



Synod of the Covenant

*General Assembly Administrative Commission
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Midday Prayers

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Call to Prayer

Michelle Johnson

My siblings, our help is in the name of the eternal God,

Who is making the heavens and the earth.

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips,

that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

Habakkuk 2: 2-4 (MSG)

Michelle Johnson

Proverbs 4: 6-7

Meditation

Brady Radford

Blessing

Brady and Michelle

Blessed are they who fall in the mud, who jump with gusto and rip the pants, who skin the elbows, and bruise the ego, for they shall know the sweetness of risk.

Blessed are they who make giant mistakes, whose intentions are good but impact has injured, who know the hot sense of regret and ask for mercy, for their hearts will know the gift of forgiveness.

Blessed are they who have seen a D or an F or C or any letter less than perfect, who are painfully familiar with the red pen and the labels as "less than," for they know the wisdom in the imperfect.

Blessed are they who try again, who dust off, who wash up, who extend the wish for peace, who return to sites of failure, who are dogged in their pursuit, for they will discover the secret to dreams.

Blessed are they who refuse to listen to the naysayers, for their hearts will be houses for hope.

Blessed are they who see beyond the surface of another, for they will be able to delight in the gift of compassion.

Blessed are they who stop running the race to help a fellow traveler, who pick up the fallen, who stop for injured life, for they shall know the kindness of strangers.

Blessed are they who wildly, boldly abandon winning, for they shall know the path of justice. Amen.

- *A Blessing for Risk-Takers and Failures* By [Robin Tanner](#)