



St. John's
Christian
Church

The Church on the Corner
whose Cornerstone is Christ

St. John's Christian Church ~ April 26, 2020
Second Sunday after Easter
Pause for Praise Order of Worship

Welcome and Introduction to Worship

Scripture and Prayer – Matthew 18:20 (NIV)

“For where two or three come together
in my name, there am I with them.”

Opening Songs

“We Have Come into His House”
“It Is Well with My Soul”
“Blessed Assurance”

Children's Faith Object Lesson – “A Security Blanket”

Pastoral 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 – “A Fine Collection – Part 1”

Scripture Reading

James 1:2-8 (NIV)

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴ Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.”

Sermon

“Testing Trials: Faith's Validity”

Prayer and Benediction

Prayer Concerns

- Sharon VonDeylen spent a few days at the hospital in Fort Wayne, and came home Tuesday.
 - Susie Spiess continues recovering at Rupp Rehab, and celebrated her 95th birthday on Wednesday.
 - Hayden Stamm, grandson of Lenny & Jean, is having no more symptoms of the coronavirus – Praise the Lord!
 - Dale VonDeylen continues through his chemo treatments.
 - Sandy Miller continues through her chemo treatments
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Discovery Guide Devotions

April 27 – Back to Work	Acts 28:17-31
April 28 – Stand Up!	Daniel 1
April 29 – Don't Panic!	Daniel 2:1-23
April 30 – Lifting the Veil	Daniel 2:24-49
May 1 – But if Not...	Daniel 3
May 2 – Who is in Charge?	Daniel 4:1-13
May 3 – Pardon, Purity, Presence	Psalm 51

Pastoral Prayer-Sunday, April 26

“How suitable, how necessary it is that this plague and pestilence, which seems horrible and deadly, searches out the justice of each and every one and examines the mind of the human race; whether the [healthy] care for the sick, whether relatives dutifully love kinsmen as they should...whether physicians do not desert the afflicted.”

-Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, 3rd Century AD

Lord God, Cyprian saw how the coronavirus of his day tested each person, revealing each person’s heart. In the day of testing, would they forsake family, for the sake of self? Would they forsake the sick, for the sake of their own health? Would doctors abandon their patients, to preserve their own lives?

Today, O Lord, we pray especially for all those serving in healthcare capacities:

1. We pray first, that their faith might rest in you. Even as personal risk in serving others abounds, may their faith always put before them the eternal security they have in Christ, and so grant them a peace that passes worldly understanding.

2. Second, we pray that their faith in you might fuel their continued sacrificial service. Encourage them that they might not flee their posts, but continue their service in love for those who are in need.

3. Third, we pray for their physical health. In your great mercy, O Lord, spare them from illness, especially the coronavirus.

4. Fourth, we pray for their families. May they also have faith which rests in you, peace in Christ which passes understanding, a love which fuels sacrifice, and the sweet gift of good health.

5. Fifth, we pray for their patients. Grant treatments to be successful and patients to regain health and wellbeing. Grant also that thankful hearts might be led to you, the giver and sustainer of all life. Grant that those who perish might first hear the gospel, and grant them faith to believe so that in the life to come they will be resurrected unto eternal life.

6. Sixth, we pray for their fellow citizens. May we all, O Lord, do our part, in both prayer and cautious living, to slow the spread of sickness, and thereby serve and help protect those serving in healthcare.

O Lord, as we unite our hearts in prayer, we find rest in your present and eternal care. We praise you, Lord Jesus, Author of Life and Author of our Salvation. May all glory, honor, and praise be yours, forever and ever, amen.

We Have Come Into This House

Verse 1: We have come into His house
And gathered in His name
To worship Him
We have come into His house
And gathered in His name
To worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord

Verse 2: So forget about yourself
And concentrate on Him
And worship Him
So forget about yourself
And concentrate on Him
And worship Christ the Lord
Worship Him Christ the Lord.

Verse 3: Let us lift up holy hands
Magnify His Name and worship Him,
Let us lift up holy hands
Magnify His Name and worship Him,
Let us lift up holy hands
Magnify His Name and worship Christ, the Lord
Worship Him, Jesus Christ, the Lord.
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It is Well With My Soul

Verse 1: When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

Chorus: It is well
With my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

Verse 2: But Lord it's for Thee for Thy coming we wait
The sky not the grave is our goal
Oh trump of the angel oh voice of the Lord
Blessed hope blessed rest of my soul
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Blessed Assurance

Verse 1: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

Chorus: This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Verse 2: Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Verse 3: Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
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