

# The Lord's Day

August 29, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints."

-1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 (ESV)

Prelude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. V. Labenske

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother-All who live in love are Thine.  
Teach us how to love each other; Lift us to the joy divine!

- \* Call to Worship [Psalm 90:1-2](#)
- \* Hymn 616 [Leaning on the Everlasting Arms](#) SHOWALTER
- \* Invocation
- Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 400) [Nehemiah 4:15-23](#)  
(continuous reading)
- New Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 976) [Ephesians 2:11-22](#)
- Hymn (insert) *Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer* arr. K. Getty
- \*\* Silent Prayer of Confession
- \* Assurance of Pardon
- \* Hymn 481 [Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus](#) LEMMEL
- \*\* Pastoral Prayer
- Offertory *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. B. Chung  
Hymn 115
- \* Hymn 731 [Doxology](#) OLD HUNDREDTH
- \* Prayer of Dedication

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\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Congregation Kneeling

Sermon

*Costly Care for the Community of Christ*

Text: [1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13](#) (Bible, p. 986)

Pastor Will Snyder

- \* Hymn 689 [Be Still, My Soul](#) FINLANDIA
  - \* 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.*

Nursery care is available for infants through age 3 in Rooms 2 and 4.

## Backyard Fellowship, 5:30 PM:

Please join us at **Ken & Debbie Goodale's home, 1247 North River Road, Coventry, at 5:30 PM** for a Backyard Fellowship. See Announcements for more details.

# SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

August 29, 2021

Worship Leader: Pastor Lucas Dourado  
Greeters:  
Deacon in Charge: Howard Craig  
Ushers:  
Audio: Zeb Sinnamon  
Nursery: 9:30:  
10:30 (Worship): Kevin Hilinski, Terri Christians  
Toddler Time:  
Coffee Clean-up:  
Evening Audio: *Backyard Fellowship at the Goodale's home*

September 5, 2021

Worship Leader: Elder John Sundet  
Greeters:  
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger  
Ushers: Peter Benedict  
Audio: Benjamin Bassett  
Nursery: 9:30:  
10:30 (Worship): Maddie Edwards, Reagan Hilinski  
Toddler Time:  
Coffee Clean-up:  
Evening Audio: *Hymn Sing ☺  
Ice Cream Social*

## 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 - 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

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.

## This Week at Church

Monday	1:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Sunday	6:30 PM	Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY

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#### BACKYARD FELLOWSHIP!

We will meet for a Backyard Fellowship today at 5:30 PM at Ken & Debbie Goodale's home, 1274 North River Road, Coventry. Please plan to come for a time of food, fellowship, devotion, and prayer. Each individual or family should bring chairs or blankets, meat to grill for their own family, and a side dish and/or dessert to share. All plates, utensils, and drinks will be provided. The rain location is the church. Please plan to make these gatherings a part of your summer routine! It is a great way to get to know each other better in an informal setting.

### COMING EVENTS

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#### HYMN SING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On Sunday Evening, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, we will end our Summer Backyard Fellowships by meeting at the church for a hymn sing and ice cream social. We will start at 6:30 PM, so please eat dinner beforehand. After a time of singing to the Lord, we will enjoy fellowship together with ICE CREAM! The church will supply the ice cream but if you desire you may bring toppings such as whipped cream, sundae syrup, nuts, crushed Oreos or Heath bars, chocolate chips, M&M's, gummies, sprinkles or any other toppings your heart desires!

#### CROCK POT COOK-OFF!

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> will be our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Crock Pot Cook-Off! We will be welcoming back our college students with encouragement & love after the worship service. There will be medals and



awards for the best chili, best non-chili, runner ups for each, and for the first empty pot. If you'd like to participate, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the back table of the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us for some delicious food and fellowship!

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

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#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study will resume on September 1<sup>st</sup>. More details to follow. If you are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Will at the church office: (860) 742-7222.

#### AN INVITATION TO ALL KNITTERS/CROCHETERS

The PCC Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold its first "meeting/gathering/fellowship" on Wednesday, September 15. We will meet at the church at 6:00 PM for about an hour and will knit/crochet Prayer Shawls for distribution by the congregation. We plan to meet the third Wednesday of each month and hope you will join us when you can. When we have a supply of shawls, we will make them available for distribution.  
Sue Bird ([suebird1968@gmail.com](mailto:suebird1968@gmail.com)) (860-872-3362)

#### DISCOVERY CLASS

Beginning Sunday, September 26<sup>th</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). 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](mailto:pastorjws@gmail.com)) or the church office.

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

### *Costly Care for the Community of Christ*

1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

**Main Preaching Point:** Reflect the love of Christ by longing for his people, supporting them amidst suffering, and encouraging them in their faith and love for one another

- Desiring fellowship as a local community (2:17-20)
- Providing support as a suffering community (3:1-5)
- Encouraging growth as a faithful and loving community (3:6-13)

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Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

Title: Costly Care for the Community of Christ

**Questions:**

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

#### **Desiring fellowship as a local community (2:17-20)**

2. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20. According to the sermon and passage why does Paul express such a longing to see these believers "face to face." Where else through the whole passage (2:17-3:13) do you see Paul's desire to be with this church?

3. According to the sermon, what does "brothers" (v.17) mean and what does "torn away" mean? How do these terms inform the kind of relationship that believers have in the church? How is this relationship unique and how should it shape the way we live and function as believers? Explain.

4. Consider your own relationship to the body of Christ. What ought to motivate a person to desire being with the body? Is it "fondness" for the people? Is it because God commands it? Discuss. How should the nature of the relationship between believers contribute?

#### **Providing support as a suffering community (3:1-5)**

5. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5. Though Paul, Timothy, and Silas were forced out of Thessalonica, in time Paul sent Timothy back to the church. For what reason? According to 3:1-3, what did it cost them to send Timothy? What does this reflect about Paul (as well as Timothy and Silas) commitment to the local church? Explain.

6. What do these verses teach us about the role of suffering among the covenant community? Should we expect affliction and suffering? Also, we learn in 3:5 that one of the reasons Paul sent Timothy back was to learn about their faith and to ensure that they had not fallen into such temptation that Paul's work would have been in vain. What does Paul mean by this? Could his work have been for nothing? Explain.

#### **Encouraging growth as a faithful and loving community (3:6-13)**

7. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13. Paul again expresses a desire to see them face to face (3:10), in order to "supply what is lacking in their faith". What does Paul mean by this?

8. Earlier in the letter Paul expresses thanks for their "work of faith" and "labor of love" (1:2-3). Again, in 3:11-12 he offers a benediction, that they would "increase and abound in love for one another..." In what way(s) are you (or desire to be) increasing and abounding in love for your brothers and sisters in Christ? Give examples.

9. How does this passage as a whole reflect the person and work of Christ? Explain.