

1 Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders,
unmistakable and clear;
mighty signs that show your presence,
overcoming doubt and fear.

O Lord, you sometimes speak in wonders

2 Lord, you sometimes speak in whispers,
still and small and scarcely heard;
only those who want to listen
catch the all-important word.

O Lord, you sometimes speak in whispers.

3 Lord, you sometimes speak in silence,
through our loud and noisy day:
we can know and trust you better
when we quietly wait and pray.

O Lord, you sometimes speak in silence.

4 Lord, you often speak in Scripture:
words that summon from the page,
shown and taught us by your Spirit
with fresh light for every age.

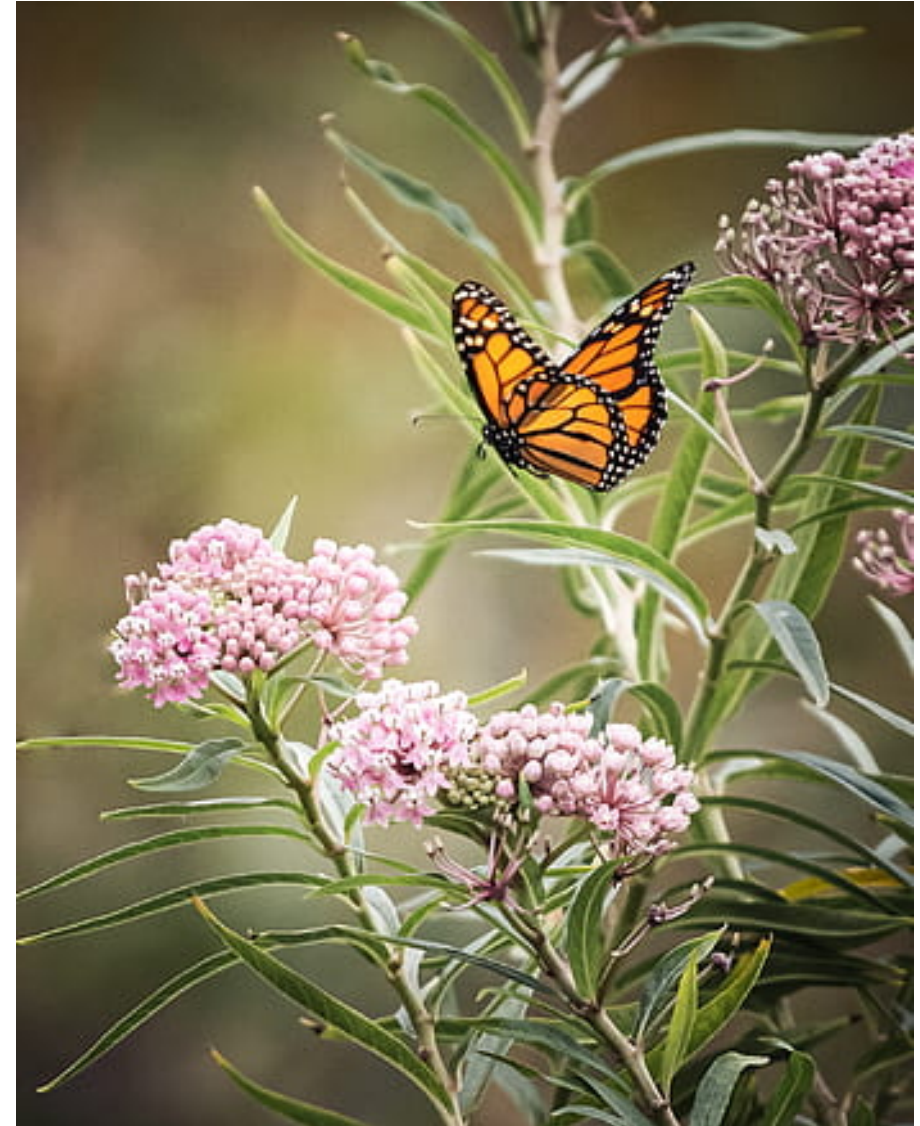
O Lord, you often speak in Scripture.

5 Lord, you always speak in Jesus,
always new yet still the same;
teach us now more of our Saviour;
make our lives display his Name.

O Lord, you always speak in Jesus.

The Cotteridge Church

Proper 16 Sunday 21st August 2022



Bible Readings

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Collect for Proper 16

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Proper 16

Someone once said to Padarewski, the great pianist, "Sir, you are a genius."

He replied, "Madam, before I was a genius I was a drudge." He continued: "If I missed practice one day, I noticed it; if I missed practice two days, the critics noticed it; if I missed three days, my family noticed it; if I missed four days, my audience noticed it."

It is reported that after one of Fritz Kreisler's concerts a young woman said to him, "I would give my life to be able to play like that."

He replied, "That's what I gave."

The door is narrow. Why should we think we can "drift" into the Kingdom of God? The Christian life is a constant striving to do the will of God as Jesus revealed it. We need to strive because there are forces of evil within us and around us, trying to pull us down.