Cathedral)

**December 19, 10:30 am** (Adams Gymnasium)

Community Christmas Sing
December 19
Time & Location: TBD

Time & Location. TDL

Young Children's Outdoor Christmas Eve Service December 21, 2:00 pm (Cathedral)

Christmas Eve Festival Services December 24, 4:00/5:30/7:00 pm (Cathedral)

> Christmas Day Service December 25, 11:30 am (Cathedral)