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THY WILL BE DONE: PLUNDERING PEOPLE

Exodus 5:1-9, 12:29-32 & Mark 3:19b-35

October 22, 2023

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...
Changing lives forever!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "There is None Like You" Les Fraaza

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Mark's account of Jesus' life closely parallels the Lord's Prayer. This section, Mark 3:7-6:6, sees Jesus' ministry spread beyond Jewish Galilee and beyond himself. As the kingdom expands, we get glimpses of what the world can be when people choose God's will to be done over their own. Each week we pray, "Thy Will Be Done." What does it mean to choose God's will over yours today?

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship: Exodus 5:1-2, 12:31

Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Let my people go."

But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should heed him and let Israel go?"

But after the Passover, Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron in the night, and said,

"Go, worship the LORD as you said. And bring a blessing on me too!"

***Hymn:** "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" (vs. 1,2) #837

***Call to Confession:** Mark 3:33-35

We know this week we have had moments where we have not been good siblings to Christ. We have been unrecognizable in our words and actions. He has asked, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" Come and let us as for forgiveness for the ways we have let our Brother down, for we know Christ calls us as His family to put the will of God before our own.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord, we confess we have allowed our houses to be divided. We don't always put your kingdom first and this has caused spiritual separation from you. We know that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Unite us to you and to each other. Refocus us on your kingdom. Forgive us and help us to be the family you have called us to be under God's will.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

WRAPPED IN WARMTH — Our Hearts of Hope families will be coming to the church to receive all of their brand new winter clothing on November 7 and November 9 from 3:30-8pm. If you would like to help in any way, contact Sue Thompson (715-571-2797 or sue@mtsllc.net).

HEARTS OF HOPE TJ MAXX BAGS — As Hearts of Hope season kicks off, we are looking for more TJ MAXX totes to be used for distributing gifts. We will have a spot in the Narthex in the coming weeks that you can drop these totes off after purchasing them at the store. They do not necessarily need to have holiday designs!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

NEW BIBLE APP STUDY — Join us TOMORROW, October 23 as we begin a 26-day study called, "Unbound: Freedom in a Digital World", utilizing the Bible App by YouVersion. The Bible App is available for download on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. You can join the study and conversation by clicking the link provided in Monday's email, or contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) to get involved. If you need help starting your Bible App account, please speak with a staff member!

TUESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Our men's Bible study will meet THIS Tuesday, October 24 at 12pm. The men meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. We are studying the Book of Isaiah. Join us and bring a friend!

ADULT L.I.F.E. — Adult L.I.F.E. continues THIS Wednesday, October 25th with, "The Power of an Unoffendable Heart", taught and facilitated by Sue Thompson. All adults are invited to join us from 6-7pm in the Cry Room. Video and notes of previous classes are archived on our website!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

KIDS & YOUTH I.D. — All our youth I.D. classes run from 9am-9:50am every Sunday. Our Middle School I.D. class for 6th & 7th graders meets in the basement; our High School class for 9th-12th graders meets in the Bouldin Hall Loft. Pre-K through 5th grade I.D. classes also meet in the basement.

YOUTH GROUP — Middle School Youth meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth meet from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights. We do separate Bible study times for MS and HS but combine for our crazy games.

KIDS L.I.F.E. — At Wednesday night L.I.F.E. (every Wednesday at 6pm) our first focus is a friendship with Jesus, and secondly, we encourage children to build relationships with other kids and adult leaders.

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH AUGUST 2023:	OCTOBER 15 ATTENDANCE:
Budgeted Operating Revenues: \$369,240	AM In-Person Total: 231
Actual Operating Revenues: \$368,539	AM Livestream Total: 72
Budgeted Operating Expenses: \$367,681	PM In-Person Total: 25
Actual Operating Expenses: \$352,243	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BABY ANNOUNCEMENT — CCPC celebrates the birth of Layla Rose Doescher, daughter of Luke and Lauren Doescher, born Wednesday, October 18.

END OF RIGHTNOW MEDIA — Our experiment with RightNow Media will come to an end on November 1. If you have started your account through our church, you will no longer have access beginning on that date. If you enjoyed your time and access, we invite you to contact the church staff and give them your feedback!

NOW HIRING CHURCH ACCOUNTANT — We are currently seeking candidates for a part-time (15hrs per week), Church Accountant position that involves managing and overseeing CCPC's financial systems, including donations, accounts payable and payroll. Candidates must be excellent with details, administration, and numbers, comfortable with financial controls and systems, expertise/comfort in church management software, and a servant's heart. If you would like to apply, please send your résumé and cover letter to Jim Gates.

FESTIVAL OF TREES PREPARATIONS — CCPC is thrilled to participate, once again, in the 26th Annual Festival of Trees (all proceeds going to Aspirus Hospice House). We will be working on decorations and ornaments *THIS* Thursday, October 26 and November 9th if needed, from 12-3pm. If you would like to participate, contact Colleen Geurink (715-432-4671 or cgeurink@charter.net).

