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Announcements – Jordan

Good morning, and thank you for joining us today!

If you use the GivePlus Mobile app to make your donations to the church, you should have received an email from Vanco Payment Solutions advising you that GivePlus Mobile will no longer be operational after September 30th.

The new app to use is Vanco Mobile. Your log-in credentials will remain the same as they are in GivePlus Mobile, and any recurring gifts you have set up will continue to be made as scheduled. If you have trouble with the new app on October 1st or later, please let us know.

If you log-on to electronic giving through the church's website to make your donations, you will not be affected by this change and you will not receive the email.

Feel free to contact Laine Kephart directly at any time you have a question about electronic giving.

Today is the last day to place an order from the CWF for their fall sale. You can pick up an order form from the table in the foyer, and you can leave your order form in the church office or in the box outside of Racene's office. Orders are due today, and items can be picked up on Sunday, October 3rd from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Call to Worship – Matthew 14:13-21– Jordan

This morning's message is on *compassion*. Our Call to Worship tells of the time when Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000, as an act of *compassion*.

¹³ *When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.*

¹⁴ *When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. (OVER)*

¹⁵ *As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”*

¹⁶ *Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”*

¹⁷ *“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.*

¹⁸ *“Bring them here to me,” he said.*

¹⁹ *And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.*

²⁰ *They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.*

²¹ *The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.*

Kid’s Korner – Jordan

Hymn – He Leadeth Me – Verses 1, 2; #461 – Both services

Joys and Concerns – Jordan

Janet McClain, Racene Patterson’s mother, is at UofL Hospital, Louisville, after being admitted on Wednesday.

Nancy Jeffreys is at home and recovering from foot surgery on Thursday.

Morning Prayer – Janet Crow (Elder prayer in 11:00 service only)

Special Music – Wanda Stivers

Scripture Reading – Luke 10:25-37 (NASV)

²⁵ *And behold, a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”*

²⁶ *And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?” (OVER)*

²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”

²⁸ And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied and said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he encountered robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead.

³¹ And by coincidence a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

³² Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

*³³ But a Samaritan who was on a journey came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt **compassion**,*

³⁴ and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

³⁵ On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return, I will repay you.’

³⁶ Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers’ hands?”

*³⁷ And he said, “The one who showed **compassion** to him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do the same.”*

Sermon – Welcome: Compassion Connects Me to We

Invitation Hymn – More About Jesus – Verses 1, 2 #389 Both Services

Stewardship Meditation

We have received additional gifts in recent days for Week of Compassion, bringing our total to \$3,370.00. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Today and next Sunday we are spotlighting the Reconciliation Offering, which helps to fund the Reconciliation Ministry of the Disciples churches. The Reconciliation Ministry is the church wide mission fund which supports programs and program partners that enable full human flourishing for everyone in every community. To highlight some of its work, the Arriba Ninos ministry received 2 grants from that offering, so it has had local impact.

Stewardship Prayer

Loving and merciful God, You are the Lord of new beginnings. You sent us Your Son so that we may begin anew and enjoy new life in Your Spirit. We ask you to bless this day, to guide and direct our paths, and to give us the wisdom to see and to seize the opportunities we have to help and to serve others, to bring peace to the hearts of those who are troubled, and hope to those who suffer. Help us approach each day as good stewards of your abundant gifts, with an awareness of your daily presence, and the obedient spirit we need to be your faithful servants. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Doxology

Communion Meditation

As we gather at the communion table each week, let us note that there is not a creed or a belief statement that adorns this table. What we find on the table are the bread and the cup, reminding us that Jesus offers us himself. Jesus offers us a relationship, the most basic and fundamental need of humanity. Yes, our faith has beliefs, it has practices, but at its heart is a relationship, a relationship with Jesus, and that is what makes all the difference to us.

Prayer for the Bread and Cup – Wanda Stivers (Elder prayer in 11:00 service only)

Prayer for the cup – The Lord's Prayer

*This we pray in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,*

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*but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.*

Words of institution – when Jesus met with his disciples for the Last Supper, he took the bread and broke it. As he broke it, he said, “this is my body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me.”

And he took the cup also and said, “this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Benediction

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

—Numbers 6:24-26