

The Lord's Day

September 27, 2020 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?...But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled."
-Matthew 26:53-56 (ESV)

Prelude *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* arr. R. Summers
Hymn 302

* Call to Worship Colossians 3:14-17

* Hymn (insert) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 44) Genesis 50:15-21

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn (insert) *'Tis Midnight; and on Olive's Brow* OLIVE'S BROW

** Prayers of the People

Offertory *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* arr. L. Shackley
Hymn 251

* Hymn 731 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon *Trusting Christ in the Presence of Evil*
Text: Matthew 26:47-56 (Bible, p. 833)
Pastor Will Snyder

* Hymn (insert) *Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right* WAS GOTT TUT

Reception of New Member

The Lord's Supper *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* Hymn 708
& *God So Loved the World*

* Hymn (insert) *O Breath of God (The Risen Christ)*
arr. Getty/Madeira

* 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.

We rejoice in publicly receiving the following new member this morning: **Sean Owens**.

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 27, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Doug Fox

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: *Pastor Open House!*

No Evening Service

October 4, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Richard Jones

Greeters:

Deacon in Charge: Randy Hershberger

Ushers: Howard Craig

Audio: Chaz Owens

Nursery: 9:30:

10:30 (*Worship*):

Toddler Time:

Coffee Clean-up:

Evening Audio:

This Week at Church

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| Wednesday | 1:00 PM | Bible Study |
| | 7:00 PM | Prayer Meeting |
| Saturday | 7:00 AM | Men's Covenant Group |
| | 9:30 AM | Women's Prayer Group |
| | 1:30 PM | Storrs Adventure Park Event |
| Sunday | 9:30 AM | Discovery Class |

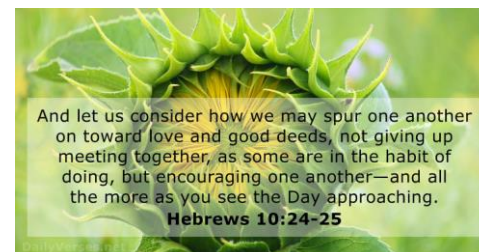
ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

2nd ANNUAL PASTOR OPEN HOUSE

We are looking forward to our 2nd Annual Pastor Open House **TODAY**, 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



COMING EVENTS

CARING FAMILIES WALK FOR LIFE

Caring Families is hosting their Walk for Life on **Saturday, October 3rd** from 12 PM-2 PM. If you'd like to register to walk (or to simply donate) you can do so here: <https://carefamilies.com/walk>. Feel free to reach out to Cody Barr if you have any questions: (860) 942-4380. Hope to see you there!

PCC BOOK CLUB

As a source of entertainment, edification, and discipling fellowship, on **Friday, October 9, 7pm at the church**, we start a series of discussions on Dane Ortlund's book, *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*. This is the book recommended by Pastor Clark and graciously supplied to our church (a case of copies!) by him and Cecelia back in June/July. Hopefully, you picked up a copy, and whether you've read it already or not, we will be discussing the introduction and the first three chapters. So, come ready to discuss (or just come listen in) on Friday, October 9, 7pm at the church (face masks and social distancing will be utilized in the church building). Any questions, contact Mark Popovitch. RSVP isn't required but helpful.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **Thursday, October 22nd** from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. They have added extra safety precautions due to COVID-19 such as temperature checks before entry into the building, social distancing protocol, wearing of face masks, etc. You can visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

HARVEST POP-UP MARKET

Please join us at the Bassett's farm for a Harvest Pop-Up Market on **Saturday, October 24th** from 10 AM to 3 PM, located at 275 Weigold Road in Tolland. There are many vendors from PCC/PCM including Pamela Hoffman, Julie Rau, Shelley Snyder, Marilyn Mae soy candles, Barefoot Acres Farm and more! The market will be held outdoors, we will still meet if there is inclement weather utilizing our barn/garage spaces. We will practice social distancing and will follow current guidelines regarding masks. Hope you can make it!

ALL-CHURCH WORKDAY

The fall All-Church Workday is scheduled for **Saturday, October 31st** at 9:00 AM. An email went out with the list of indoor and outdoor tasks needed to be done to prepare the church for the cold weather. If you are able to help please contact Deacon Bolliger or Deacon Howard.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Daylight savings time ends on Nov. 1st at 2:00 AM. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!

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 6:4-8, 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year, more than any other year, the children of the world need to know that God loves them and we can be agents of that love. We collect the boxes mid-November, so it is time to start collecting items for the boxes.

Empty boxes will be displayed each week along with the labels for those boxes. I hope you join our efforts this year and share your love with underprivileged kids from around the world.

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.

PATIO SET

There is a patio set on the church property by the big Maple tree in back. The deacons are hoping it will find a new home before winter. If anyone wants it, it's yours! Just come with your own mode of transportation to bring it to your desired location.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson

Asahel Nettleton
NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to

grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for
come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly
be; let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my

3
songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
wan - d'ring heart to thee. Prone to wan - der Lord, I

6
son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the
strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to
feel it prone to leave the God I love; here's my

9
mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

'Tis Midnight; and on Olive's Brow

William B. Tappan

William B. Bradbury
OLIVE'S BROW L.M.

