

Announcements – Dave

Good morning, and thank you for joining us today!

Thanks also to everyone who helped with Shelby County Ready Fest, which provides services and supplies to students.

If you are interested in going on the mission trip to the Christian Appalachian Project September 19 – 25, the deadline to sign up is Friday.

Call to Worship – Psalm 24:1-10 – Dave

¹ The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

² for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴ The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

⁵ They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior.

⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.

⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.

Hymn

Joys and Concerns – Dave

Bob Roth is at home and recovering from knee replacement surgery on Wednesday.

Diann Cook is at home and recovering from eye surgery on Wednesday.

Violett Rice has been moved to the Masonic Home for recovery after a fall at home. Violett is Willie and Kathy Nichol's aunt.

Jo Strong's sister, Penny Lyons, had surgery on the 13th, and was able to go home the next day. She continues her medical recovery at home, and is grateful for the cards and prayers she has received.

Morning Prayer – Wanda Stivers (Elder prayer in 11:00 service only)

Special Music

Scripture Reading – Galatians 5:22-25; Psalm 40:1-3

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

² He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

Sermon – Healthy Faith: The Fruits of the Spirit – Patience

Invitation Hymn

Stewardship Meditation

Steve Goodier says, *none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give.* I really like that. *None of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give.* We often think in terms of what we do not have, but all of us have something worthwhile to give, and that supply is never exhausted.

Stewardship Prayer

Gracious God, bring peace to our lives this day. It is easy to look at the problems of the world and believe there is little difference we can make. What can we do in the face of so much turmoil, hunger, disease, and violence? We can live in the manner of Jesus. We can walk in faith, believing that what we do can indeed make a difference to others. In the name of Jesus, who has given all to us, we pray. Amen.

Doxology – played, but no singing

Communion Meditation

When our children are young, we get asked lots of questions. An endless litany of questions. But we are patient as we listen, and we answer the best we can.

Jesus was asked a lot of questions. *Who is my neighbor? Are you the one who is to come? What is the greatest commandment? What must I do to inherit eternal life?* Jesus was patient with those who asked questions, and he answered them. Not always in the way the questioner hoped, or wanted, but Jesus answered the questions.

For some reason, some people are uncomfortable asking questions of God. As we gather at the table this morning, let me assure you it is never wrong or inappropriate to ask questions of God. God is not afraid of our questions, so let us ask without hesitation, and let us be patient as we await the answers.

Prayer for the Bread and Cup – Janet Crow (Elder prayer in 11:00 service only)

Prayer for the 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

May the immortal, invisible, only wise God go with you, going before you, behind you, around you and within you; may the God who made all things, who sustains all things, rules all things, sees all things, give you insight and understanding from this time forward and for evermore. Amen.

– http://www.nswchurches.org/Resources/Prayers/PR0016_Benedictions_01.pdf