## The Lord's Day

July 28, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all thing."

-1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (ESV)

Prelude

Carol Jones, piano

Announcements

\* Call to Worship (Bible, p. 499)

Psalm 97:1-6

\* Hymn 1 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDRETH

\* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading)

Isaiah 54:7-10

Leader: For a brief moment I deserted you,

but with great compassion I will gather you.

In overflowing anger for a moment

I hid my face from you,

But with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer.

"This is like the days of Noah to me:

as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth,

so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you,

and will not rebuke you.

For the mountains may depart

and the hills be removed,

But my steadfast love shall not depart from you,

And my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 993)

1 Timothy 6:1-10

(continuous reading)

Hymn (insert)

Give Thanks

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- \*\* Silent Prayer of Confession
- \* Assurance of Pardon
- \* Hymn (insert) Rise My Soul, the Lord Is Risen
- \*\* Pastoral Prayer
  Offertory
  - Hymn 731

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon A Community of Cruciformed Love Pastor Will Snyder Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Bible, p. 887)

\* Hymn 535

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

**EBENEZER** 

Benediction

Postlude

As you enter the Sanctuary, please be considerate of others who are quietly preparing for worship. Please silence your cell phones before the service begins.

Nursery care is available for infants through age 3 in Rooms 2 and 4.

#### **Congregational Meeting:**

Immediately following the worship service, we will be having a congregational meeting to consider the election of Pastor Brett Barbee as Associate Pastor.

#### Backyard Fellowship, 5:30 PM:

Please join us at the church at 5:30 PM for a Backyard Fellowship. See Announcements for more details.

<sup>\*</sup> Congregation Standing

<sup>\*\*</sup> Congregation Kneeling

#### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

July 28, 2024

Worship Leader: Brian Wilson

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Randy Hershberger

Ushers: David Embree

Nursery: Anita Hilinski, Sue Owens

10:30 (Worship:

Coffee Clean-up: Fox Shepherding Group

Evening: Backyard Fellowship at PCC

at 5:30 PM

August 4, 2024

Worship Leader: John Sundet

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict Ushers: Walter Mayo

Nursery: Danielle Bolliger, Lilly Dumas

10:30 (Worship)

Coffee Clean-up: Harmon Shepherding Group

Evening: Backyard Fellowship at the Hofmann's home

at 5:30 PM

#### This Week at Church

Mon – Friday 9 AM-12 PM Vacation Bible School Wednesday 6:15 PM PCC Summer Basketball

Saturday 9:00 AM Sewing Social

Sunday 9:30 AM Bible Overview Class

5:30 PM Backyard Fellowship at Jeff &

Pamela Hofmann's home

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **TODAY**

#### **BACKYARD FELLOWSHIP**

We will meet for a Backyard Fellowship today at 5:30 PM at PCC. Please plan to come for a time of food, fellowship, and prayer. Each individual or family should bring chairs or blankets, meat to grill for their own family, and a side dish and/or dessert to share. All plates, utensils, and drinks will be provided. (The rain location is at the church). Please plan to make these gatherings part of your summer routine! It is a great way to get to know each other better in an informal setting. Dates still available to host are: 8/18, and 8/25.

#### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **SUMMER PLAYGROUND MEETUPS!**

It's summer break! Let the days full of beaches, gardens, and playgrounds begin! This summer I would like to propose a weekly rotating playground meetup for PCC families. Anyone who can make it is welcome to show up at any point for one week, two weeks, or all 8 weeks!

Details:

9:30-11:30 AM on Wednesdays (bring a bag lunch if you want!)

July 31st: Enfield Public Library, 104 Middle Rd, Enfield

August 7th: Charter Oak Park, 50 Charter Oak St, Manchester

August 14th: Columbia Recreation Area, 58 Hennequin Rd, Columbia

August 21st: Mansfield Community Playground, 4 South Eagleville

Rd, Mansfield

No RSVP required. Bring the kids and have fun! Feel free to reach out to Rachel Embree with questions at rachelgembree@gmailcom, or 860.336.6517

#### SEWING SATURDAYS AT PCC!

We are excited to announce a new fellowship opportunity at PCC: "Sewing Saturdays!"

Bring your questions! Bring your patterns! Bring your friends! Bring your unfinished sewing projects! Bring your expertise! Bring your sewing machines (if you have one)!

All sewing abilities are invited and encouraged to join us! We hope beginners and veterans alike will attend.

Mark your calendars! Sat AUG 3rd: 9:00 AM-12

Childcare will be provided!

Please reach out to Julie Anne Edwards with any questions! 860-498-2280 or jedwards12@snet.net

#### HIKE AT CREASER PARK

Date: Sunday, August 18th

Location: Creaser Park, 100 Case Rd, Coventry Time: 12:30 picnic lunch start/1:15 hike start Difficulty Level: 1.1 Mile loop, Easy (kid friendly)

Est. Duration: 30 minutes

Kids are welcome! Bring your own picnic lunch that we can eat

before we hike.