1. 'Tis mid - night; and on Ol - ive's brow the
2. 'Tis mid - night; and, from all re - moved, Em -
3. 'Tis mid - night; and, for oth - er's guilt, the
4. 'Tis mid - night; from the heav'n - ly plains is

4
star is dimmed that late - ly shone; 'tis
man - uel wres - tles lone with fears; e'en
Man of Sor - rows weeps in blood; yet
borne the song that an - gels know; un -

7
mid - night in the gar - den now the
the dis - ci - ple that he loved heeds
he that hath in an - guish knelt is
heard by mor - tals are the strains that

10
suf - fring Sav - ior prays a - lone.
not his Mas - ter's grief and tears.
not for - sak - en by his God.
sweet - ly soothe the Sav - ior's woe.

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Samuel Rodigast

Severus Gastorius
WAS GOTT TUT 8.7.8.7.4.5.8.8.

1. What-e'er my God or - dains is right: his ho - ly will a - bid - eth; I
 2. What-e'er my God or - dains is right: he nev - er will de - ceive me; he
 3. What-e'er my God or - dains is right: though now this cup, in_ drink - ing, may
 4. What-e'er my God or - dains is right: here shall my stand be_ tak - en; though

5
 will be still what - e'er he doth, and fol - low where he_ guid - eth. He
 leads me by the pro - per path; I know he will not_ leave me. I
 bit - ter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all un - shrink - ing. My
 sor - row, need, or death be mine, yet am I not for - sak - en. My

9
 is my God; though dark my road, he holds me that I_
 take, con - tent, what he hath sent; his hand can turn my_
 God is true; each morn a - new sweet com - fort yet shall_
 Fa - ther's care is round me there; he holds me that I_

12
 shall not fall; where - fore to him I leave it all.
 griefs a - way, and pa - tient - ly I wait his day.
 fill my heart, and pain and sor - row shall de - part.
 shall not fall; and so to him I leave it all.

O Breath of God (The Risen Christ)

1. O Breath of God, come fill this place;
 2. O Word of God, so clear and true,
 3. O Love of God, so un - re - strained,
 4. May God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

4
 re - vive our hearts to know Your grace and
 re - new our minds to trust in You; and
 re - fresh our souls in Je - sus' name. Let
 and God the Spi - rit make us one; in

8
 from our slum - ber_ make us rise, that
 give to us the_ Bread of Life, that
 us re - flect Your_ sac - ri - fice, that
 hol - i - ness let_ us u - nite, that

12
 we may know the_ ris - en Christ.
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Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

Trusting Christ in the Presence of Evil

Matthew 26:47-56

Main Preaching Point: Though we are confronted with the presence of evil, do not fight with carnal weapons, but by trusting in the one who overcomes evil by using it for his saving purposes

- The Traitor's Kiss: The presence of evil in God's world (v.47-50)
- The Disciple's Resistance: Using carnal weapons for a spiritual battle (v.51-52)
- The Lord's Will: Christ's power to intend/use evil for good (v.53-56)

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 26:47-56

Title: Trusting Christ in the Presence of Evil

Questions:

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

The Traitor's Kiss: The presence of evil in God's world (v.47-50)

2. Read v.47-50. Consider Matthew 26:14-16 & 26:20-21. Earlier the same night Jesus was with all 12 disciples sharing in the Passover meal. After the meal, Judas left to inform the Jewish leaders and Roman soldiers of Jesus' whereabouts. What does the scene in v.47-50 reveal about the reality of evil in this world? Explain. The first coming of Jesus did not eliminate the presence of evil. What application(s) might be drawn from this about what it means to live in Christ's Kingdom.

3. In v.50 Jesus says, "Friend, do what you came to do." How do these words (and v.53-54) reveal the knowledge and control that Jesus has in

all that is taking place. How should this shape the way we live amidst a world full of evil?

The Disciple's Resistance: Using carnal weapons for a spiritual battle (v.51-52)

4. Read v.51-52. How does Peter respond to those who seek to arrest Jesus? And how does Jesus respond to Peter? Why does Peter act in this way? Can you relate? Explain and discuss. Consider examples (historically or at present) where Christians have responded poorly to the presence of evil.

- Read Ephesians 6:12. Discuss the significance of this verse in light of what the disciples are facing in seeing their Lord betrayed and arrested (and later crucified). Apply these words to the church's situation today.

The Lord's Will: Christ's power to intend/use evil for good (v.53-56)

5. Read v.53-56. Though the disciples are fearful and uncertain, Jesus displays an extraordinary control. He says to Judas, "Friend, do what you came to do." (v.50). And "Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?" Though evil lurks, Jesus demonstrates control. In what way(s) might this shape the way we handle suffering, evil, and uncertainties? Explain.

6. Focus on v.54-56. Though the future of the Lord, his kingdom, and his disciples may appear in question, Jesus makes clear that there is a larger story taking place—that all these things are the fulfillment of Scripture. Sometimes, circumstances move us to feelings of uncertainty and fear. Yet, what does faith and trust in Christ look like amidst such times and circumstances? In what ways do you need to place a deeper trust in the Lord?