

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 fourth Sunday to be back.

As a reminder, please let us know when you plan to attend, as we have limited seating. As our attendance increases, we will add another worship service.

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

To all of our young people – if you are interested in attending the virtual church camp this summer with Camp Wakon Da Ho, registration is now open. Jordan sent information about this opportunity, and if you have any questions, be sure and check with Jordan.

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.

Dear Kentucky Disciples Women,

I am saddened to inform you that due to the uncertainties surrounding the Covid 19 Pandemic, the Kentucky Disciples Women's Ministries Cabinet thought it best to cancel this year's fall retreats. Both the Silent retreat scheduled for November 6-8, 2020 and the Barren River Retreat scheduled for November 14-15, 2020 are canceled. Since we would stand to lose a good bit of money if we held off on this decision much longer and given the fact that we can't control the spaces at either venue, the Cabinet made this difficult decision. Hopefully, we will be able to get back to some of our regular events next spring.

The Cabinet and I discussed having some pieces of a retreat brought to you

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virtually around that same time. If we can work that out, we will certainly let you know. Also, please keep in mind that your Blessing Box offerings can be sent to the regional office at CCK, PO Box 910503, Lexington KY 40591. You may also send your fall retreat offerings for scholarships, costs offsets, and Woman-to-Woman to the same address. We've missed our offerings this year and we need to keep that balance up for future use.

Praying all are staying healthy and safe. Also, I sure am missing you all!

*Peace,
Linda J. Jones
Associate Regional Minister
Christian Church In Kentucky*

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

Last week, we began a new feature, Kid's Korner, to be an aid to the viewing families who have younger children.

What is your favorite fruit? Here are several different kinds of fruit. Do any of you like these kinds? Here is my favorite fruit – chocolate. I know that chocolate isn't really a fruit, but I'm going to call it one, okay? And here's why – there are fruits that grow on trees – apples, bananas, etc. – but there is another entirely different kind of fruit. They are what we call the *fruits of the Spirit*. Listen to these two verses from the book of Galatians – Galatians 5:22-23 – that tell us about those kinds of fruits,

²² *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*
²³ *gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

This is why chocolate is a fruit – because it makes me joyful! It makes me happy. I am speaking about *joy* in my message this morning, which is a fruit of the Spirit. So if chocolate brings me joy, then it must be a fruit, right?

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are also like fruits because they grow. When you “plant” these fruits, they grow into a

great harvest. When you plant love, that love will grow. When you plant joy, that joy grows, and on and on.

Attached to the worship outline is a worksheet that can be printed. The worksheet gives a place where you can write what makes you joyful today. Are you happy about something today? Are you happy to be with someone today? Fill in the blanks with what, or who, makes you happy, and share that with them.

Call to Worship – Psalm 30 – Dave

¹ I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

² Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.

³ You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.

⁴ Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.

⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶ When I felt secure, I said, “I will never be shaken.”

⁷ Lord, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

⁸ To you, Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

⁹ “What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

¹⁰ Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me; Lord, be my help.”

¹¹ You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹² that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. Lord my God, I will praise you forever.

Joys and Concerns – Dave

Please keep the following in your prayers –

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Rick Broadway had a heart catheterization on Thursday at the Rudd Heart and Lung Center at UofL Jewish Hospital in Louisville, and learned that he will have heart bypass surgery, possibly by late next week. He is home from the hospital now and will see the doctors early next week to begin the testing and preparations for his surgery.

Bonnie Beach requested prayers for her relative, Karen Wright. Karen recently received a pacemaker and she was taken back to the hospital on Monday.

Deborah Smith has asked for prayers for her parents. Her father, Jack Ostwalt, is 97 and was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday for chest pain. He has an infection in the lining of his heart. Her mother, Margaret, is 90 and is not allowed to visit her father in the hospital at this time, because of the current regulations.

Wayne Ashby will have surgery on July 9th at Norton Brownsboro Hospital.

I spoke to Mary Ellen Beagle on Thursday and she asked that I express her love for all of you and asks for your continued prayers.

Linda Johnson will have surgery in the coming weeks.

Kitty Harrod, Emme Harrod's grandmother, is now out of the hospital and in a nursing home in Louisville.

Barbara Tipton and Ida Lyons remain at Crestview.

Rob Hutchison is in Baptist Hospital, Lexington.

Please pray for John and Rose Zydowicz from Chicago. John is a friend of Al & Diann Cook and Rose is his sister who has Downs Syndrome. They have both been diagnosed with the Corona Virus. Rose has been admitted to the hospital in serious condition. John hasn't progressed for the need to be hospitalized, but has underlying breathing conditions.

Masonic Home residents and staff. Speaking of the Masonic Home. Lillian Taylor will celebrate her 100th birthday on the 4th. If you would send her a card, I know she would be most grateful.

Congratulations to Maureen and Matthew Johnson on the birth of their first child. Oliver David Johnson arrived at 9:54 PM last night. He weighed 9 pounds and 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are David and Florence Pilkinton.

Morning Prayer – Farrel Hill

Song by Video – Jordan Lardner – *How Great Thou Art*

Message – Dave

Message Title – *Nehemiah: Rebuilding Life – Finding Joy in the Midst of Sorrow*

Scripture Reading – *Nehemiah 8: 1, 2, 6, 8-12, 17-18*

¹ *all the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel.*

³ *He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.*

⁶ *Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, “Amen! Amen!” Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.*

⁸ *They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.*

⁹ *Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.*

¹⁰ *Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”*

¹¹ *The Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve.”*

¹² *Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.*

¹⁷ The whole company that had returned from exile built temporary shelters and lived in them. From the days of Joshua son of Nun until that day, the Israelites had not celebrated it like this. And their joy was very great.

¹⁸ Day after day, from the first day to the last, Ezra read from the Book of the Law of God. They celebrated the festival for seven days, and on the eighth day, in accordance with the regulation, there was an assembly.

Offering Meditation – Dave

St. Augustine said that *God gives where he finds empty hands*. We can seek to use our hands to receive *and* we can use our hands to give. We open our hands to receive from God, and in the bounty we are given, we keep our hands open, in order to be vessels of giving.

Stewardship Prayer – Dave

Dear Lord, in our daily life here on Earth, You are our Shepherd, and we do not want for anything because of that. You lead us to green pastures and still waters. You restore our soul. You allow our cup to overflow with goodness and mercy all the days of our life. Please help us, Lord, to be more and more grateful for how You have provided for us; and to be eternally responsible stewards of all that we have. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Doxology – played, but no singing

Communion Meditation – Dave

The American Friends Service Committee (the Quakers) published a book titled [Speak Truth to Power](#) in 1955, and in that book is this passage –

The politics of eternity works not by might but by spirit; a Spirit whose redemptive power is released among [people] through suffering endured on behalf of the evildoer, and in obedience to the divine command to love all [people]. Such love is worlds apart from the expedient of loving those who love us, of doing good to those who have done good to us. It is the essence of such love that it does not require an advance guarantee that it will succeed, will prove easy or cheap, or that it will be met with swift answering love. Whether practiced by [individuals] or nations, it well may encounter opposition, hate,

humiliation, utter defeat. In the familiar words of the epistle, such love suffers long, is always kind, never fails. . . . This is the Spirit that overcomes the world.

Prayers – Farrel and Neil

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

Now may the God who created all things, who is the Alpha and the Omega, beginning and the end, keep us in his hands; fill our lives with love, our hearts with peace, and our minds with hope. Go now in grace and peace, in the name of Christ, amen.

Galatians 5:22-23 says,

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Today is _____

One reason I am

joyful today is...
