

Pastor Randy's short devotion for March 1st:

"I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, the creator of the heavens and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2)

This Psalm is known as travelers Psalm and an ascent Psalm, song as one was going up from Jericho to Jerusalem. It is a seven mile up hill road from Jericho to Jerusalem. As a person looked up at the hills from Jericho, there was a lot of danger. Danger of a rock slide, danger of the road giving away and falling into the valley, danger of bandits hiding ready to jump out and rob you. There are times when suddenly our journey is like the one going up the hills from Jericho to Jerusalem. We don't know what forces are suddenly going to come at us, like a rock slide or robbers. We face a lot of different forces creating insecurity for a lot of us, like inflation tightening family budgets, job insecurity, health issues, COVID is still around, sudden deaths in the family or in the community. We wonder as we are about to endure a journey of grieving a loved one or the many issues I mentioned from where is my help to come? The Psalmist has a great answer for our ponderings, "My help comes from the LORD, the creator of the heavens and the earth." Notice how the Psalmist describes the LORD, as the creator of the heavens and the earth. One cannot imagine the creator of the entire universe running out of resources, or being stumped on how to help, or something keeping the LORD from helping. The Lord, the Creator, your Heavenly Father is the one who is keeping you in his hands.