

The Lord's Day

September 20, 2020 - 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: *“Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”*
 -Matthew 26:31-33 (ESV)

- Prelude *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* arr. C. Berry
Hymn 650
- * Call to Worship 1 Chronicles 29:11-13
- * Hymn 166 *Wondrous King, All-Glorious* WUNDERBARER KÖNIG
- * Invocation
- Old Testament Lesson (responsive reading) Isaiah 42
- Leader: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
- People: I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- Leader: He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
- People: A bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
- Leader: He will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged.
- People: Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
- Leader: I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you;
- People: I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,
- Leader: To open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners who sit in darkness,
- People: Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
- Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth.

New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 993)

1 Timothy 6:2-11
(continuous reading)

- ** Silent Prayer of Confession
 - * Assurance of Pardon
 - * Hymn (insert) *Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer* arr. Becker/Getty
 - ** Prayers of the People
 - Offertory *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* arr. M. Bober
Hymn 381
 - * Hymn 731 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH
 - * Prayer of Dedication
 - Sermon *Great Expectations and the Need for a Greater Savior*
Text: Matthew 26:30-46 (Bible, p. 832)
Pastor Will Snyder
 - * Hymn 567 *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray* STRAF MICH NICHT
 - The Lord's Supper *Just As I Am & Holy, Holy, Holy!*
 - * Hymn (insert) *In Christ Alone* arr. Getty/Townend
 - * 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.

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.

Communion Reminder: The outer ring of cups on each tray contains grape juice; all other cups in each tray contain wine. The bread/cracker that is served is gluten-free.

* Congregation Standing
 ** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

September 20, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Scott Warren

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig

Ushers: Randy Hershberger

Audio: Chaz Owens

Nursery: 9:30:

10:30 (Worship):

Toddler Time:

Coffee Clean-up:

Evening Audio:

September 27, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder John Sundet

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger

Ushers: Walter Mayo

Audio: Chaz Owens

Nursery: 9:30:

10:30 (Worship):

Toddler Time:

Coffee Clean-up:

Evening Audio:

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

Johann B. Freystein

STRAF MICH NICHT 7.6.7.6.3.3.6.6.

1. Rise my soul, to watch and pray, from thy sleep a -
2. Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares, lest a - sleep he
3. Watch! Let not the wick - ed world with its pow'r de -
4. Watch a - gainst thy - self, my soul, lest with grace thou
5. But while watch - ing, al - so pray to the Lord un -

wak - en; be not by the e - vil day
find thee; for in - deed no pains he spares
feat - thee. Watch lest with her pomp un - furled
tri - fle; let not self thy thoughts con - trol
ceas - ing. He will free thee, be thy stay,

3
un - a - wares o'er - tak - en. For the foe,
to de - ceive and blind thee. Sa - tan's prey
she be - tray and cheat thee. Watch and see
nor God's mer - cy sti - fle. Pride and sin
strength and faith in - creas - ing. O Lord, bless

6
well we know, oft his har - vest
oft are they who se - cure are
lest there be faith - less friends to
lurk with - in all thy hopes to
in dis - tress and let noth - ing

8
reap - eth while the Christ - ian sleep - eth.
sleep - ing and no watch are keep - ing.
charm thee, who but seek to harm thee.
seat - ter, heed not when they flat - ter.
swerve me from the will to serve thee.

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my Light, my Strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh; Full-ness of god in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay; Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life nor fear of death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

Song; this Cor - ner - stone, this Sol - id Ground, firm through the
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -

3
fier - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
ones I came to save; 'Till on that cross as Je - sus
grave He rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to -
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

6
peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - fort -
died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied, for ev - ery
ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am
man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand. 'Til He re -

9
er, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ!
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

NEW FALL WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP IS STARTING UP!

All women are invited to join together for an hour or so of intercessory prayer. We plan to meet at the church on Saturday mornings at the pavilion. We plan on meeting this Saturday, 9/ 26. Come and bear one another's burdens. Please contact Debbie Goodale if you have any questions and plan on attending at (860) 455-6579.

