

The Lord's Day

February 16, 2020 - 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

-Matthew 17:20 (ESV)

Prelude *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* arr. L. Larson
Hymn 616

* Call to Worship Psalm 15 (responsive reading)
Hymnal, p. 787

* Hymn 604 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 182) Joshua 7:1-26

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 981) Philippians 2:12-18

Hymn 493 *We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought* ST. CHRYSOSTOM

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) *Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer* arr. Becker/Getty

** Prayers of the People

Offertory *Jesus, Refuge of the Weary* arr. T. Shaw
PCC Choir

Jesus, refuge of the wary, blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have your eyes, offended, gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, you have borne the pain of all.

* Hymn 731 *Doxology* OLD HUNDRETH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *A Struggling Faith in the Valley* Pastor Will Snyder
Text: Matthew 17:14-23 (Bible, p. 822)

* Hymn 308 *Jesus Paid It All* ALL TO CHRIST

* 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.

Evening Service, 6:30 PM:

Please join us for our regular evening service and The Lord's Supper at 6:30 PM. Pastor Bill Clark will be preaching from Psalm 51. The sermon title is "The Sinner Restored".

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

February 16, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Scott Warren
Greeters: Harmon Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: Jeff Hofmann, Christopher Caples
Audio: Kevin Hilinski
Nursery: 9:30: Anita Hilinski
10:30 (*Worship*): Julie Craig, Elisabeth Craig
Toddler Time: Mary Wiley, Siobhan Sinnamon
Coffee Clean-up: Pat Mayo
Evening Audio:

February 23, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Armand Chenelle
Greeters: Harmon Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig
Ushers: Christopher Marr, Ben Willis
Audio: Kevin Hilinski
Nursery: 9:30: Kevin Hilinski
10:30 (*Worship*): Liz Sundet, Suneetha Madda
Toddler Time: Wendy Harmon, Natalie Snyder
Coffee Clean-up: Tamara Sinnamon
Evening Audio:

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

1. Je - sus, draw me ev - er near - er as I
2. Je - sus, guide me through the tem - pest, keep my
3. Let the - treasures of the tri - al form with -
la - bor through the storm You have called me to this
spir - it staid and sure When the mid - night meets the
in me as I go and at the end of this long
pas - sage, and I'll fol - low though I'm worn.
morn - ing, let me love You e - ven more.
pas - sage, let me leave them at Your throne.

9 **Refrain**
May this jour - ney bring a bless - ing, may I rise on wings of
13 faith; and at the end of my heart's
15 test - ing, with Your like - ness let me wake.

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This Week at Church

Monday	12:00 PM	PCC Newsletter Deadline
	1:00 PM	Ladies' Prayer Meeting at Ohlunds
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Session Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	1:30 PM	Children's Music Class
	6:30 PM	Pioneer Club
	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
Thursday	10:30 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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Please save the date for the next Red Cross Blood Drive here at PCC. It will be held on **Tuesday, February 25th from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall**. You can make an appointment to donate online at the Red Cross web site: www.redcross.org/give-blood. One donation can save up to 3 lives!

PCC BOOK CLUB

The next PCC Book Club meeting will be on **Friday, March 6, 7:00 PM, at the church**. We will be discussing the classic exploration of Christian community, "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Any questions, please see Mark Popovitch.

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

It is a great privilege when we can join in worship with our sister churches in the area. West Springfield Covenant Community Church, has invited us to a joint worship service on **Sunday, March 8th at 6:00 PM**. WSCCC is located at 112 Amostown Road, West Springfield, MA. Nursery will be provided. Please plan to attend!

DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning **March 15th**, we are offering a class called "The Discovery Class", intended for regular visitors and inquirers for the purpose of providing an introduction to the gospel message, the core and distinctive beliefs of the Presbyterian Church of Coventry and to learn of opportunities for life and fellowship within the congregation. The class will run for 8 weeks and is led by Pastor Will and elders of the church. At the conclusion of the class is an opportunity for individuals (if interested) to understand and pursue church membership. If you are interested in participating, please provide your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet in the back of the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Will through the church office: (860)742-7222.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study will be studying Mark 14:12-25.

LOVE PACKAGES

There is a ministry located in Butler, IL called Love Packages, check it out @ www.lovepackages.org which accepts Bibles, Christian literature (devotionals, studies, Sunday school lessons, CDs and magazines etc. - no VHS, cassettes however) and sends boxes of materials to Christians around the world who do not have the abundance that we enjoy here in the USA. Please do not throw those tracts, devotionals etc. into the trash or recycle bin! Please join me in donating your used literature and CDs to this wonderful organization. There is a box labeled in Fellowship Hall. Any questions, contact Carey Hurlburt.

FLOWER CALENDAR

Flowers in worship serve in reminding us of God's glory reflected in creation, His loving care for us and our own mortality. If you would like to bless our worship/honor a loved one by providing flowers please use the flower calendar found on the Women's Ministry board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions please contact Dee Volkert.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

A Struggling Faith in the Valley

Matthew 17:14-23

Main Preaching Point: Through the struggles & failures of discipleship Jesus teaches his followers about the significance of small faith in a great Savior

- A Needy World—Mercy for the hurting (v.14-15)
 - Struggling Disciples—A Faithless Generation & the Feeling of Failure (v.16,20)
 - A Great Savior—Small faith in the All-Sufficient Christ (v.20)
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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 17:14-23

Title: A Struggling Faith in the Valley

Questions:

1. What was most important or applicable in today's preaching? Can you summarize the main message?
2. This text focuses on faith—the “faithless” in v.17, the disciples with “little faith” in v.20, and a “mustard-seed-like-faith” in v.20. According to the sermon and Westminster Confession of Faith, what is faith? Discuss the important aspects of saving faith as well as what it means to exercise faith through the Christian life.

A Needy World—Mercy for the hurting (v.14-15)

3. Read v.14-15. Though it is not central to the story it should not be overlooked that this man brings his suffering son to Jesus's disciples. Why the disciples of Jesus? What does this reveal about the reputation of the disciples, that someone in tremendous need is seeking them out? How might this apply today? Are you someone who

has a reputation for helping? Does the church have that reputation? Discuss.

Struggling Disciples—A Faithless Generation & the Feeling of Failure (v.16, 20)

4. Read v.16-17. Who is the “faithless and twisted generation”? See Mark 9:14-16.

- Why can't the disciples restore the man's son? What defines “little faith” in v.20? And how does that relate to the very small “mustard-seed-size faith” that can move mountains? If the problem is a “little faith” and the solution is also a small (mustard seed size) faith, what is Jesus communicating? Is the size of faith the real problem? Discuss.
- Read Mark 9:28-29. How is sincere prayer a central evidence of true faith? Explain.

A Great Savior—Small faith in the All-Sufficient Christ (v.20)

5. Read v.20-23. How do these verses point us to the believer's ultimate remedy in life and in death? How might this encourage one to place their faith (however little) in the One who in the end will restore all things? Discuss.