



St. John's Christian Church

The Church on the Corner
whose Cornerstone is Christ

St. John's Christian Church ~ May 24, 2020
Sixth Sunday after Easter ~ Order of Worship

Welcome

Memorial Day Tribute

Scripture and Prayer Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV)

“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Opening Songs #573 "God Of Our Fathers"
#59 "I Sing The Mighty Power Of God"
#441 "Take Time To Be Holy"

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

“The Weight of Worry”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:28-34 (NIV)

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Sermon

“Setting Priorities”

Closing

Benediction

Prayer Concerns

- Josephine Short fell and had surgery on May 18th at FCHC.
- Sharon VonDeylen returned home from the hospital on May 16th.
- Ralph Grieser, beginning chemo treatment
- 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

Song Leaders – Andrew Rohrs, Roger Zimmerman

Video Tech – Sarah Nafziger

ASL Signer – Mindy Gruenhagen

Discovery Guide Devotions

May 25 – Hell on Earth	Revelation 9
May 26 – First Day at Work	2 Kings 2:1-18
May 27 – More Than Enough	2 Kings 4:1-7
May 28 – Afraid to Hope	2 Kings 4:8-37
May 29 – Wisdom in Unexpected Places	2 Kings 5:1-14
May 30 – God’s Generosity	2 Kings 5:15-27
May 31 – Battle Scars	Galatians 5:16-26

Congregational Pastoral Prayer – Pray these words of Revelation 4:11 as you ascribe glory and honor to God: “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

Lord, I pray that this powerful image from John’s vision in heaven would strike a chord in my heart, and in the hearts of all who pray this prayer. As each of us live our individual lives, going about our daily business, breaking up the monotony by whimsically enjoying what we each want to do, we can so easily take our eyes off of you. Off of you, you alone who are worthy to receive glory and honor and power. May your light shine ever brighter, that you may correct my vision. It is true, as it was with the church in Ephesus, that there are too many moments when I have forsaken you, my first love. Forgive me, Father God, and restore me through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, a grace and mercy that recreates my heart, refocusing my love for you once again. May I, may my brothers and sisters in Christ, may our earthly authorities walk in your wisdom and paths of righteousness, restoring our ways of worship and work and fellowship. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

God of Our Fathers

Verse 1 – God of our fathers whose Almighty hand, Leads forth in beauty all the starry band, Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise

Verse 2 – Thy love divine hath led us past, In this free land by Thee our lot is cast, Be Thou our Ruler guardian guide and stay, Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way

Verse 3 – From war’s alarm and deadly pestilence, Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense, Thy true religion in our hearts increase, Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace

Verse 4 – Refresh Thy people on their toil some way, Lead us from night to never ending days, Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, And glory laud and praise be ever Thine.

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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Verse 1 – I sing the mighty pow’r of God, That made the mountains rise, That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies, I sing the wisdom that ordained, The sun to rule the day, The moon shines full at His command, And all the stars obey

Verse 2 – I sing the goodness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food, He formed the creatures with His word, And then pronounced them good, Lord how Thy wonders are displayed, Where’er I turn my eye, If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the sky

Verse 3 – There’s not a plant or flow’r below, But makes Thy glories known, And clouds arise and tempests blow, By order from Thy throne, While all that borrows life from Thee, Is ever in Thy care, And everywhere that man can be, Thou God art present there

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Take Time to be Holy

Verse 1 – Take time to be holy, Speak oft with thy Lord Abide in Him always, And feed on His Word Make friends with God’s children, Help those who are weak Forgetting in nothing, His blessing to seek

Verse 2 – Take time to be holy, The world rushes on, Spend much time in secret, With Jesus alone, By looking to Jesus, Like Him thou shalt be, Thy friends in thy conduct, His likeness shall see

Verse 3 – Take time to be holy, Let Him be thy Guide, And run not before Him, Whatever betide, In joy or in sorrow, Still follow thy Lord, And looking to Jesus, Still trust in His Word

Verse 4 – Take time to be holy, Be calm in thy soul, Each tho’t and each motive, Beneath His control, Thus led by His Spirit, To fountains of love, Thou soon shall be fitted, For service above.

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Safety Protocols of St. John's Christian Church
for Resuming In-Person Worship

As we resume in-person worship in the sanctuary on May 31st, at 8:00am and 10:30am, please understand and abide by the following measures of safety:

1. We encourage everyone to practice good hygiene – washing hands, covering coughs
2. Remember to offer grace, mercy and love to those who perceive this situation different than you.
3. SJCC Ways to Worship – as of May 31st:
 - a. Pause for Praise Radio Broadcast at 8:30am on WMTR.
 - b. Facebook Live Stream video at 10:30am.
 - c. Audio and video links available on the church website as uploads allow.
 - d. 8:00am worship and 10:30am worship in the sanctuary
4. We ask that people who are at high risk of severe illness from Covid-19, including elderly individuals and those with serious underlying health conditions, consider staying in their residence through the end of June, realizing each person will make their own choices.
5. If you are sick or not feeling well, or live with or are caring for someone who is sick or not feeling well, we ask that you please stay in your residence and worship via the radio or online.
6. We encourage everyone to take temperatures before arriving at church. There will be volunteers, wearing masks and gloves, with temporal thermometers, at the three open entrances to the building, taking peoples temperatures, and sanitizing the thermometers between each use.
7. The wearing of a mask is recommended, but not required. A supply of masks will be available.
8. We ask everyone to practice the 6' physical distancing, which dictates that there be no hand shaking, fist or elbow bumps, pats on the shoulders or hugging.
9. Only the carport, east accessible, and south porch entrances will be unlocked and open.
10. Once in the building, please move along into the sanctuary – one way traffic flow. No need to be in a rush – move along at a leisurely pace – worship will start once the hallways are clear!
11. The nursery, narthex, mother's room, chapel and gym will be reserved for people who are in the vulnerable population category, people in health care (if they choose too), and people who arrive after the sanctuary seats have been filled – the service will be projected in these areas.
12. The sanctuary pews will be sectioned off for staggered seating requirements.
 - a. Family units may sit together in a pew.
 - b. Keeping two pews empty between occupied pews will provide 6 feet of distance.
 - c. Individuals and couples should sit at the ends of each pew (2 to 4 people per pew) to keep 6 feet between people from different households.
13. Recognizing that singing propels oral droplets further than normal talking, singers are asked to be aware of slightly turning their faces so as to not sing directly towards others.
14. Children will stay seated with their families during the children's lesson.
15. People will be dismissed in an orderly fashion to ensure appropriate physical distancing – providing one way traffic for everyone leaving the building.