2nd ANNUAL PASTOR OPEN HOUSE

We are looking forward to our 2nd Annual Pastor Open House next Sunday, 9/27, immediately following the worship service (noon 'til sunset at 7)!

PLEASE note: #1 Avoid parking on the property (driveway/yard) and lining the street with cars. We are asking that you park in the Valley Falls State Park parking lot and for all those who are able to walk the quarter mile up to the Hatch House OR take the shuttle van that will be provided back and forth. Masks are required in the shuttle van and hand sanitizer will be provided. #2 The house will be open for restroom use, masks are encouraged/optional inside. #3 All of the food and activities will be held outdoors. #4 Arrangements have been made for all the food to be served with mask/gloves and/or individually packaged. #5 Personal discretion and permission advised for all who choose to engage in the games/activities. #6 Please pray for the weather, that we may have another glorious fall Lord's day to enjoy together! -Gratefully, Will and Shelley

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study, led by Pastor Will, meets at 1:00 PM and will be studying Hebrews 5:11-6:20, 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.

Wondrous King, All-Glorious

Joachim Neander

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WUNDERBARER KÖNIG 6.6.8.6.6.8.3.3.6.6.

1. Won-drous King, all - glo - rious, sov'-reign Lord vic - to - rious,
2. Heav - ens, spread the sto - ry of our Mak - er's glo - ry,
3. O my soul, re - joic - ing, sing, thy prais - es voic - ing,
4. Hal - le - lu - jahs ren - der to the Lord most ten - der,

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oh, re - ceive our praise with fa - vor! From thee welled God's
all the pomp of earth ob - scour - ing, Sun, thy rays be
sing, with hymns of faith a - dore him! All who here have
ye who know and love the Sav - ior. Hal - le - lu - jahs

5

kind - ness tho' we in our blind - ness strayed from thee, our
send - ing, thy bright beams ex - pend - ing, light to all the
be - ing, shout, your voic - es free - ing, bow down in the
sing ye, ye re - deemed, oh, bring ye hearts that yield him

9

bles - ed Sav - ior. Strength - en thou, help us now;
earth as - sur - ing. Moon and star, praise a - far
dust be - fore him. He is God Sab - a - oth;
glad be - hav - ior. Blest are ye end - less - ly;

13

let our tongues be sing - ing, thee our prais - es bring - ing.
him who glo - rious made you; the vast heav - ens aid you.
praise a - lone the Sav - ior, here and there for - ev - er.
sin - less there for - ev - er, ye shall laud him ev - er.

In Christ Alone

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 2. In Christ a-lone! Who took on flesh; Full-ness of god in help-less
 3. There in the ground His bod-y lay; Light of the world by dark-ness
 4. No guilt in life nor fear of death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

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 man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand. 'Til He re-

9 er, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
 His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ!
 turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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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-trea-sures of the tri-al form with-

la-labor 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

3 **Refrain**
 pas-sage, and I'll fol-low though I'm worn. May this
 morn-ing, let me love You e-ven more.
 pas-sage, let me leave them at Your throne.

6 jour-ney bring a bless-ing, may I rise on wings of faith; and at the
 on wings of faith

10 end of my heart's test-ing, with Your like-ness let me wake.

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Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Great Expectations and the Need for a Greater Savior

Matthew 26:30-46

Main Preaching Point: Though you will experience sin and breakdown in the life of your Christian faith, Christ intercedes with the help you need as your faithful and sinless Savior.

- The Resolve and Letdown of the Disciples—The Sin of Man
- The Struggle and Faithfulness of Christ—The Sinless Savior
- Application—Christ's Humanity for our Help

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 26:30-46

Title: Great Expectations and the Need for a Greater Savior

Questions:

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

The Resolve and Letdown of the Disciples—The Sin of Man

2. What do Jesus' words in v.31 (i.e. "you will all fall away because of me...") reflect about the nature of discipleship? Peter expresses great resolve about not falling away, yet will deny the Lord three times later that night. What can we learn from Peter about the nature of our own hearts? Explain.

