

WORSHIP for Father's Day – June 21, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Please invite family or friends, who want to join us for live worship on Sundays @10:45am, to request access by emailing their name, email, & phone number to the church office.
- 2) Please have your Bible at hand for Worship each week!
- 3) To watch sermons recorded on Zoom on our YouTube Channel, go to the FPCP website: <https://www.fpcpataskala.com/> and click on WORSHIP or follow us on our Facebook from the homepage.
- 4) Scout Sunday is scheduled for June 28th during @10:45am Zoom, where those scouts who achieved their religious awards this year will be recognized. Congratulations Scouts!
- 5) Youth group for those entering 5th thru 12th grade at 3pm on 2nd & 4th Sundays: 6/28 & 7/12.
- 6) Have communion elements of bread and juice of the fruit of the grape vine at table in your home for 10:45am Zoom worship on Sundays July 5th. Pastor Janet will lead us through home communion. If you need elements provided to you, call the Johnsons, who lead the Christian Response Team, at 740-901-1232.
- 7) If you need a COVID-19 cloth mask call 740-901-1232 for the Johnsons, who lead the CRT. Thank you to Gage Marcum and Katie Slaymaker, who have been making masks available.
- 8) The regular FPCP session meeting is 6:30pm (2nd) Thursday, July 9th, on Zoom.
- 9) Save the Date!! Please join the Celebration for Jared Rice's high school graduation from Watkins Memorial High School. It's an open house at Don and Leslie Crawford's home. 102 Whirlaway Loop (Pataskala) on Saturday, July 11th, 2-6pm.

Prelude "Happy Father's Day" You Tube video: "Find Your Wings" by Mark Harris
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIFZsCfiO38>

Call to Worship: Isaiah 29:14&16 *Responsively*

Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder;
the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish.

You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay!
Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, "You did not make me"? Can the pot say to the potter, "You know nothing"?

Opening Hymn: "Abba, Abba Father"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vPVk95ITsw>

Prayer of Confession: Isaiah 29:13 *Unison*

We mouth praise, but our hearts are far away. We worship in words, but our minds are turned

to other interests. We hear your Word, but turn the words to suit our rules, traditions, and customs. Forgive our sin, we pray. Amen *(Pause for a time of silent confession.)*

Assurance of Forgiveness: Isaiah 29:22 *Responsively*

"Therefore this is what the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, says to the descendants of Jacob, "No

longer will Jacob be ashamed; no longer will their faces grow pale." We believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

"The Gloria Patri"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgcYD_m4OhU

Children's Message: by Linda Glenn, "Wordless Book" from Good News Club

Call to God's Word: *Unison*

"Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?" John 10:35 & Romans 4:3.

Prayer for Illumination: *Unison*

Lord, through your Spirit enable us to consider your Word, and to enact it in our lives to bring

you glory and praise. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:1-20 (NIV)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+15%3A1-20&version=NIV>

SERMON: "Out of the Mouth and the Heart" by The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6CJCopyflo&list=PLAdy2hvW6PL93B6hbgswTxf93Evs575yd&index=2&t=0s>

Sermon: "out of the mouth & the heart." Mt 15 is ahead of where left off in Mt 12, but Mt 15 is related to passage in Mt 12 where we'll return. "The things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, & these defile them." Words matter. Words defile. Words hurt. Words reveal what is in the heart.

Words start as thoughts, and thoughts can turn to words. They do not have to be spoken. They can remain hidden. Some people are described as not having filters, saying whatever is on their mind, even if better left unsaid. Today's culture encourages thoughts to be put into words, not just spoken, but recorded on Facebook, in blogs, with thumbs up or down, as comments permanently out in the digital realm for all to see and to give their opinions, too, starting a war of words with resulting emotional casualties all in the name of freedom of speech.

Thoughts can also be acted out in deeds. Deeds reveal inclinations of the heart that are evil and sinful. Matthew lists murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, and slander, which Jesus says in the sermon on the mount are committed even while yet words in internal thought. These sins against others are in the second half of the ten commandments. But note that in this conversation with the religious leaders, Jesus first mentioned the 5th commandment, honor your father and mother. Fitting that this sermon comes on Father's day. Granted words spoken against and acts committed against others are sinful. This sermon could focus on our sinning against each other and others who sin against us, but in the sermon on the mount we were given the Lord's prayer that directs that we forgive each other these.

Further, words, thoughts, and deeds against others is not the primary emphasis of this passage. For who is the one who has given us the commandments? Whose words are they? We know, they are given by God. They are God's words, not human words. They are God's words, not the words of any creature that he made. Yet from the beginning, since the Creator created, his created beings began to turn against his Word, to question his Word, to doubt his word, and, thereby, to defile his Word, to disobey his Word and to sin against his Word and against God Our Creator.

