

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970
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SILENT MEDITATION

A BLESSING FOR AFTER; Jan Richardson, Circle of Grace, pp. 51-52

This blessing is for the moment after clarity has come, after inspiration, after you have agreed to what seems impossible.

This blessing is what follows after illumination departs and you realize there is no map for the path you have chosen, no one to serve as guide, nothing to do but gather up your gumption and set out.

This blessing will go with you. It carries no answers, no charts, no plans.

It carries no source of light within itself.

But in its pocket is tucked a mirror that, from time to time, it will hold up to you

To remind you of the radiance that came when you gave your awful and wondrous yes.

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Church Security person(s) for this week is: Jim & Marie Waehler for
Sunday and Bob Wolf for Evenings

SUNDAY APRIL 28	Worship Service with intro to the Vital Congregation - 9:30 am (MH) AA Mtg. 8:00 - 9:00 pm (FC)
MONDAY APRIL 29	
TUESDAY APRIL 30	Bible Study - 10 am - 12:00 pm (FC) Seaside Serenity 6:45 - 8:00 pm (FC)
WEDNESDAY MAY 1	AARP Choir Practice - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (FC) Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 - 7:30 pm (S)
THURSDAY MAY 2	Shuffles Bridge - 11:00 am - 5:00 pm (FC) AA Young - 7:00 - 9:00 pm (MH)
FRIDAY MAY 3	AA Serenity Group 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (FC)
SATURDAY MAY 4	Yoga - 8:15 am - 9:45 am (FC) Nar. Anonymous - 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm (FC)
SUNDAY MAY 5	Worship Service - 9:30 am (S)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC / SILENT MEDITATION/PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all the generation (*Psalm 90:1*)

C: You, O Lord, have been a dwelling place for us and our children.

L: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God (*Psalm 90:2*)

C: You, O Lord, have been with us a hundred and sixty-eight years!

L: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble (*Psalm 46:1*)

C: You, O Lord, have been our refuge and our strength!

L: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress (*Psalm 46:7, 11*)

C: You, O Lord, are the Eternal One and we have trusted you!

L: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for God's compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness (*Lamentations 3:22, 23*)

C: You, O Lord, have been our faithful One!

L: Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it". (*Matthew 16:18*)

C: You, O Lord, have built your church in this place, and we have been blessed.

ALL: Let us worship the Lord!

HYMN: Give Me Oil in My Lamp (see insert)

GATHERING PRAYER

BLESSINGS OF THE FARM

Please pray with us: Here we are again, Lord, gathered to worship. Bless this time together with the peacock, the squirrel, the dinosaur, the sacred cow, the elephant, the platypus; let our hearts sing as we rejoice in remembrance and in your amazing creation. Amen.

For all we have done;

We give thanks!

For all the fun and friendship we have shared;

We give thanks!

For these times together we love;

We give thanks!

UNISON: We have known the blessing of our Farm with you; so we come to say thanks. But we also come today because we know the work of blessing does not end. We come because we want to be a blessing. Be blessed in the name of the God who created you; you have brought us joy!

CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have given us so much; too often we take those gifts for granted; hear us as we acknowledge this burden:

You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. You call us to share your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried there may not be enough – and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse your gifts, for all the times we assume we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom. AMEN.

*******Silent Confession*******

God is a gracious giver. God is gracious in forgiveness. God calls us to new patterns and new life. We are a forgiven people!

Thanks be to God!

Please share the peace only Christ gives with your neighbors!

CENTERING MUSIC: 752 Dona Nobis Pacem *(see insert)*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OT PARAPHRASE

SERMON The Romero Prayer Bishop Ken Untener

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light, and where there is sadness, joy. O God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to loved: for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. AMEN.

APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY *(At Your Table)*

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Please email, text or call your concerns directly to Pastor Terry at:

Cell: 862-432-1196, Office: 302-539-3455 or tdougherty@ovpc.org

BLESSINGS OF THE PEOPLE *(at the font)*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

A Blessing Basket is at the door, to receive your offerings today

DEDICATION

The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say:

Thank you!

The hills and valleys are filled with color, and we say:

Thank you!

The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say:

Thank you!

Our tables are overflowing with food, and we say:

Thank you!

Our life is filled with love of family and friends, and we say:

Thank you!

We fill this house of God with our voices, saying:

Thank you! May our words, our gifts, and our service be acceptable to you, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. AMEN.