3. Compare v.31 ("you will all fall away") and v.28 ("this is my blood...poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins"). In what ways should the truth of v.28 provide assurance and a foundation for the reality of sin and the struggle of sanctification in Christian living? Explain.

- Though believers continue to sin, the Lord desires that we have and continue to grow in our assurance of salvation (see 1 John 5:13). Do you have assurance? If not, why not? If so, how is that practically worked out in your life?

The Struggle and Faithfulness of Christ—The Sinless Savior

4. Read v.36-45. Though the humanity of the disciples prove to be SINFUL, how does Christ in his humanity prove to be SINLESS?

5. In v.37-38, Jesus expresses being sorrowful and troubled, even to death. Why was it necessary that Jesus experience sorrow and suffering? Read Hebrews 5:7-9. How do these words relate?

- The story of Gethsemane and the words in Hebrews go hand in hand. What does it mean that Christ "learned obedience through what he suffered"? (Heb.5:8). How do we see that unfold in the garden?

6. Much ink has been spilled over Jesus' words, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will" (v.39). Certainly, as the sinless savior Jesus has no sinful desire to disobey his Father. He has been clear and resolved throughout Matthew's gospel that he must suffer and be crucified. So, what does Jesus mean by "if it be possible, let this cup pass from me?"

7. Though the faith of the disciples failed at times, the faith of the Lord Jesus is firm to the end. How might Christ's faithfulness serve to support us (in practical ways) amidst our sin and brokenness? Give practical examples.

PCC Evening Worship - Philippians

Authorship and Date

- Pauline authorship has met very few questions, with Timothy listed as a co-author.
- Depending on the location of the prison from which Paul and Timothy write, Philippians' date ranges from mid-50s to early 60s. If in Rome, the date must be between A.D. 61-62; if Caesarea then 59-60; if Ephesus or Corinth, then a few years prior to that.

Genre

- Epistle—friendly and warm in tone, written to a large group.

Historical and Pastoral Setting of the Recipients

- Philippi was a Roman colony located on the prominent Egnatian Way trade route. It was also the first church Paul founded in what is now the European continent (Acts 16).
- Paul calls the Philippians his partners in the gospel (1:5).

Purpose(s)

- Paul writes to encourage the Philippians by thanking them for their support, both in prayer and financially.
- Paul gives an update on himself and the advancement of the Gospel. He also encourages the Philippians about their mutual friend Epaphroditus, who had fallen ill in delivering the church's gift and was near death. Paul also encourages the Philippians to welcome Timothy with warm hospitality.
- Though generally pleased with the Philippians' faith, Paul writes to spur the church on to maturity in Christ by enduring suffering, for this is what conformity to Christ looks like. Paul uses his own sufferings, as well as the examples of Timothy and Epaphroditus for the Philippians to emulate.
- Paul also warns the Philippians of those who would turn them back to works of the law, calling such teachers "dogs" who "mutilate the flesh" (3:2).

Central Message and/or Major Topics

- Humility—Paul is in prison, and even though some rivals take the opportunity to needle the apostle, he rejoices over the gospel's advancement because of his situation. Paul sees a parallel to Christ's own humiliation, which ultimately led to His exaltation, captured in the beautiful "Christ hymn" in 2:5-11.
- Joy and Encouragement—Paul uses friendly terms to push the Philippians to further maturity in Christ, saying that such effort would "complete [his] joy" (2:2). Paul rejoices in the unity at work on full display in laborers such as Timothy and Epaphroditus, which makes the discord between Euodia and Syntyche necessary to smooth out.
- Supremacy of Christ—In addition to the "Christ hymn," Paul uses very explicit language to describe his own achievements in the flesh when compared to Christ (3:8), which gives Paul the ability to say "to live is Christ, to die is gain" (1:21).