J ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Song of Praise: Praise Him

Text: Gospel Song

Music: Donnie Harper

Recorded 03.25.18

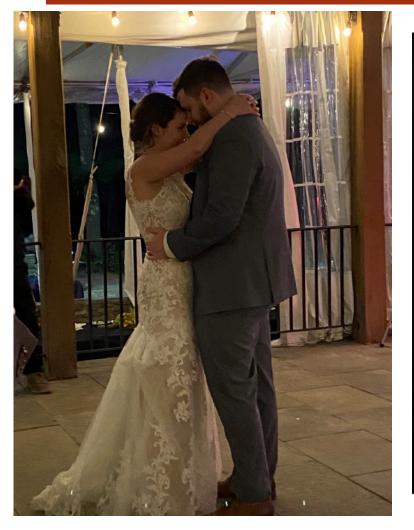


Greetings from the newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. McKinley!

WORK OF THE COMMUNITY

- Welcome to our visitors!
- ■There's still time to complete an Estimate of Giving Card!
- Congratulations to our members...

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WELCOME TO VIRTUAL WORSHIP WITH YOUR HOSTS, PASTOR CARLA AND ELDER LARS

Call To Worship

Leader: We come before God not fearfully but adoringly,

People: We worship not as a duty but as a delight.

Leader: God has not marked us for punishment

People: But has saved us that we might have abundant life!

Leader: Lift up your eyes beyond anxieties and ills

People: Let us worship God whose glory exceeds the starry skies, All: Come, let us worship the Lord our God!

OPENING HYMN: OUR GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST TEXT: ISSAC WATTS MUSIC ATTR: WILLIAM CROFT RECORDED: 09.09.2018

- 1 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne, thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

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5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy One, we confess the brokenness of the world we live in. We know we are called not to hate, but to love, and yet it is difficult for us. When others uphold unjust practices, we lament, O God. Call us away from hating one another. Call us into the hard work of justice and mercy. Remind us, O God, that at times there are relationships that are more harmful than helpful, and to let them go without hate when they cannot be repaired. Remind us, O God, that Your love for us endures all things, believes all things, and hopes all things, and never ends. Help us, O God, in the brokenness of this world, to cling fast to love and love's ways.

A moment for silent reflection and confession

Leader: We entrust these prayers to you O God. Amen

All: Amen.

SCRIPTURE -1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

5:1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

SCRIPTURE -1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

5:6 So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

MEDITATION FROM PASTOR CARLA JONES BROWN



RESPONSE TO THE WORD: THE POTTER'S HOUSE

In case you have fallen by the wayside of life Dreams and visions shattered, you're all broken inside. You don't have to stay in the shape that you're in The potter wants to put you back together again, Oh, the potter wants to put you back together again.

Duet: Daria DiCicco, alto Janine Kiah, soprano Composer: Walter Hawkins Recorded: 10.27.2019 In case your situation has turned upside down, And all that you've accomplished, is now on the ground. You don't have to stay in the shape that you're in The potter wants to put you back together again, Oh, the potter wants to put you back together again.

You who are broken, stop by the Potter's house. You who need mending, stop by the Potter's house Give Him the fragments of your broken life, My friend, the Potter wants to put you back together again, Oh, the Potter wants to put you back together again.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

AN INVITATION AND A BLESSING

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