

You Are a Gift

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Welcome to our daily Advent Devotionals for 2020. My prayer is that the daily inspiration offered through the spiritual gifts of the MCCDC communities will provide you insight and encouragement to live with joy through the holiday season.

The mission for our daily advent devotionals is to celebrate true gifts, those without bar codes or consumer market value. Perhaps this is the year to know the essentials of Christmas. How much we spend is not essential. How beautifully we wrap gifts is not essential. This Christmas, we know that the essential gifts are gifts of time, presence (even virtually) and community.



We live in loud and troubled times. Beyond the noise we look to the gifts of lasting value, including gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts of beloved community, and the gift of the Coming One, God With Us, Jesus.

As we receive the gift of Jesus, we realize we are worthy of his coming. If we listen close, an inner voice whispers: *“You also are a gift.”*

My prayer is that each day as you experience the Advent Devotionals you will increasingly know the inner voice of love. I invite you to believe it more and more as we move through the season. Let’s join each other on this daily journey of true giftedness.