

The Lord's Day

March 15, 2020 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: *"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So they are no longer two but one flesh."* -Matthew 19:5-6 (ESV)

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Alex-Zsolt
Hymn 53

* Call to Worship 2 Peter 1:2-7

* Hymn (insert) *Every Promise of Your Word* arr. Getty/Townend

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 185) Joshua 10:1-15

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 978) Ephesians 5:20-33

Hymn 486 *God, Be Merciful to Me* REDHEAD 76

** Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. You are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn 421 *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* SCHMÜCKE DICH

** Prayers of the People

Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* arr. C. Mueller
Hymn 479
PCC Choir

* Hymn 731 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *What God Has Joined Together, Let Not Man Separate*
Text: Matthew 19:1-12 (Bible, p. 824)
Pastor Will Snyder

* Hymn 94 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

* 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.

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

March 15, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder John Sundet
Greeters: Jones Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo
Ushers: Sam Edwards, Kevin Marr
Audio: Sam Edwards
Nursery: 9:30: Monique Barr
10:30 (*Worship*): Julie Craig, Elisabeth Craig
Toddler Time: Chloe Sinnamon, Zach Sinnamon
Coffee Clean-up: Scott Warren
Evening Audio:

March 22, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Doug Fox
Greeters: Jones Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Jeff Edwards
Ushers: Robert Hurlburt, Kevin Hilinski
Audio: Sam Edwards
Nursery: 9:30: Kevin Hilinski
10:30 (*Worship*): Sue Owens, Debbie Goodale
Toddler Time: Mark Popovitch, Amber Popovitch
Coffee Clean-up: Steve & Amy Bassett
Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

Tuesday 7:00 PM Session Prayer Meeting (TBD)
Thursday 7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting (TBD)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

YOUTH GROUP SNAC MEETING

Due to the precautions that PCM has put forth regarding the coronavirus, Youth Group will not be meeting until at least the end of March.

We will update members if the following events are going to be postponed due to the coronavirus precautions.

DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning Sunday, March 22nd, 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.

WOMEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A Ladies only Sunday school class will begin on March 22nd. We will be studying the book of Ephesians inductively. This class will present study skills for understanding the Bible better while learning what questions to ask and how to find the answers. The hope is that these tools will allow you to dig deeper as you study the Scriptures alone. Laurie Warren will be the primary facilitator.

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

FIRST ANNUAL PCC RESURRECTION SUNDAY BREAKFAST!

The PCC Men's Ministry will be cooking a scrumptious breakfast for Resurrection Sunday morning, **April 12th, from 9:00 - 10:00 AM** before Worship service for our members, friends and family. There will be no Sunday school but there will be a short devotional and time for fellowship. So we can estimate how many that we can expect that morning (adults and children), please sign up by Sunday, April 5th. The Men's Ministry will be providing the main course (eggs, french toast casserole, ham, home fries, corned beef hash and bacon etc.). Coffee, tea, and water will also be provided. If you are willing and able to provide additional items, please list what you plan to bring on the sign-up sheet on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please contact Robert Hurlburt at (860) 930-6584. Hallelujah! We serve and love a Risen Savior!



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

TAKE THEM A MEAL

Needs for upcoming weeks: Rau and Bradley

One joy that we have as a church family is to encourage one another and share out of the abundance that God has given us. Please go to takethemameal.com and sign up using the family's last name and the password, 2540, or notify *Alice Crilly* (860-434-4312) if you would like to help. All of the details and dietary needs are specified on the site listing. **Remember** that meals do not have to be elaborate! Just prepare a little extra of what you are making for your family, team up with a friend, or pick up a rotisserie chicken, pizza, etc. and add a salad to go with.



EASTER FLOWERS

We are looking for someone to take over ordering, labeling with names, and delivering the Easter flowers to the church sanctuary for Easter morning. If you are interested please contact Danielle Bolliger as soon as possible.

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

What God Has Joined Together, Let Not Man Separate

Matthew 19:1-12

Main Preaching Point: In the calling to marriage or singleness pursue a life pleasing to God by resting in his mercy and living in light of your eternal union with God

- God's Design for Marriage: A Look at Creation (v.3-6)
- The Question of Divorce: Permissible? (v.7-9)
- The Single Life: A Calling from God (v.10-12)
- The Most Important Marriage: Eternal Union with God

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 19:1-12

Title: What God Has Joined Together, Let Not Man Separate

Questions:

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

God's Design for Marriage: A Look at Creation (v.3-6)

2. Read v.3-6. How does Jesus answer the Pharisees question? Why does Jesus refer to the creation account in Genesis 2? In what way(s) is this significant?

3. Based on v.4-6, what can we learn about the uniqueness of marriage? According to the sermon, how does marriage reflect the nature of God? Explain. Read Deuteronomy 6:4.

- Based on Ephesians 5:20-33 what does the marriage relationship reflect? Explain how the gospel may be lived out in the marriage relationship. Give examples.

The Question of Divorce: Permissible? (v.7-9)

4. Read v.7-9. The Pharisees seem to believe they have trapped Jesus by saying (v.7), "why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce...?" The text in consideration is Deuteronomy 24:1-4. Did Moses

actually command, or even permit divorce? What is the meaning of Deut.24:1-4? Discuss.

- According to Jesus what is the exception clause for divorce in v.9? Read also 1 Corinthians 7:15. According to the sermon and this text what is the other exception in Scripture for divorce? Explain.

5. As with all of Scripture's teaching, so with marriage, divorce, and remarriage—believers are to seek a life of holiness. However, Christians find themselves at times having been divorced or remarried on unbiblical grounds. How should the gospel of God's grace & forgiveness shape their way forward? Discuss.

The Single Life: A Calling from God (v.10-12)

6. Read v.10-12. What do these verses teach about singleness? Explain. New Testament scholar Craig Blomberg writes, "Christian singles need much more support from their married friends and their churches, who must value them as equally significant members of the body of Christ. In a society that constantly pressures people into hasty marriages, the church desperately needs to encourage all who sense God leading them to remain single, for however long or short a period of time, to remain faithful to his guidance." Discuss.

The Most Important Marriage: Eternal Union with God

7. Marriage between a man and woman is a temporary union. As sacred as earthly marriage is, what is the eternal union that ought to shape all of life? In light of the Matthew 19 text in what ways should we be living in light of that eternal union with Christ?

For Further Reading:

Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage in the Bible: A Fresh Look at What Scripture Teaches, by Jay Adams. Jay Adams book provides a very clear and understandable look at these subjects in less than 100 pages. It is full of scripture references and one of the best treatments of these matters.

Divorce, by John Murray. Murray focuses on the topic of divorce from the Old Testament, Jesus, and Paul. He goes into further depth on Deuteronomy 24, not only the passage referenced in Matthew 19, but the only specific teaching on divorce in the Old Testament.