

Announcements – Dave

Good morning, and welcome to worship. It is good to see you! As we continue with the re-opening of our church, this is our second Sunday to be back.

To those of you who are here with us, you will no doubt find it to be a different experience, but we are grateful you are here.

For those of you who are continuing to worship with us online; thank you for joining with us.

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For those of you who are in attendance, you can scan the QR code on one of these signs with the camera on your phone. If your phone is an Android, you will need to install QuickMark or other QR code reader.

We are improvising a bit this morning. James is unexpectedly out this morning, so the live stream of the service will be different, so please be patient with us. Also, David and Jordan are both out today. David is recovering at home after knee replacement surgery on Friday. Jordan is continuing her isolation at home, but her test did come back negative and she is doing fine. So you have me this morning.

If you, or anyone you know, is in need of any kind of assistance, please let us know. We do not want anyone to be doing without.

Call to Worship – Matthew 6:25-34 – Dave

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?”

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Joys and Concerns – Dave

Please keep the following in your prayers –

David Pilkinton had knee replacement surgery on Friday and is at home recovering.

Linda Johnson will have surgery in the coming weeks.

Kitty Harrod, Emme Harrod’s grandmother, remains in Jewish Hospital, Louisville, in serious condition.

Barbara Tipton has been in the hospital in recent days and is now at Crestview.

Donna Miles will have surgery on Tuesday for a knee replacement.

Wanda and Dennis Stivers’ granddaughter, Sophia, fell from a tree on Friday and went to the hospital. She had a bad cut on her arm and received stitches but the arm was not broken, fortunately.

Greg Beckley, who lives now in an assisted living center in South Carolina, has not been doing well in recent days, so please remember Greg in your prayers.

Please remember the family of Teresa Perry, the sister-in-law of Judy Floyd. Teresa passed away on Tuesday after suffering a heart attack.

Annie Long's daughter, Lisa Creek, will have surgery in the coming days, so please keep her in your prayers.

Mike Gatton, minister of Hurstbourne Christian Church, will have surgery on Tuesday.

Please remember the Tindle family, who are cousins of Christy Powell. Their grandfather passed away last week.

Morning Prayer – Diane Bland

Song by Video – Wanda Stivers – Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Message – Dave

Message Title – *Nehemiah: Rebuilding Life – One Brick At A Time*

Scripture Reading – Nehemiah 6:1-11, 13, 15-16

¹*When word came to Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab and the rest of our enemies that I had rebuilt the wall and not a gap was left in it...*

²*Sanballat and Geshem sent me this message: "Come, let us meet together in one of the villages on the plain of Ono." But they were scheming to harm me;*

³*so I sent messengers to them with this reply: "I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?"*

⁴*Four times they sent me the same message, and each time I gave them the same answer.*

⁵*Then, the fifth time, Sanballat sent his aide to me with the same message, and in his hand was an unsealed letter*

⁶*in which was written: "It is reported among the nations—and Geshem says it is true—that you and the Jews are plotting to revolt, and therefore you are building the wall. Moreover, according to these reports you are about to become their king*

⁷*and have even appointed prophets to make this proclamation about you in Jerusalem: 'There is a king in Judah!' Now this report will get back to the king; so come, let us meet together."*

⁸ *I sent him this reply: “Nothing like what you are saying is happening; you are just making it up out of your head.”*

⁹ *They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.” But I prayed, “Now strengthen my hands.”*

¹⁰ *One day I went to the house of Shemaiah son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was shut in at his home. He said, “Let us meet in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us close the temple doors, because men are coming to kill you—by night they are coming to kill you.”*

¹¹ *But I said, “Should a man like me run away? Or should someone like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!”*

¹³ *He had been hired to intimidate me so that I would commit a sin by doing this, and then they would give me a bad name to discredit me.*

¹⁵ *So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days.*

¹⁶ *When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.*

Offering Meditation – Dave

In our Call to Worship this morning, Jesus says, that *not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these*, that is the birds of the air and the flowers of the field.

It is often believed that if you have enough money you can buy whatever you want. But that is not true. Money can buy a bed, but not sleep. Money can buy a clock, but not time. Money can buy an education, but not wisdom. Money can buy insurance, but not safety. And on and on the list could go.

God places wealth many places in our lives, wealth that often goes unnoticed. May we open our hearts and our eyes to the wealth that God provides.

Offertory Prayer – Dave

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that Yours is “the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.” We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Doxology – played, but no singing

Communion Meditation – Dave

Nothing is more fundamental to our lives than receiving meals each day. May we never forget that Jesus said, however, that we *do not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God* (Matthew 4:4).

Prayers – Neil Hackworth and Diane Bland.

Prayer for the bread and 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, 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 – Dave

Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours, no feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which He is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now.

– St. Ignatius of Loyola

Go now in love, and serve the Lord. Amen.

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