

Announcements – Jordan

Good morning, and welcome to worship. It is good to see you!

If you did not receive the news that was sent out yesterday morning regarding the cancelation of in-person worship for today and next Sunday, we are sorry for the late notice. On Friday, Governor Beshear requested that churches cancel in-person worship for two weeks, and our Regional Office of the Christian Church in Kentucky made the same request, as the number of Covid-19 cases in the state of Kentucky have risen to the highest levels of the pandemic. Dave made a recommendation to our Task Force that we honor that request, as it seemed the best step to take in order to do our part in keeping people safe and healthy. While not every case is serious enough to require hospitalization, many hospitals around the country are running out of beds and we do not want our healthcare system to be overwhelmed.

To keep up to date about what is and is not happening in the life of our church during the pandemic, please add your name to the church email list – and check your emails regularly – or follow us on social media. And, of course, you can call the church office at any time, at 633-3345 or call Dave at 939-1299.

Do you have an interest in technology? Would you like to put that interest into use for the church? If you would like to help with the Sunday morning live-stream, we would be happy to have your help. If interested, contact James Mulcahy or the church office.

Kid's Korner – Jordan

Call to Worship – I Timothy 6:11-16

¹¹ But you, [as a person] of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you

¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Joys and Concerns – Jordan

Please keep the following in your prayers –

Rochelle Phillips is a patient at Frazier Rehab in Louisville. It was discovered that Rochelle has a brain tumor and a biopsy was performed several days ago. The results of the biopsy will be back on August 3rd.

Sympathy and prayers are offered to Matt and Maureen Johnson and family for the loss of Matt's grandfather yesterday on Wednesday. Maureen is David Pilkinton's daughter.

Sympathy and prayers are also offered to Reverend Betsy Steier and family. Betsy was on staff with David at Douglass Boulevard Christian Church. Her 30-year-old daughter, Brittany, was murdered on last Saturday, and leaves behind two young children.

Richard Turner, Lois Lenz's cousin, is recovering from heart bypass surgery that took place on Monday.

Kimberly Clark, who is Kelly Carriss Collins' mother, is in the hospital in Florida with acute renal failure.

Please pray for Renee Townsend, a former coworker of Kim Arrington. Her husband Darrell has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Morning Prayer – Sally McClain

Holy God,

In this time of exile, where we are essentially isolated from one another, we remember the words of the Prophet Isaiah:

*We are **called** to bring good news to the oppressed;*

***Proclaim liberty** to the captives;*

***Release** to the prisoners;*

***Comfort** all who mourn;*

Provide praise instead of despair;

To build up instead of destroy...

Too often we forget our mission...

We fail to remember why Christ is given to us..

Let us heed the mission of the one who was known as the Suffering Servant

Who brings us life and peace and joy and hope...

As we offer this prayer in the name of the One who was and is and is to come...

World without end. Amen.

Song by Video – Farrel Hill – Wonderful Words of Life

Message – Dave

Message Title – *What Did Jesus Do? Hanging Out With All the Wrong People.*

Scripture Reading – Mark 2:13-17

¹³ *Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them.*

¹⁴ *As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.*

¹⁵ *While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.*

¹⁶ *When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"*

¹⁷ *On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."*

Offering Meditation – Dave

The Regional Office sent out an email on Saturday encouraging people to order a commemorative church camp T-shirt, which will help to offset the lost revenue because of the cancellation of this summer's weeks of camp. Hurstbourne Christian Church announced they were making a large donation to help Camp Wakon' Da-Ho. I want to challenge our congregation to help our church camp at this time. Church camp has been important to so many of us – youth and adults – so I am writing out a check this morning and asking you to consider doing the same.

On my key chain is a small medallion, and in the middle of that medallion is a very tiny seed; too tiny for you to see from where you are sitting. It is as mustard seed. In Matthew 17:20, Jesus talks about the power of *faith as small as a mustard seed*. Sometimes, I wish my faith were as large as this tiny seed. But however large or small we believe our faith to be, faith is faith. We often see what we have in terms of scarcity; God always speaks in terms of abundance. Even when we believe we have little – little in terms of faith or resources – in God's hands, it is much.

Stewardship Prayer – Dave

Generous Lord, we hold so tightly to so many things, thinking that our tight grip will protect them and keep them, when in reality we know that things can slip very easily from our grasp. May our lives not be defined by a tight and desperate grasp, but by hands that are able to let go, because our hearts are willing to give. In the name of Christ we pray, amen.

Doxology – played, but no singing

Communion Meditation – Dave

Recently I mentioned the centuries-old book, *The Imitation of Christ*, by Thomas a Kempis. In that book he writes this of love –

*Nothing is sweeter than love, nothing stronger, nothing higher, nothing wider,
nothing more pleasant, nothing fuller or better in heaven or earth;
for love is born of God, and can rest only in God above all created things.*

*Love is a mighty power, a great and complete good;
Love alone lightens every burden, and makes the rough places smooth.
It bears every hardship as though it were nothing, and renders all bitterness sweet and
acceptable.
The love of Jesus is noble, and inspires us to great deeds;
it moves us always to desire perfection.
Love aspires to high things, and is held back by nothing base.
Love longs to be free, a stranger to every worldly desire,
lest its inner vision become dimmed,
and lest worldly self-interest hinder it or ill-fortune cast it down.*

*Love flies, runs, leaps for joy; it is free and unrestrained.
Love gives all for all,
resting in One who is highest above all things,
from whom every good flows and proceeds.
Love does not regard the gifts, but turns to the Giver of all good gifts.
Love knows no limits, but ardently transcends all bounds.
Love feels no burden, takes no account of toil,
attempts things beyond its strength;
love sees nothing as impossible,
for it feels able to achieve all things.
Love therefore does great things;
it is strange and effective;
while he who lacks love faints and fails.*

*Enlarge us in love;
that with the inner mouth of our heart
we may taste how sweet it is to love. Amen.*

I feel better when I read that, because love makes me feel much, much better.

Prayer for the bread and cup.

Prayer – Mary Dale Hipple

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

*As we go, where there is hatred may we bring love; where there is hurt may we bring the
spirit of forgiveness; where there is doubt may we bring faith; where there is despair may
we bring hope; where there is darkness may we bring light; where there is sadness may
bring joy. In all things, may we bring Christ, in whose name we pray, amen.*

Adapted from *St. Francis' Prayer*