HYMN: Let It Be Said of Us *(see insert)*

CHARGE

You, O Lord, have built your church in this place, and we have been blessed! We go forth to be a blessing! AMEN.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE



We respectfully remind you of the ongoing expenses of our ministry, and of our beautiful campus. Please continue to donate. We can receive your donation by regular mail, online via PayPal or if you would like to drop your donation off, come to the office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and drop it in the mailbox outside of the office.

“May our gifts be a source of light, in a world that has learned to love darkness.”

Prayer List

John Burriss	Alex Rhodes	Dottie Nicholson
Charlotte Wheatley	Elaine Jackson Ruth Schafer	Peggy Schaffer Family of Elsie Young
Mo Gittman (Maureen)	Family of Dick Regester	Pam Price & Family
Family of Dick Peoples	Jeff Neihammer Norbert Kraich	Pastor Bruce Gillette
The Family of Janice Parris Pat Robinson	Flora Beaver Judy Reich	Francis Carbine Andrea Miller
Sarah & Chelsea, Jeanette Lyons Daughters	Ray Keller, Sr.	Carol Kratch

Prayer requests will be kept on this list in the bulletin for three months unless the office hears otherwise.

If you need prayer for whatever reason, call Kathy Sheetz (302-539-2827) to initiate a chain of prayers. Please contact the office at 302-539-3455 or email office@ovpc.org to update the prayer list! Thank you!

Our live streaming services will begin at 9:20 with pre-service music with worship beginning at 9:25. If you happen to miss us live, please visit our YouTube page so you can worship with the recorded version.

GREETERS – Alicia & Al Tamilio

SANCTUARY FLOWERS – donated by Eric & Ellen – in celebration of their wedding anniversary on April 30th.

Announcements 4/28/2024

This Week

- **Worship Service:** Today, at 9:30 am in Memorial Hall - Worship with an introduction to the Vital Congregation Group, and the work they are doing – beginning with the Animal Farm. Refreshments will be available throughout.
- **Receiving Our Star Word** – If you haven't received your Star Word yet, they are still available in the office.
- **New Bibles** - Ocean View Presbyterian Church has purchased 50 Bibles for the congregation to use. They will be put in pew racks throughout the sanctuary. These Bibles are available for dedication in memory or honor of a loved one. For a donation, you can have your loved one's name on a book plate that will be placed inside the front cover of the Bible along with your name as the donor. Please speak to Diane in the office or any member of the worship committee to make these arrangements.

Eric Neumann, Susie Baer, Kathy Sheetz,
Jane Bonbright & Jen Read

Future Events

- **Coming on May 5: Your "Star Word" Stories**

Ongoing Events

- **Scripture Readers Needed** - We need volunteers to read. Please contact the office at 302-539-3455 if you are interested. Thank you.
- **Food Pantry** – Non-Perishable Items Request:

Spaghetti Noodles	Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Vegetables	Canned Soup
Canned Tuna	Peanut Butter
Jelly	Cereal/Oatmeal
Canned Fruit	Mac & Cheese
- **Blessing Bags** - Donations are still being accepted for students at Selbyville Middle School. This ongoing ministry provides personal and food items for students. Your donations are greatly appreciated! For more information, or to arrange pick up of donations, call Marie Waehler at 302-228-5258.
- **New Choir Members Needed** – The choir can use a few more members. Please contact Shannon Flynn at 443-405-5799 if you are interested.
- Weekly Work Day, Saturdays, 9:30 – 11:30 am. To work in Buildings, Don Bailey; Cemetery, Mike Read and Frankford Thrift Shop, Elaine Wolf.
- While masking and social distancing is no longer mandatory, please respect those who wish to continue to do so. OVPC will continue to supply a mask if needed.
- **Announcements:** All announcements are due to the office by Monday prior to the date you want it published.
- **Volunteers Needed:**
 - **Security** - Couples can work together. Can you donate a half hour in the evening for one week to do church security? Training is available, contact Jim Hartsig at

301-247-1747. Diane, our church Administrative Assistant issues an email every other month requesting people to sign up for a week of doing security. Once signed up you can check the church calendar, on the church's website at OVPC.org to see what time the last user of the facility is done so you can start security. Email Diane at office@ovpc.org to get your name on the email scheduling list.

Greeters - If you are interested in volunteering, please use the sign-up sheet in the back of the church or call Pam Dougherty. Thank you!

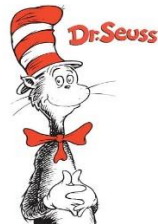
New Initiatives

Deacons' April Mission:



ReadAloud Delaware's mission is to create a life-long impact through early childhood literacy.

ReadAloud Delaware's **vision** is for every child in Delaware to have the foundational literacy skills needed to succeed in school and life.