KRINGLES — If you are interested in ordering Kringles, please speak with our Hub attendant to get an order form. They are \$13 a piece and all orders (with payment) are due here at the church on October 29th. Please make checks out to CCPC. Kringles will be available for pickup on November 12th!

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS — CCPC Kids and Youth Ministries are going strong this fall! In light of this, we are looking for co-leaders for Wednesday nights. We have slots available for adults to join our volunteer rotation with Youth Group (middle school/high school) or with Kids Ministry (pre-K through 3rd Grade). These are wonderful opportunities to pour into the next generation. Please reach out to Jim Gates or Amanda Fuls if you are interested and want to know more.

KRINGLES & KIDS — During our Kringle ordering season at CCPC (orders due October 29), please consider purchasing Kringles for our Hearts of Hope families. In lieu of Christmas cookies this year, we would like to gift each of our families with these delightful treats. Complete an order form at The Hub and indicate that order is for Hearts of Hope. Our goal is 85 Kringles!

SEATS & FEETS — We are once again looking for a large quantity of *NEW* socks and underwear to be given to our Hearts of Hope families. A basket is located in the Narthex to drop off your donations. *We are specifically looking for: Boys underwear - 4t, 5t, 6, 8, 10/12, and men's size small, medium, large; Girls underwear - 6, 8, 12, 14/16, and all women's sizes.*

*Assurance of Pardon:

Mark 3:27, 34-35

Let us give thanks for we are forgiven. Christ came to restore our houses, tie the strong man, and unite us with God. When we follow the will of God, he calls us his mother, sister, brother, and family. **Amen.**

***Congregational Response:** "The Lord is My Salvation" See Screen
Children's Message

(Children may come forward and be seated on the stage.)

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "When Israel was in Egypt's Land" (vs. 1,2,4) #52

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 5:1-9, 12:29-32 Page 52

Special Music: "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: Mark 3:19b-35 Page 37

Sermon: "Thy Will Be Done: Plundering People" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "I Want to be as Close to You" (vs. 1,2,4) #736

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" JeHae Kim-Bixby & Les Fraaza

*Doxology

Welcome of New Members:

Sue George: Sue is retired and lives in Schofield, as does her son. She has four step-children and four grand-children ranging from 19 months to 13 years. Sue is a proud "Yoooper" having grown up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Dennis Giackino: Dennis served in the Navy and spent one year in Vietnam. He has two daughters that live in Wausau. Dennis enjoys playing Wii Bowling, line-dancing and he sings in the choir at Birchwood Highlands.

Sue & Craig Kelso: Sue and Craig went to high school together in Bellflower, CA, and after 60 years, met again and decided to spend the rest of their lives together. They love nature, music, and studying their Bibles together. They are excited to make CCPC their home.

Phyllis Lundeen: Phyllis lives with Jane Fochs as a caregiver and also works at Sam's Club. She has a son who lives in Madison. Jane has been attending for two years and is excited about all the outreach our church does. She is also a former organist.

***Affirmation of Faith:** "Apostle's Creed" See Page 4

***Welcome Song:** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" (vs. 1) #306

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "I Want to be as Close to You" (vs. 5) #736

WELCOME TO COVENANT COMMUNITY!

We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us and sincerely hope you get a blessing from the service. Some notes to help you be more comfortable during the service:

- † Please participate in congregational responses (bold)
- † Please stand as able, as marked with an asterisk *
- † Please fill out the Connection Card insert.
- † Feel free to use the Cry Room (you will be able to see & hear the service) and/or Nursery across from the sanctuary
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.
- † Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, juice, coffee, and fellowship!

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHURCH

The officers and members of CCPC welcome all persons who wish to respond to the Lordship of Jesus Christ by confessing or reaffirming their Christian Faith or by transferring their membership. We invite you to accept this invitation if you do not have a church home. Please speak with Jim Gates, note your interest on the Connection Card, or phone the church office (715) 359-6467. You are welcome here!

OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all who serve the church on Sunday mornings!

Worship Leader: Deb Tice

The Hub: Dianne Abel

Acolytes: Eli Baumann & Thomas Kohnert

Live Stream/Slides: Jack Dupuis

Greeters: Jess Lawton, Tracy Jaeck
& Andrew Lawton

Usher Lead: Jerry Trebus

Elder Greeters: Julie Trebus & Kari Kufahl

Gatekeeper: Brandon Lamping

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following folks who were recently in the hospital or reside in an assisted-care facility.

Mary Zuidema
(Renaissance in
Wisconsin Rapids)

Dave Vachowiak
(Forest Park Village)

Howie Pries
(Home)

Tom Scott
(Home)

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

TODAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION	1:30PM	BOOK CLUB	12PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
10AM	WORSHIP	7PM	DARTBALL AT HOME	6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	BELL CHOIR PRACTICE
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL					6PM	ADULT/KIDS LIFE
6PM	WORSHIP					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
						6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
12PM	FESTIVAL OF TREES PREPARATIONS					9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					10AM	WORSHIP
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						6PM	WORSHIP

For more details about CCPC programming, refer to the next couple of pages in this bulletin, go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org, or call the church office at 715-359-6467.