



St. John's Christian Church

The Church on the Corner
whose Cornerstone is Christ

St. John's Christian Church ~ May 17, 2020
Fifth Sunday after Easter ~ Order of Worship

Welcome

Scripture and Prayer

Psalm 95:6-7 (NIV)

“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.”

Worship Songs

“This Is My Father’s World” (PP)
“The Father’s House” (FB)
“Blessed Be Your Name” (PP & FB)
“Here I Am to Worship” (PP & FB)

Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Children’s Faith Object Lesson

“Knowing What to Pray”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:5-13 (NIV)

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

Sermon

“Prayer: The 5 W’s”

Prayer and Benediction

Prayer Concerns

- Eden Evelyn Young was born on May 12th. We offer our congratulations to Pastor Alex and Jenny and big sister Joanna.
- Sharon VonDeylen was admitted to the Bryan hospital on Wednesday due to another bowel blockage.
- Marcella Badenhop, mother of Mary Beck, passed away Monday morning; private services were held on Thursday.
- Toni Neuenschwander had outpatient surgery on Monday to remove screws and repair tendon damage in her right elbow.
- Ralph Grieser, beginning chemo treatment
- Larry Kinsman is home from Rupp Rehab!
- Susie Spiess has returned to her & Wayne’s assisted living apt!
- Dale VonDeylen continues through his chemo treatments.
- Sandy Miller is dealing with infection in her legs which has paused the chemo treatments

Preaching – Pastor Erich Christman
Accompanist – Lynne Christman
Praise Band – Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Sarah Nafziger, Todd Nafziger, Buffy Riley
Video Techs – Sarah Nafziger, Jocelyn Walker

Discovery Guide Devotions

May 18 – Lost That Lovin’ Feeling	Revelation 3:14-22
May 19 – Come On Up!	Revelation 4
May 20 – One Life to Live	Revelation 5
May 21 – Where You Gonna Run To?	Revelation 6
May 22 – The Calm Before the Storm	Revelation 7
May 23 – When Silence Isn’t Golden	Revelation 8
May 24 – The Journey of Prayer	Psalms 54

Pastoral Prayer – Sunday, May 17

Lord of life and light, Lord of direction and provision, continue to light each of our paths through these days, just as you led your people through the wilderness of old. Grant your peace and strength upon our physical, mental and spiritual health. As many aspects of our society reopen, we pray for godly wisdom and patience. May the efforts to minimize or end the spread of the virus be fruitful. Hear our prayers for the wise counsel of the Consistory of SJCC as they work and discern how best to resume our in-person worship and ministries. In the vast differences of thought and opinion, amongst all of society and within the Church universal, clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Colossians 3:12). Bowing in honor and humility before you, Lord, may your light shine in the darkness, in the darkness of these days and in the darkness of an unbeliever’s heart. May my own witness of and for you O Christ be a revelation of light to shine upon anyone who is broken, doubting or lost. For your glory, I pray. Amen.

The Roman Catholic Church, Archdiocese of Milwaukee offered this Prayer in this Time of a Pandemic:

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake. May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable. May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent. May we who have the flexibility to care for our

children when their schools close remember those who have no options. May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no place to go. May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all. May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home. During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

This is My Father’s World

Verse 1 – This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings, the music of the spheres; This is my
Father's world, I rest me in the thought, Of rocks and trees, of skies and
seas, His hand the wonders wrought

Verse 2 – This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise, The
morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise; This is my
Father's world, He shines in all that's fair, In the rustling grass I hear Him
pass, He speaks to me everywhere

Verse 3 – This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget, That though
the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet; This is my Father's
world, the battle is not done, Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth
and heaven be one.

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The Father’s House

Verse 1
Sometimes on this journey, I get lost in my mistakes
What looks to me like weakness, Is a canvas for Your strength
My story isn't over my story's just begun, Failure won't define me
'Cause that's what my Father does, Failure won't define me
'Cause that's what my Father does

Chorus
Oo lay your burdens down, Oo here in the Father's house
Check your shame at the door, 'Cause it ain't welcome anymore
Oo you're in the Father's house

Verse 2

Arrival's not the endgame, The journey's where You are
You never wanted perfect, You just wanted my heart
And the story isn't over, If the story isn't good
Failure's never final, When the Father's in the room
Failure's never final, When the Father's in the room

Bridge

Prodigals come home, the helpless find hope, Love is on the move
When the Father's in the room, Prison doors fling wide, the dead come to
life, Love is on the move, When the Father's in the room
Miracles take place, the cynical find faith, Love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room
Jericho walls are quaking, Strongholds now are shaking
Love is breaking through, When the Father's in the room
Love is breaking through, When the Father's in the room

Chorus

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Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name, In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name, When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll, Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name, When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name, On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll, Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name

Bridge (Repeat)

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name

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Here I Am to Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see, Beauty that made
This heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God, And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above, Humbly You came
To the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

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