

Montview Supper Club 2025-26

February Companion Material

Prayer: A Prayer for Gratitude for our Meal

Loving God, for the gift of this table and the joy of these conversations, we give thanks. May the food we share nourish our bodies and the words we share nourish our souls. Bless our time together, that it may be filled with grace, laughter, and kindness. Amen.

Discussion questions

1. Tippet shares that the fear of the religion of her childhood was about “measuring up—about moral perfection, and the eternal cost of falling short.” In contrast, she goes on to say that at this point in her life, “faith is in interplay with moral imagination, something distinct from moral perfection.” How has your own experience and understanding of faith changed over your lifetime?
2. Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks sums up the Jewish imperative saying, “To be true to your faith is a blessing to others regardless of their faith.” How do you live out your faith so that you bless others?

Podcast link interview with Christian Wiman.

On Being: <https://onbeing.org/programs/christian-wiman-how-does-one-remember-god-jan2018/>

Apple: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/christian-wiman-how-does-one-remember-god/id150892556?i=1000399085769>

Quote from *Becoming Wise*:

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"faith is in interplay with moral imagination, something distinct from moral perfection."

"Spiritual life is a reasonable, reality-based pursuit. It can have mystical entry points and destinations, to which be sure. But it is in the end about befriending reality..."

...the common human experience of mystery included It acknowledges the full drama of the human condition. It attends to beauty and pleasure; it attends to grief and pain and the enigma of our capacity to resist the very things we long for and need."

Wondering is a useful way to begin to speak of a shared vocabulary of mystery we might embrace across our disciplines, our contrasting certainties, and our doubts.

"I cherish my conversations with cosmologists and physicists. They are standing on ground where religious thinkers reigned until very recently in human history, the sphere in which we imagine the nature of the cosmos and our place in it."