

## **Announcements – Jordan**

Good morning, and welcome to worship. It is good to have you with us today, whether in person or online.

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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.

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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.

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## **Kid's Korner – Jordan**

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 122:1-2 says, *I rejoiced with those who said to me, "let us go to the house of the Lord." Our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem.*

Our rejoicing has mostly ceased in recent months, as our going to the house of the Lord has been greatly diminished, and our feet are not standing in the gates as they once were. When we are in the house of the Lord, we see that we are much fewer in number, and we miss our friends, our family. We long to rejoice, as there has been much that has taken away a reason to rejoice. We wait for life to get better. We wait for life to be restored. And we wait, and we wait some more.

It is hard to wait, and so we ask God, that you give us patience. We ask for patience as we make our way through these difficult days. But we know we need more than patience. We need strength, we need grace, and much more. Most importantly, we need love, and we need it in great measure.

Carry us Lord, as we await to rejoice once again, and to say with great joy, *let us go to the house of the Lord.* Amen, and amen.

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### **Joys and Concerns – Jordan**

Please keep the following in your prayers –

Please keep LaMar Hundley in your prayers. LaMar is a patient at Suburban Hospital and his condition has been serious in recent days.

Prayers for Ashley Flood and family. Ashley is the daughter of Kim Arrington. She has a stage one melanoma on her ear. In 3 weeks she will have surgery to remove it along with lymph node biopsy and most likely plastic surgery.

Rochelle Phillips continues at her daughter's home. On Tuesday of this week she begins radiation and chemo treatments. If you would like the address, in order to send her a card, please contact the church office.

Doug Summers was dismissed from Baptist East Hospital on Friday and is now at home.

Carol Brown continues as a patient at Baptist East Hospital, where her condition remains serious.

Remember Devon Webb in prayer. He was seriously injured in a car accident Friday. And is in serious condition and on a ventilator.

Diana Wainscott, Elizabeth Slucher's sister-in-law, who has breast cancer and is having chemo treatments.

Bobby Stivers, brother of Dennis and Lonnie Stivers, had knee replacement surgery on Thursday.

Please remember in your prayers Karen Carpenter, a friend of Suzi and Bob Roth and who was a member of one of Dave's previous churches. She is battling lung and liver cancer.

If you would like a copy of the complete prayer list, it is at the end of the bulletin for this morning. Copies can be downloaded from the church web site or by scanning one of the QR codes posted in the church.

**Morning Prayer – Janet Crow**

**Parent/Child Dedication: Ariel, Jarred, and Esther Joan Ariel Hill**

with Aidan Davis Gabriel and Ella Eden Claire; Tony Chisholm

Minister: *In gratitude for the gift of Esther, she is presented this day to the Lord. As parents, in dependence on God's grace, we endeavor, both by example and teaching, to provide children with a home of faith and love, that they may know throughout their childhood and growth into adulthood the warmth, hope, and freedom of the Christian faith, that they may welcome life's beauty, learn from its pain, and share in its joys; that their love for others may deepen with knowledge and insight of every kind; that they may discover what is the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of God, and of Jesus Christ through whom God has made such love known; that their lives may be open to the grace and purpose of God and to the call of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. These are the blessings God has given to us as parents, and as families. Do you gratefully receive these gifts of family, of children, and of faith, today, and all days?*

Family response: *We do.*

Minister: *And will all of you who belong to the Church, and are gathered here and beyond on this day, seek to represent the community through which Esther, and all children, can discover the meaning of the Christian faith and stir into flame the gifts which God gives to children, whatever they may be? Do you promise as representatives of God's community of faith to offer to this family, and all families, your love for the strengthening of their life together; to be for them a family in Christ whose love for them cannot be broken; to pray for them, and to serve as examples of what it means to grow toward fullness of life in Christ, to learn Christ's ways and to serve God and neighbor?*

Congregational Response: *We do.*

Prayer.

*Gracious God, who cares for humanity as a loving parent who cares for their children, accept the gratitude of our hearts for the lives of this precious child, Esther, and also for the loving care of Ariel, Jarred, Aidan, Ella, and Tony. Today we affirm this family as your children, and in doing so pray that throughout their lives that you will bless and watch over them, that your face will shine upon them and you will be gracious to them, that you will look kindly upon them all of their days and always give them peace.*

*Uphold Ariel and Jarred that they may guide Esther, along with Aidan and Ella, in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Bless them with patience, wisdom, sound judgment, and understanding, and may they find comfort and joy, happiness and fulfillment, in this young life that is such a blessing to them.*

*O God of grace, may each of us who are present today also provide a foundation of strength, grace and Christian faith to this family. May we exercise helpfulness and be a source for wisdom and love. May we all take our duties as Christian brothers and sisters to heart as members of the community of faith, and it is through Jesus Christ that we pray, amen.*

