

# The Lord's Day

August 2, 2020 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'" -Matthew 25:5-6 (ESV)

- Prelude [To God Be the Glory](#) arr. M. Ham  
Hymn 55
- \* Call to Worship [Luke 4:16-21](#)
- \* Hymn 311 [Hail to the Lord's Anointed](#) AURELIA
- \* Invocation
- Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading) [Proverbs 2](#)
- Leader: My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you,  
**People: If your ear is attentive to wisdom and you incline your heart to understanding;**
- Leader: Yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures,  
**People: Then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.**
- Leader: For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;  
**People: He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,**
- Leader: He guards the paths of justice and watches over the way of his saints.  
**People: Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path;**
- Leader: For wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 991) [1 Timothy 2:1-15](#)  
(continuous reading)

Hymn (insert) [Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery](#)  
arr. M. Papa, M. Boswell, and M. Bleecker

- \*\* Silent Prayer of Confession
- \* Assurance of Pardon
- \* Hymn 317 [Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying](#) WACHET AUF
- \*\* Prayers of the People
- Offertory [What Wondrous Love Is This](#) arr. M. Hayes  
Hymn 61
- \* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDDTH
- \* Prayer of Dedication
- Sermon **How to Wait – Wisdom for a Long Delay**  
Text: [Matthew 25:1-13](#) (Bible, p. 830)  
Pastor Will Snyder
- \* Hymn 469 [How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place](#) ST. COLUMBA
- \* Benediction
- \* Silent Meditation
- Announcements and Dismissal

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*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.*

As a reminder, our Session has decided to require the use of facial masks at all times while inside the church facility on Sunday mornings, with the exception of the Pastor and those leading in worship during the service. According to state guidelines you are not required to use a mask or cloth face covering if it is contrary to your health or safety because of a medical condition, a child in a child care setting, anyone under the age of 2 years, or an older child if the parent, guardian or person responsible for the child is unable to place the mask safely on the child's face.

# SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

August 2, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Scott Warren

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo

Ushers: Howard Craig

Audio: Chaz Owens

Nursery: 9:30:

10:30 (Worship):

Toddler Time:

Coffee Clean-up:

Evening Audio: *Backyard Fellowship  
at PCC at 5:30 PM*

August 9, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder John Sundet

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig

Ushers: Jeff Edwards

Audio: Chaz Owens

Nursery: 9:30:

10:30 (Worship):

Toddler Time:

Coffee Clean-up:

Evening Audio: *Backyard Fellowship  
at PCC at 5:30 PM*

## Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery, in the dawn - ing of the  
2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery; He the per - fect Son of  
3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery; Christ the Lord up - on the  
4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - tery; slain by death, the God of

King. He, the theme of heav - en's prais - es, robbed in  
Man. In his liv - ing, in his suf - fering, nev - er  
tree. In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the  
life. But no grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the

frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our  
trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter  
Lamb in vic - tor - y! See the price of our re -  
Lord, he is a - live! What a fore - taste of de -

dark - ness, now the light of life has come! Look to  
A - dam, come to save the hell - bound man, Christ the  
demp - tion, see the Fath - er's plan un - fold, bring - ing  
liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope. Christ in

Christ who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in him we stand.  
man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un - meas - ured love un - told!  
pow - er re - sur - rect - ed, as we will be when he comes.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING EVENTS

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#### VBS IS GOING VIRTUAL FOR 2020!

**TOMORROW is the deadline to register for the Virtual VBS!**

Please be sure to use the registration form on the church website if you haven't already received one. During the week of **August 10-14** (same week we had planned for our live VBS), a daily set of videos will be uploaded to the church website/YouTube channel featuring songs, missions lessons, and crafts. Most importantly, these kids (and anyone in the house within earshot) will hear about the one true God who came to save sinners. Since VBS will be virtual (meaning no commitment to driving kids to church each day and then picking them up, etc), this would be a great opportunity to connect friends, family, neighbors with the Gospel. It will give kids ages 4-12 something to do for a week in August when summer tends to bog down with "boredom". Finally, please be in prayer for this endeavor. This is a new challenge for us to put this type of VBS together, but more importantly be in prayer that the Gospel would be impacted by the power of the Holy Spirit, that God would be honored and glorified with an increase to His kingdom.

