

The Lord's Day

January 12, 2020 ~ 10:30 AM

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

Scripture for Meditation: "And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."
-Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)

Prelude *What Wondrous Love Is This/
The Love of God* arr. V. Halberg
Hymn 261

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell.
O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure-the saints' and angels' song!

- * Call to Worship John 4:23-24
- * Hymn 381 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* HOLY MANNA
- * Invocation
- Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 178) Joshua 2:1-24
- New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 944) Romans 8:24-30
- Hymn 433 *O God of Mercy, God of Might* ELMHURST
- ** Silent Prayer of Confession
- * Assurance of Pardon
- * Hymn (insert) *There Is a Redeemer* arr. M. Green
- ** Prayers of the People
- Offertory *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. D. Forrest
Hymn 131
PCC Choir
- * Hymn 731 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH
- * Prayer of Dedication
- Sermon *Persistent Faith in the Savior's Grace*
Text: Matthew 15:21-28 (Bible, p. 821)
Pastor Will Snyder
- * Hymn 246 *Man of Sorrows! What a Name*

* Benediction

* Silent Meditation

Announcements and Dismissal

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.

We warmly invite our visitors to join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for fellowship.

Nursery care is available for infants through age 3 in Rooms 2 and 4. Children aged 3-5 may attend Toddler Time in Room 5 during the Sermon. They may be dismissed just after the Offertory.

Shepherding Groups, 12:00 PM:

All Shepherding Groups will meet today after the morning worship service. There will be no evening service tonight.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

January 12, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder John Sundet
Greeters: Fox Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger
Ushers: Christopher Marr, Ben Willis
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30: Vanessa Mayhew
10:30 (*Worship*): Deb Goodale, Sue Owens
Toddler Time: Mark Popovitch, Amber Popovitch
Coffee Clean-up: Tamara Sinnamon
Evening Audio: *Shepherding Groups-*
No Evening Service

January 19, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Sterling Harmon
Greeters: Fox Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig
Ushers: David Conte, Greg Attardo
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30: Anita Hilinski
10:30 (*Worship*): Julie Craig, Elisabeth Craig
Toddler Time: Jonathan Keller, Tamara Sinnamon
Coffee Clean-up: Pat Mayo
Evening Audio: Chaz Owens

There Is a Redeemer

Melody Green

1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all
3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see His

3
Son; _____ Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
names; _____ Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
face, _____ There I'll serve my King for - ev - er

6
Ho - ly One. Thank you, oh, my Fa - ther, for
O _____ for sin - ners slain.
in _____ that ho - ly place.

10
giv - ing us Your Son, _____ and leav - ing Your

13
Spir - it 'til the work _____ on _____ earth is done.

This Week at Church

Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	1:30 PM	Children's Music Class
	6:30 PM	Pioneer Club
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
Thursday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
Sunday	9:00 AM	Prayer for the Nations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

PCC BOOK CLUB

The PCC Book Club will have our first gathering on **Friday, January 24th at 7:00 PM** here at the church. We will be discussing C. S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters". No sign up required, but if you have interest kindly let Mark Popovitch or Pastor Snyder know. "The Screwtape Letters" makes an excellent stocking stuffer (depending on the size of the edition you buy!!)

LADIES' SIP & SEE

Please join us at the church at **2 PM on January 25th** for a wonderful time of fellowship and giving thanks for the covenant children that God has blessed our PCC family with in the past couple of years. We will honor young siblings born to the Popovitch, Caples, Christians, Dourado, Barr, Hershberger, Millett, and Mayhew families and pray with them for the Lord's work in their lives. Bring a thankful heart and a treat to share and we'll rejoice together in His wonderful blessings to us!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called our annual Congregational Meeting for **Friday, January 31st, 2020 at 7:00 PM** (if inclement weather that

night, it will be February 7th). We will hear reports on various ministries of the church and hear a report on the 2020 budget. Please come and participate in this important part of our church life.

BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study will be studying Mark 12:41-13:27.

TODDLER TIME 2020

We are preparing the roster of volunteers for people serving our young children in Toddler Time for this upcoming year. If you think the Lord may be leading you to serve in this way please let Cecelia Clark know so that you can be added to the rotation. You can speak to her personally, email her at clarkmom3@gmail.com or call her at (828) 231-5971. Also, if you desire to serve but have not yet received the Child Protection Training, please make that clear so that we can plan such training in the near future.

PIONEER CLUBS

We experienced a wonderful time of the Lord's blessing during the Fall with a great staff and an average of about 22 children each Wednesday night. There is still a need of someone to be in the Administrator position. Pioneer Clubs does provide helpful guides and resources for this position. Please speak to Bill Clark if you have interest and be in prayer for the Lord's blessing on these children in the upcoming year.

WE'RE MOVING!

Church Family,

Dave, Claire, Krista, and I would like to thank you all for your prayers and support as we have been preparing for our move to Vermont. We are moving up on January 9th. Our new address is 86 Cityside Drive, Montpelier, VT 05602 and our phone numbers and emails will remain the same.

-Samantha Hershberger

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Persistent Faith in the Savior's Grace

Matthew 15:21-28

Main Preaching Point: Though life's afflictions may be deeply troubling, persist in faith, for the mercy of Christ is sufficient and his person of supreme worth

- An Unlikely Candidate of God's Grace (v.21-22)
 - A Surprise Response to the Cry for Mercy (v.23-26)
 - A Persistent Faith after the Grace of Christ (v.25-28)
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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 15:21-28

Title: Persistent Faith in the Savior's Grace

Questions:

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

An Unlikely Candidate of God's Grace (v.21-22)

2. Read v.21-22. According to the text and sermon what is significant about Tyre and Sidon? What does it represent? How would a gentile from this "pagan-land" have knowledge of Christ?

- Compare ch.15:7-9 with 15:21-22. Discuss.

3. What does it reveal about the woman that she cries out to Jesus addressing him as "Lord" and "Son of David"? What do these titles mean, and what does it reflect about her view of Jesus?

4. J.C. Ryle notes, "we see that affliction sometimes proves a blessing to a person's soul. The woman had been sorely tried...unable to relieve

her darling child; but yet that trouble brought her to Christ, and taught her to pray." Discuss the importance of affliction and trial in the Christian faith.

A Surprise Response to the Cry for Mercy (v.23-26)

5. Read v.23-26. What is Jesus' response to the woman's affliction and cry for help? Should these words surprise us?

- What does it mean that Jesus was sent "only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel?" Read Romans 1:16 and relate.
- What is meant by "it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs"? According to the sermon, how is Jesus using the image of "dogs" in this context?

6. Though Jesus' initial response to the woman may appear harsh, what is he doing? Read Matt.14:15-16 and compare. What is Jesus' purpose in these statements?

- Why is the testing of faith important? In what way(s) have you been tested in your faith?

A Persistent Faith after Christ's Mercy (v.25-28)

7. Read v.25-28. How does the woman evidence a persistent faith? Explain.

- Though the woman's faith is persistent, the object of her faith (Jesus himself) is of great importance. What is more important in the Christian faith, the persistence of faith or the object of faith? Explain.