



Discussion Questions

Matthew 11:25-30 *Jesus Thanks His Father*

Pastor Barb preached her sermon for the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi, teaching about his life and ministry. Did you learn anything new about this saint? If so, what? Were you reminded of something you knew but had forgotten?

The hymn All Creatures, Worship God Most High! (ELW #835) is based on a poem attributed to St. Francis. In verse 1, we sing:

*All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

What does this teach us about St. Francis' relationship with creation? How does it inspire or deepen your relationship with creation?

At Pastor Barb's church, they have a Blessing of the Animals and a pet food drive for the Feast of Saint Francis. What are some additional ways we might mark this occasion? What might you do in your community?

As the church marks the 50/40/10 anniversaries we give thanks for new perspectives or voices, widening our understanding of who God calls. Whose ministry has blessed you with new ideas or a different viewpoint?

Jesus invites us to give up our burdens (Matthew 11:28) and to take on the yoke of Christ (Matthew 11:29). What burdens would you like to give up? What would it mean for you to exchange those burdens for Christ's yoke?

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