Don't want to hike, no problem! Just bring your chair, each lunch with us, and enjoy the scenery from the parking area while others hike!

#### **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

#### MIDWEEK RECHARGE

The next Midweek Recharge will be on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship. Please contact Collin Robinson (334.464.0142), Abe or Colleen Millett or Pastor Will (860.742.7222) for any questions or if you have a desire to serve meals to others.

#### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Do you enjoy spending time with small children? Are you able to read simple books and get down on the floor? Are you at least 14 years old and a member of the church or (if a minor) your parents are members? Please consider volunteering in our church nursery! Life's ebbs and flows have left our volunteer list approaching low tide and we could use some additional helpers to love and care for our children. Please reach out to Rachel Embree at rachelgembree@gmail.com or 860.336.6517 if you are interested in serving. \*All individuals serving with children at PCC are required to pass a background check and participate in a brief child safety training course.

#### **BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR FREE**

There is a table at the end of the hallway near the nursery, and another one in the library, that contain books that are free to take. These tables are clearly marked. Please do not take any books that are on the library shelves.

#### BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

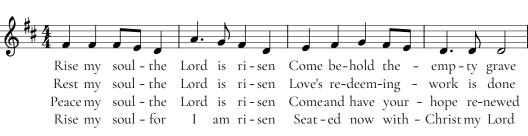
The Caring Families' Baby Bottle campaign has begun! Fill a baby bottle with coins (bills, even checks!) and you can help them provide ultrasounds, diapers, wipes, educational and spiritual support to women facing pregnancy decisions. The bottles are on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. You can return the bottles to church any time before September 1st. If you would prefer an online option, please visit www.carefamilies.com. Contact Danielle Bolliger if you have any questions. PCC has been very supportive in the past, and for that they thank you sincerely!

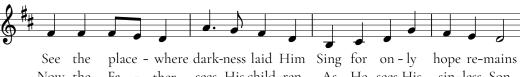
## Give Thanks



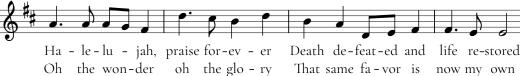


## Rise, my soul, the Lord is risen





Now the Fa - ther sees His child-ren As He sees His sin-less Son For this trial - is brief and fleet-ing Tears will turn to glo-ry soon As my life - be - longs to Hea-ven Fear shall hold its sway no more



Ha - le - lu - jah, praise for - ev - er Death de - feat - ed and life re-stored Oh the won-der oh the glo - ry That same fa - vor is now my own Shout with joy - and sound the tri-umph Let the mu-sic of Hea-ven roar On-ward up - ward to the trea-sure Filled with cou-rage and end-less hope



By that great - im - mor-tal pow-er Christis ri-sen, a - rise my soul!

Shame be - hind - me grace be-fore me Christis ri-sen a - rise my soul!

Let the boast - of death be si-lent Christis ri-sen a - rise my soul!

For this truth - is mine for-ev - er Christis ri-sen a - rise my soul!

## Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

# A Community of Cruciformed Love 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Main Preaching Point: Since you have known the cross-bearing love of Jesus Christ, cultivate such love through deep devotion to the Lord and a radical commitment to the broken, yet glorious body of Christ.

- ➤ Love Excels
- Love Enables
- ➤ Love Endures

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Title: A Community of Cruciformed Love

Questions:

1. What was most important or applicable in today's preaching? Can you summarize the main message?

#### Love Excels

- 2. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. According to the sermon what is the larger context surrounding the letter of 1 Corinthians? What were some of the main issues that this church was facing?
  - Consider 1 Corinthians 12 and particularly v.31. What is Paul addressing and how does it relate to chapter 13? Discuss.
- 3. Why does Paul call love a "more excellent way" (12:31)? In what way(s) does love excel the gifts and works mentioned in 13:1-3? Discuss

➤ Read John 13:34-35. What is so radical about biblical *agape* love? Explain.

#### Love Enables

- 4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. In your own words how would you describe the kind and shape of this love? What's unique about it?
  - ➤ Is the above love different than the love defined by the modern culture? In what ways? Read 2 Timothy 3:1-4. Discuss.
- 5. Of the characteristics mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, are there any that particularly stick out to you? Why? And are there any that you find especially challenging? Discuss.
- 6. How do these characteristics reflect the person of Jesus Christ and his ministry? Explain. Give examples.

#### Love Endures

- 7. Read I Corinthians 13:8-13. From a time standpoint, how is love different than faith or hope? Explain. According to the sermon, what is Paul getting at in these verses?
- 8. How does this overall passage point to the person and work of Jesus Christ? How is this passage good news?