Think about your early childhood years, were you read to, did you have books available for you? By supporting ReadAloud Delaware we can provide children in our community a chance to build larger vocabularies and to create a greater knowledge of the world around them.

ReadAloud Delaware Sussex County Director Ms. Stacy Penaranda will be our guest speaker at the congregation dinner, 5/31/2024 in Memorial Hall. The Deacons are pleased and proud to once again support this organization. Please prayerfully consider giving to the April mission offering. If you write a check, please write Read Aloud Delaware on the memo line.

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Give Me Oil In My Lamp

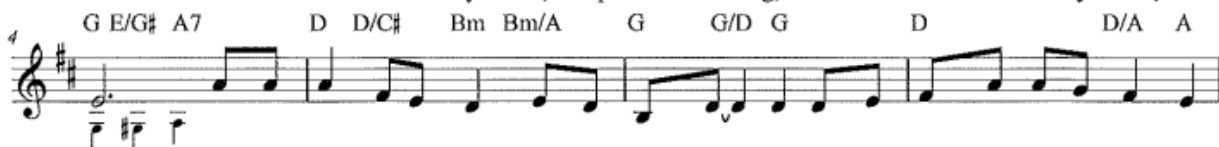
Words and Music:
Traditional

VERSE

D D/C# Bm Bm/A G G/D G D D/C# Bm D/A



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| 1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing; | Give me oil in my lamp, I |
| 2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me prais - ing; | Give me joy in my heart, I |
| 3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me rest - ing; | Give me peace in my heart, I |
| 4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serv - ing; | Give me love in my heart, I |



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| pray. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing; | Keep me burn - ing till the break of |
| pray. Give me joy in my heart, keep me prais - ing; | Keep me prais - ing till the break of |
| pray. Give me peace in my heart, keep me rest - ing; | Keep me rest - ing till the break of |
| pray. Give me love in my heart, keep me serv - ing; | Keep me serv - ing till the break of |

CHORUS



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| day. Sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na to the King of kings! |
| day. |
| day. |
| day. |



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| Sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na, sing ho - san - na to the King! |
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Dona nobis pacem .. 752

Sim shalom

Rabbu habna salamann tamman

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (A)

F C F C

*1

Latin Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem.
 Hebrew Sim sha-lom, sim sha-lom, sim sha - lom.
 Arabic Rab - bu hab - na sa - la - mann tam - man.

*2

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

*3

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

(G) (b) (A) (D)
 B \flat F C F

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.
 Sim sha - lom a - lei - nu.
 Rab - bu hab - na sa - la - mann.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

*May be sung as a canon.

HEBREW

שים שלום עלינו

ARABIC

رَبِّ هَيْبِنَا سَلَامًا تَامًا.
 رَبِّ هَيْبِنَا السَّلَام.

Whether sung in Latin, Hebrew, Arabic, or any other language, there is no common human prayer deeper than the longing for peace: peace among people and peace in our hearts. The style of this familiar musical setting suggests that it dates from the late 18th or early 19th century.

Let It Be Said Of Us

Words and Music by
Steve Fry

VERSE

C Am F C/G G

1. Let it be said of us that the Lord was our pas - sion, that with
2. Let it be said of us: We were marked by for - give - ness, we were

5 Em Am F G F/G C

glad - ness we bore ev - 'ry cross we were giv - en; That we fought the good
known by our love, and de - light - ed in meek - ness. We were ruled by His

10 Am F C/E Dm7 C Dm

fight, that we fin - ished the course know - ing with - in us the pow'r of the ris - en
peace, heed - ing un - i - ty's call; Joined as one bo - dy that Christ would be seen by

CHORUS

16 G G G7/B F/C C G G7/B C E

Lord. Let the cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song, by mer - cy made all.

22 A2sus Am F G G7/B F/C C G G7/B

ho - ly, by the Spir - it made strong. Let the cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our

28 C F C/E Dm7 C Dm E Am F

song 'til the like - ness of Je - sus be through us made known. Let the cross be our

34 C/E Dm7 C F C/G G C

glo - ry and the Lord be our song.

You Know The Way: A Poem

Holy One,

You know the way.

I want to know the way, too.

I want to tell the way where to go.

I want the way to follow me.

Perhaps then my mind and heart can
rest from carrying

all

of

..this..

I want to know the way.

Instead, I will know you.

When my legs sprint through the
dark valleys and uneven terrain,
slow my steps.

When my eyes wander ahead,
straining to see what's coming,
close them.

When I don't know where I am,
teach my soul to be still.

Maker of the Way,
give me what I need to
worship my way through

..this moment..

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