

Announcements – Jordan

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 third 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.

If you would like to follow along here or at home with an outline of the service, please visit the church web site at shelbyvillefirstchristianchurch.com. Click on the tab labeled BULLETINS. At the BULLETINS page you can click on a pdf file to download to your device. That file contains the announcements, readings, joys and concerns, and other information.

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.

All items for the next newsletter are due by tomorrow.

We have been asked if it is necessary to continue wearing a mask once we take a seat in worship. To find an authoritative answer we contacted the Health Department and they told us those in attendance should keep their mask on during the worship service, even while seated.

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.

Kid's Korner

Call to Worship – Ephesians 3:14-21 – Jordan

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father,

¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Joys and Concerns – Jordan

Today is Father's Day, a day we would normally ask fathers to stand and be recognized. Obviously, that is not possible under the present circumstances. But we pray that you have a blessed day with your family, and wish a Happy Father's Day to all the dads.

Please keep the following in your prayers –

Rick Broadway will have a heart catheterization on Thursday at the Rudd Heart and Lung Center at UofL Jewish Hospital in Louisville.

Ida Lyons fell and broke her hip on Monday and had surgery on Tuesday. She was dismissed from the hospital on Friday.

Bonnie Beach requested prayers for her relative, Karen Wright. Karen received a pacemaker Monday.

Donna Miles and David Pilkinton both continue to recover from knee replacement surgery.

Annie Long is pleased to report that her daughter, Lisa Creek, came through her surgery very well and it was not as complicated as expected.

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 continues at Crestview.

Mike Gatton, minister of Hurstbourne Christian Church, is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Lee Matson continues to recover from back surgery.

And we congratulate Emme Harrod, who was honored as the girls Special Olympics Athlete of the Year.

Morning Prayer – Neil Hackworth

Song by Video – Farrel Hill – *Have Thine Own Way Lord*

Message – Dave

Message Title – *Nehemiah: Rebuilding Life – Remembering*

Scripture Reading – Nehemiah 7:1-6

¹ *After the wall had been rebuilt and I had set the doors in place, the gatekeepers, the musicians and the Levites were appointed.*

² *I put in charge of Jerusalem my brother Hanani, along with Hananiah the commander of the citadel, because he was a man of integrity and feared God more than most people do.*

³ *I said to them, "The gates of Jerusalem are not to be opened until the sun is hot. While the gatekeepers are still on duty, have them shut the doors and bar them. Also appoint residents of Jerusalem as guards, some at their posts and some near their own houses."*

⁴ *Now the city was large and spacious, but there were few people in it, and the houses had not yet been rebuilt.*

⁵ *So my God put it into my heart to assemble the nobles, the officials and the common people for registration by families. I found the genealogical record of those who had been the first to return. This is what I found written there:*

⁶ *These are the people of the province who came up from the captivity of the exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had taken captive (they returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his own town...*

Offering Meditation – Dave

A Native American proverb says *we do not inherit the land from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.* May we be good stewards of the future that our children and grandchildren will inherit.

Offertory Prayer – Dave

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace: We thank you for the gift of life: for the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life, for the love of family and friends that so enrich life. We thank you for the mystery of creation: for the beauty that the eye can see, for the joy that the ear can hear, for the unknown that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder, for the expanse of space that draws us beyond the definitions of ourselves. We thank you for this day: for life and one more day to love, for opportunity and one more day to work for justice and peace, and for one more day to experience your presence. For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Doxology – played, but no singing

Communion Meditation – Dave

Dwight L. Moody said *faith makes all things possible...love makes all things easy.* I believe I understand his sentiment, but I don't agree with him. Love is not always easy, and we should never live as though it is. This table, and these elements, certainly refute any idea that love is easy. But as difficult as love can be, never give up on love, even when it is difficult. Never give up on love, even when it would seem much easier to do so. Hold fast, always to love, regardless of the cost, as the bread and the cup remind us of the life-giving love of Jesus, a love that never gave up.

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

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then of Thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and a peace at last through Jesus Christ, our Lord." Amen.

– John Henry Newman, adapted from the Book of Common Prayer