**Song by Video – Kendra Jackson – Rescue**

**Message – Dave**

Message Title – *What Did Jesus Do? He Asked People to Put Down Their Stones.*

Scripture Reading – John 8:2-11

- <sup>2</sup> *At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.*
- <sup>3</sup> *The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group*
- <sup>4</sup> *and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.*
- <sup>5</sup> *In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”*
- <sup>6</sup> *They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.*
- <sup>7</sup> *When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”*
- <sup>8</sup> *Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.*
- <sup>9</sup> *At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.*
- <sup>10</sup> *Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”*
- <sup>11</sup> *“No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”*

## **Invitation Hymn**

### **Offering Meditation – Dave**

In a previous church I served, during an evening service, as the offering plates were passed, an individual put some money in the plate. I don't know what happened between that moment and the rest of the service, but after the service was over the person asked for their money back.

We never advertised that we had a money back guarantee. With the church, we get what we get, including all of our imperfections. The church is a beautiful, wonderful, messy, sometimes frustrating gift, but it is most certainly a gift, and I am happy to contribute to it.

### **Stewardship Prayer – Dave**

*God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. Mindful of your generosity, we acknowledge that all that we have is from you. Daily, we offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family and our loved ones.*

*In the dawning of a new day, You are with us. In each dark hour, You are here. Blessed by Your grace, we show gratitude by sharing what we have. By serving our brothers and sisters, we serve You.*

*As You protect and guide us on our journey, we, Your stewards, remain ever grateful for Your constant love. In the name of Christ we pray, amen.*

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### **Doxology – played, but no singing**

### **Communion Meditation – Dave**

*Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend. We need more of that love in this world, don't we? May it be so, Lord. May it be so.*

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prayer for the bread and cup.

Prayer – Lydia Turner

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**

*Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Christ,  
and may the blessing of God who established heaven and earth  
fill your hearts and pour forth from you upon all people,  
may the blessing of the Lord call you towards a new tomorrow;  
and may the blessing of the Spirit who refreshes and renews all creation  
guide and lead you each day. Amen.  
—adapted*

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**First Christian Church Prayer Concerns August 16, 2020**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Relation</b>
* Bailey, Helen	homebound	
Baker, Jeanie	cancer	
Barker, Bettie	health issues	
Baxter, Johnny	stomach cancer	son of Jessie Baxter
* Beagle, Susan	Signature Healthcare, Taylorsville	
Bishop, JoAnn	Alzheimer's	Henrietta Hardin's sister
Bolden, Michael	health issues	
* Broadway, Rick	heart bypass surgery July 8th	
Brown, Carol	Masonic Home, Louisville	
Canon, Harold	recovery from knee replacement surgery	
Donahue, Barbara	MS	
Farris, Ben	cancer	
Gaither, Stewart	prostate cancer	Mary Dale Hipple's relative
Hamilton, Phyllis	recovery from surgery	Terry Strong's sister
Hanna, Dot	illness	
Harris, Gloria	health	Julie Mulcahy's mother
* Harrod, Emme	broken foot	
Howell, Brooks	infant with incurable disease	
Hower, Tommy	health	
* Hudson, Chris	wound on leg	
* Hundley, LaMar and Valorie	health	
* Johnson, Linda	recovery after surgery	
* Kingsolver, Dallas	chemotherapy	son of Donna and Eddie Kingsolver
Lancaster, Grant	heart issues	friend of Vicki and Glen Wright
* Long, Annie	cancer	
Loprindi, Kristina	stage 4 ovarian cancer	
* Lyons, Ida	Crescent Place	
Mackens, James	back surgery	son-in-law of Rochelle Phillips
Mattson, Lee	recovery from back surgery	
Meagher, Diane	cancer	friend of Nancy Kirk
Miles, Donna	recovery from knee replacement surgery	
Moffatt, Bruce	health issues	
Moorman, Laura	health issue	
* Nation, Nellie	Amber Oaks	
Ostwalt, Margaret and Jack	health	Deborah Smith's parents
* Phillips, Rochelle	brain tumor	
* Rayburn, Wanda	health	
Roach, Larry	Crescent Place	Linda Griffith's brother
Sanders, Cindy	cancer	
* Shaver, Marty	Crescent Place	
Smith, Danny Joe	heart issues	

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*	Smith, Nell	Legacy at English Station	
	Taylor, Nancye	homebound	
*	Tipton, Barbara	Crescent Place	
	Williams, Linda	cancer	
	Williams, Jay	juvenile diabetes	
*	Wright, Vickie	health issues	

Members are designated with a \* in the first column.

Please call the church office if you would like to have someone added to the prayer list or if someone needs to be removed. Requests may also be emailed to [fccshelbyville@gmail.com](mailto:fccshelbyville@gmail.com) or texted to (502) 751-5249.