In Gen 2:17 there was just one rule, "But you must not eat from tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." Then along comes the crafty serpent, one of God's creatures, who suggests doubt of God's word to the woman. In 3:1 he says to her, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The first mistake is that the woman entertains a conversation with the serpent, and in doing so adds human words to God's word. Listen to v. 3: "But God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" God did not say, "You must not touch it." Words of the human woman were added to God's word. Now the crafty serpent knows he has twisted his scheme, slithering and coiling around the words of the woman. First he contradicts God's Word in v. 4, "You will not certainly die." Then he suggests that God has a hidden motive in v. 5, "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Seems that that Genesis contradicts what Jesus says in Matthew 15. It seems that the woman and soon thereafter the man eating the fruit is what defiles them. But what defiles Jesus says in Matthew is what comes out of the mouth and the heart. In Gen 3, God gives them a chance to confess their disobedience to him, but instead the words out of their mouths defile them, for rather than speaking a confession, they blame their actions on others. The man blames the woman, and the woman blames the serpent. Their lack of confession and their words of blame have consequences. Now there is pain the world in childbearing, in thorns and thistles, and in sickness and illness and in numbered days that lead to death. The ground is defiled and infected. Humans are defiled, carrying the mark of sin as suffering and feeble mortals. Not because of God's word, but because of our human words that speak over God's word. Not good.

Now we return to where we left off in Mt 12 last week. Following the fulfillment of Isaiah 42, with Jesus as a the suffering servant, Jesus next heals a suffering man who was blind and mute and demon-possessed. The man suffered not just physically, but also spiritually, carrying the

burden of the consequence of sin in the garden, where the serpent gained ground to affect human life on this earth. The only lasting and effective remedy to ancient suffering brought on by the sin of the serpents and the first humans is for the Living God to send his Son to save. Jesus thus heals the suffering man in Mt 12. But the religious leaders attribute Jesus' act of compassion as coming from Beelzebul, the prince of demons.

Granted plenty of false Messiahs came speaking false prophets and enabling false miracles. It is not wrong to carefully discern spiritual experiences to test the spirits. However, Jesus has been proclaiming and enacting the word of God throughout his earthly ministry. He has a well proved track record. This is not a single healing. This is not a flash in the pan act. So Jesus' words challenge there words of accusation. And he concludes his preaching and teaching as follows from Matthew 12:30-32: "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come."

Hymn of Response: "This is My Father's World"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2_dDe2qZNE

PRAYERS OF JOYS & CONCERNS, FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER: *Unison*

Please call or email Pastor Janet or the church office with prayer requests for Sunday worship and this email prayer chain. **Updates are in red below.**

PRAYERS OF JOY for:

- Those celebrating **birthdays and anniversaries**.
(Look in back of church directory to send cards and to extend blessings and prayers.)

PRAYERS OF CONCERNS for:

- **Revival** to enable the Church to fulfill our call of witness. Renewed devotion to **prayer**.
- Those dealing with **cancer**: Lisa Johnson in treatment & her mother in hospice (Laura Miller's friends), Diana Mock's targeted treatment, Debbie Peters (Jean Johnson's sister) awaiting surgery, and Bill Swift (Nancy Lord's brother) on new meds.
- **Homebound**: Victor & Connie DeRose, Faye Hammond, Claudia Johnston, Joan Mager, Pat Morrison, and Anne Nixon
- Prayers for a cure for and vaccine against **COVID-19**. For those vulnerable at high risk. For those infected. For loss of loved ones. For workers in medicine, food service, & delivery. For safety and self-sacrifice.
"I have the right to do anything," you say – but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything" – but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. 1Cor 10:23-24
- **Leaders** in all levels of government, health, education, businesses and the Church, for wisdom and discernment during this period pandemic, unrest and for all times.

- Prayers against prejudice and violence, and for protection of those who protect others:
 - **1st responders:** police officers, EMTS, and firefighters.
 - **Military: Peter Witt:** now in Kuwait, and CPO **John Vincent** also serving.
- The people of **China** and brothers & sisters in Christ, who suffer persecution there.
- **June Conrad** (Tami Conrad's Mother-in-Law): pray for best means of caregiving.
- **Frank Gieseck:** pray for testing & therapy & clarity & healing, from silent stroke.
- **Fred Goldstein:** recovery & rehab following 2nd right knee replacement
- **Jean Johnson:** grant of disability
- **Claudia Johnston:** at rehab following hospital stay from infection causing disorientation
- **Jerika** (Fran's granddaughter in California): recovering at home from black widow bite; pray no nerve damage
- **Brigid McGuire:** needing in-depth testing for eyesight

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.

Please Continue to Give in Dedication to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus

Prayer Of Dedication: *Unison*

God, in view of your mercy help us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to you, O God. Amen. *Romans 12:1*

Doxology

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqpXWF15avU>

Closing Hymn: "A Christian Home"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M20zPqW-aKM&t=74s>

Benediction: *Responsively*

Go, carrying God's Word and the Good News of Jesus Christ into the world, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Please join together again in worship next Sunday!

If able, please remain for a time of visiting.

Table Talk

What encouraging words did you hear from spiritual fathers in your life?

Share encouraging words with one another.