#### PCC LADIES GATHERINGS AT PCC PAVILION/ZOOM

Our summer intern, Hannah Moon is hosting several gathering opportunities for the PCC Ladies. Thursdays at 10 AM under the church's pavilion, Hannah and the ladies at PCC will be hosting a weekly Women's Sunday Sermon Conversation. During this time, they will reflect on Sunday's sermon together with the hope that they can dig into how the particular truths of the gospel highlighted in the teaching apply to our day-to-day lives. Thursdays Ladies Bible Study meets at 7:30 PM on Zoom. We are studying the book of 1 John. Saturday (every other) Book Club at 3 PM is discussing C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia, selected books. Look for church email announcements and/or contact Hannah directly for details or to schedule a time to meet with her. Email: hannahmoon93@gmail.com

#### SNAC YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group every-SATURDAY-night Summertime Bible Study on the *Book of Numbers* from 6:30 to 8 PM. We'll be meeting outside for Bible study and prayer at "THE BARN" 802 Bolton Rd. Vernon, CT. We will be maintaining social distancing (except among family members), so please bring your own BIBLE, CAMP CHAIR/BLANKET, WATER BOTTLE, BUG SPRAY, and FACE MASK. There will be restrooms available for emergency usage but no snacks will be served. Look for email update for weather cancellations and meeting dates.

#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study, led by Pastor Will, meets at 1:00 PM and will be studying Hebrews 1:1-4. If you're interested please contact Pastor Will (pastorjws@gmail.com). We will be holding the study on-site at church and for those unable to attend in person, we will provide Zoom.

#### DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, a Discovery Class will begin for those interested in learning more about the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Coventry. This class runs for 8 weeks and takes place during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:15 AM). It focuses on understanding the gospel message, the doctrinal distinctives within PCC, and the ministries of our church. It is a time to grow in fellowship and understanding, and provides a helpful avenue for those considering church membership. For those interested please contact Pastor Will (pastorjws@gmail.com) or the church office.

### CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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#### FIREWOOD AT PCC

The Deacons have removed a fallen Maple tree near the pavilion at the church parking lot. If you are interested in the wood, you must bring your own chainsaw, as it is not cut to fireplace length. Any questions, please contact one of the Deacons.

## *Notes for the Preaching of God's Word*

### *"How to Wait – Wisdom for a Long Delay"*

Matthew 25:1-13

**Main Preaching Point:** Christians are called to wait for Christ with the wisdom to know that the Master may be long delayed in his coming

- The Call to Wait
- One Essential Difference
- The Time of Crisis

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 25:1-13

Title: "How to Wait – Wisdom for a Long Delay"

**Questions:**

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

#### **The Call to Wait**

2. Read v.1-5. According to the sermon, what was distinct about village weddings in the ancient near east? What are we told about the 10 virgins that is relevant to the teaching of Jesus? Explain.

3. Because the bridegroom was delayed (v.5), it required the young women to wait. Waiting requires long-suffering. Read Psalm 27:14 and Psalm 37:7. What does it mean to wait upon the Lord?

- How is waiting related to hope? And how do the 5 wise women demonstrate hope in the story?

- Discuss a time in your Christian life when the Lord placed you in a season of waiting. How did you handle it? Explain.

#### **One Essential Difference**

4. Consider v.1-5 again. The 10 virgins have much in common. But what is the one essential difference between them?

- What does the oil represent? Does the text say? The 5 wise virgins brought with them what they needed for the bridegroom's delay. In other words, they had "the necessary supply to complete the course of their life" (J. Calvin). How does this relate to the teaching of 'the perseverance of the saints'? Discuss. See Matt.24:13.
- How do you view yourself—as among the wise ones? Why or why not? Explain.

#### **The Time of Crisis**

5. Read v.6-13. The decisive hour ("midnight", meaning "in the middle of the night") came. Though the foolish virgins asked for oil, what was the reason the wise ones did not give them any? What does this teach us?

6. Read v.10. Describe the good news in this passage. In what way(s) should this fill us with hope and joy?