

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Announcements – Jordan

Good morning, and welcome to worship.

Barring any further announcement from the governor, next Sunday we plan to resume in-person worship. If this changes, we will notify you as soon as possible.

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.

If are interested in helping Awake Ministries work on the Veterans Village Community Center in Shelbyville, they are continuing to work the next few weeks, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. The work includes concrete grinding and concrete patching. It is labor-intensive work. All tools, materials, masks, etc., will be provided. We work in a socially distanced and CDC guideline environment. The address is, Veterans Community Center, 506 Bradshaw Street. If you are willing to help, you can contact Tim Anderson at 812-406-6045 or tim@crossroadsmissions.com.

Thanks to the CWF for making their products available last week, and to everyone who placed an order. The proceeds of the CWF sales go to support the Disciples Mission Fund.

Kid's Korner – Jordan

Call to Worship – Psalm 145:1-9

¹ *I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.*

² *Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.*

³ *Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.*

⁴ *One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.*

⁵ *They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works.*

⁶ *They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds.*

⁷ *They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.*

⁸ *The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.*

⁹ *The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.*

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.

Richard Turner, Lois Lenz's cousin, was dismissed from the hospital on Thursday, and continues to recuperate from heart bypass surgery that took place on Monday.

Please remember Liz Broadway's mother, Naomi, and Liz's brother Charles and his wife Cindy, as all three have been diagnosed with Covid-19.

Diane Meagher, Nancy Kirk's friend who lives in Charlestown, has been diagnosed with cancer four times, beating the cancer each time. She now has a brain tumor and the doctors are fairly certain it is cancerous. Please remember Diane in your prayers.

Please remember in prayer the school administrators, as they work to devise a plan on how to do school in the midst of a pandemic. Please remember the teachers, the students, and their families, as they make preparations in such uncertain times.

Please remember in prayer the parents of young children who must find a way to work while also securing child care, when child care is increasingly hard to find in these days.

Morning Prayer – Dave

Pastoral Prayer – ending with a prayer of Philip Melanchthon, an associate of Martin Luther– Dave

God, we gather this morning, as a church dispersed by pandemic, but we remain the church whether we are together or apart. As we gather online, we trust that you are with us, as we gather in a way that is different from what we desire, but you are with us, and you never depart from us, even and especially in times of uncertainty.

God, we work hard to make life a safe place – safe from illness, certainly, but safe in other ways as well. Safe from fear, safe from rejection, and safe in all other ways. But in this time of uncertainty, the feeling that we are not safe invades our lives. Bring us hope, God, a hope that will bring us safety.

God, we again pray for our world. How your heart must break for what has become of the world and the people you have created. I think of Jesus, gazing upon the city of Jerusalem, and saying, “Jerusalem, Jerusalem...how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.”

You desire is to love us, and how often you are rejected by your own creation.

Give us eyes to see and ears to hear where and how you are working. May what matters to you, matter to us. Help us to turn from our selfish and self-centered pursuits and turn to the Spirit and love-centered service.

God, lead us to mourn with those who mourn, and to weep with those who weep. Lead us to be merciful. Help us to be slow to judgment and quick to mercy. Help us, God, when we look upon others – especially those who are different from us – to see them in the way you see them. Help us to value and love everyone as you do.

As I say these words, Lord, I am well aware of the reality of falling short of every word I speak in this prayer. I cannot speak for others, but I will speak for myself, as I express my regret for a heart that is too often hard, a spirit that is too often closed off and cold, an attitude that is too quick to judge, and a mind that is far too quick to react in fear. I will ask for forgiveness this and every day, I will thank you for the mercy of yesterday, of today, and for the mercy I know I will require tomorrow.

Offering now a prayer of Philip Melanchthon, and giving thanks for how the word of the past continue to speak to us today –

*O God, be present with us always, dwell within our hearts.
With your light and your Spirit
guide our souls, our thoughts, and all our actions, that we may teach your Word,
that your healing power may be in us
and in your church universal. Amen*

—Philip Melancthon, 1497-1560

Song by Video – Laine Kephart – *There's Something About That Name*

Message – Dave

Message Title – *What Did Jesus Do? What Does Faith Require?*

Scripture Reading – Mark 2:18-28; Micah 6:8 –

¹⁸ *Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?"*

¹⁹ *Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them.*

²⁰ *But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.*

²¹ *"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse.*

²² *And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins."*

²³ *One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain.*

²⁴ *The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"*

²⁵ *He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need?*

²⁶ *In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."*

²⁷ *Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.*

²⁸*So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”*

⁸*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

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.

Stewardship Prayer – Dave

Gracious Lord, on our own what we have to give perhaps doesn't amount to much, but added with the gifts of others we find those gifts are not just added together, but are multiplied by your power and grace. Bless these gifts and as you add your blessing, may we know it will be sufficient. In the name of Jesus, who has given so generously to us, in the name of Christ we pray, amen.

Doxology – played, but no singing

Communion Meditation – Dave

The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.

– Mother Teresa.

Love is the great yearning of every human heart. There are so many people hungry for love, and that hunger has only increased in these months of pandemic, as people have become lonely, frightened, and isolated. We come to this table, and you come to your table, where loves awaits.

Prayer for the bread and cup.

Prayer –

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

*Disturb us, O Lord when we are too well-pleased with ourselves when our dreams have
come true because we dreamed too little, because we sailed too close to the shore.
Disturb us, O Lord when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst
for the water of life when, having fallen in love with time, we have ceased to dream of
eternity and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of Heaven to
grow dim. Stir us, O Lord to dare more boldly, to venture into wider seas where storms
show Thy mastery, where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. In the name of Him
who pushed back the horizons of our hopes and invited the brave to follow.
Amen.*

—Attributed to Desmond Tutu
