ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.
Worship Service

Song Leader – Will Francis

Welcome – Jeff Morgan

Song – Salvation Belongs to Our God

Prayer – Matthew Schmitz

Scripture Reading – Matthew 8:5-13 – Henry Li

Song – Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Communion & Offering – Noel Whitlock

Song – Jesus, My Redeemer

Why Jesus Came to Earth – Noel Whitlock

Song – Come to the Feast

Shepherd's Prayer – Jim Gurchiek

LAST WEEK

7/12/2020:
Worship—148 / Bible Classes —dismissed
Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship p.m. —dismissed / Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

FINANCES

Budget for 7/12/2020.....$45,500.00
Giving for 7/12/2020.....$45,700.47
Budget through Week 46.....$2,167,250.00
Giving through Week 46.....$2,153,652.37

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July 19, 2020

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The Precious Gift of Unity

I'm always humbled when I think of the words Jesus prayed on behalf of his disciples, as recorded in John 17:20-21: "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in me and I am in You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that You sent me."

Before his arrest, Jesus prayed earnestly in the garden for his followers to be united. But the bitter irony of that prayer was the fact that over the next few hours, their unity would fall apart. At that moment, some were sound asleep while he prayed. Most would eventually run away. Another of the Lord's closest friends would soon swear that he had never heard of the man. At the cross, only John and a handful of women would be present, and the only person there proclaiming the divinity of Christ would be a pagan soldier. It was hardly the picture of unity that the Lord had in mind.

The great news for us, though, is that the answer to that prayer did come. The disciples who had run away soon reassembled, and the apostle who denied knowing Jesus went on to preach a sermon that changed the lives of three thousand people in one day. This group that had been disloyal, unorganized, frightened and scattered now came together to begin the church, and to take the gospel message abroad. Theirs would not be a perfect harmony, but it would accomplish incredible things. Just as Jesus had prayed, their bond would indeed show all mankind that God had sent His Son to them.

The message of Gethsemane is painful. We are often no different from those first disciples. Even though we are children of God, we still sleep when we should be awake, run when we should stand firm, and, like Peter, draw swords when we should be at peace. But the message of Calvary is one of forgiveness. The Christ who died for us is the same Lord who will welcome us home when we run away, and who will rebuild our unity when we have torn it down. If Jesus could create oneness out of that band of people who deserted Him, He will do the same for us, and make us His gift to our hyper-divided world.

Michael Claxton

PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayers:

Edith Barnes is at UH South campus recovering from a fall and broken pelvis; **Bill Bradley** is in rehab 423 at UH South campus; **Louise Ganus** is in the Crossing; **Norman Hale's** dad is in Unity South campus; **Joe Hurd** is recovering in Georgia from surgery on his ankle following a fall, and will be there approximately 10 weeks; **Lois Schwartz** fell and broke both wrists; Jennifer Sexton, daughter of **Richard & JoAnn Smith**, has been diagnosed with bile duct cancer and is awaiting a PET scan to check her other organs. Please pray that no other cancer will be found.



Sympathy:

Norma Potter, mother of **Susan Stone**, grandmother of **John Stone**, passed away Thursday, July 16, in Escalon, CA. Arrangements are pending at this time.

GREAT COMMISSION SUNDAY

Missions and Ministry application for our GCS Blessed-to-Be-a-Blessing special offering are now available. The deadline for applications is July 19, and a list of those approved for participation will be presented to the congregation in early August. Applications are available online at https://www.collegechurchofchrist.org/great-commission.



ACCOUNTING JOB POSTING

College Church is looking to hire an Accounting Director. Applicants are preferred to have a bachelor's degree in accounting and/or work experience in bookkeeping. This is a part-time position of 30 hours per week. Everyone interested should contact **Bryan Burks** (bburks@harding.edu) or **Nick McNabb** (nick.collegechurch@gmail.com).

BIBLE STUDY



John W. Smith will be leading a weekly Bible Study Discussion Class in Room 100 on Tuesday evenings beginning July 28. The class will be titled "Walking In The Light and The Holy Spirit." Class time is 6:00 p.m. Please remember that face masks MUST be worn by anyone 10yrs or older at all times while inside the building, and we ask you to observe social distancing guidelines at all times. The class will be limited to 50 people, please call the church office to register.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

This year's school supply drive and distribution will be part of the CommUnity of Caring drive-through event on Saturday, August 1. As a result, we will be taking only monetary donations. You can donate through the church office by cash or check, or through the on-line giving link and noting in the "Other" designation that this donation is for the "School Supply Drive." If you have any questions about this year's event, please contact **Doug Langston** at 501-230-3164.



ANNIVERSARY



Don and Lois Shores, who served on the board of HU for 50-plus years, will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on July 28th. Their daughter is inviting those who know them to send cards to this address: P.O. Box 160, Cave Springs, AR 72718.