

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970
July 25th, 2021



SILENT MEDITATION

2 Kings 4: 42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing the man of God twenty barley loaves made from the first-fruits, and fresh grain in the ear. "Give it to the people to eat", said Elisha. But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred men?" "Give it to the people to eat", Elisha insisted. "For thus says the Lord: 'they shall eat and there shall be some left over'". And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the Lord had said.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom Shuman

L: The foolish say, "There is no God! We are alone, on our own".

C: We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.

L: The foolish say, "It is your life. You are accountable to no-one".

C: We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.

L: The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone".

C: We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.

ALL: Let us worship God, who calls us, with all that is in us!

GATHERING PRAYER

God of grace, we come today as people who live through your grace, grateful for your love, grateful for your strength, grateful for your Spirit, grateful for your Son, Jesus Christ. Fill us today with all your fullness, bless us today with your abundance, we pray in Jesus' name; Amen.

HYMN

509: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

REFLECTION ON OUR COMMON HUMANITY

Creating and sustaining God, you open your hand to satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing; so we look to you when we hunger and thirst.

As you once fed the crowds with bread, and fish, so you feed us, keeping our bodies, minds and spirits alive, filling us when we are empty; filling us with good gifts of your creation and of your Spirit.

Many continue to hunger and thirst; physically, emotionally and spiritually.

We are bold to ask that, as you have graciously provided for us, you would provide for those who call to you in despair and dire need. As your compassion is over all you have made, let it be over those still empty, in a society filled with that which does not last.

You alone provide safety and security that last.

Open your hand; that all may be filled!

Friends, Jesus Christ came so that all humanity might come to know the abundant life that flows from God.

Thanks be to God!

CENTERING MUSIC **451: Open My Eyes, That I May See**

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will
disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy
will to see. Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Samuel 11: 1-15

GOSPEL LESSON John 6: 1-21

L: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Lagniappe*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Nolan Palsma; World Communion of Reformed Churches*

We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and mind; have one God, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one Name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope. Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and build up one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness. Together we pray; together we serve God in this world. AMEN.

CONCERNS AND JOYS

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

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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DEDICATION

CHARGE

BLESSING

Now, friends, I entrust you to God, and to the message of God's grace; a message that is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance with all who are sanctified. Now may the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, and remain with you, this day and every day. Amen.



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.”

LITURGIST – Karen Colwill

SCRIPTURE READER – Susan Baer

GREETERS – Amy and Dick Peoples

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Donated by Mike and Marlene Quinn in memory of Marlene's parents

Prayer List

Khaled & Nouha Dabaj, their
children, and mother Nohad
John Doherty
Alex Rhodes

Ainslie & Keith Peoples
Danna Henderson
Karla Koll & Javier

Laurie Linard
Tom Murray
Dick Regester
Rita Carbine

Family of DeAndre Brown
Sally Mason
Dave Kratch

Elaine Jackson
Dottie Nicholson
Tracy Higdon
John Burris

David & Teresa Jednorski
Jeff Niehammer

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 Stephen Ministers are available if you are feeling especially distressed during this time, or facing a challenge that just seems to be too much to handle alone. Please call Elaine Smith for a referral.

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.

Deacon's August Mission – Emergency Assistance Service

The Deacon's Mission for August will provide funding for the Emergency Assistance Service (EAS), administered by the Pyle Center. EAS partners with the East Sussex Ministerium and local churches to meet emergency needs of local families and individuals, who are referred by counselors at Pyle Center. Needs may include food, utility bills, fuel, rent, etc. Service providers are paid directly through the East Sussex Ministerium treasury. Please join the Deacons in planting a mustard seed, as OVPC continues to care for our wider community. Thank you!

BLESSING BAGS - Marie Cook Waehler

Reminder – If you want to participate in the blessing bag ministry, please put your donations in the bin located in Memorial Hall. List of items needed is on OVPC website as well as the Newsletter. Thanks again for your generosity.

These Days Devotion

The These Days devotional books for July, August and September are now available. You can pick them up after church service or in the office.

Scriptures for Sunday July 25th 2021

2 Samuel 11: 1-15

¹In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

²It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

⁶So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house", David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" ¹¹Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." ¹²Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, ¹³David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

¹⁴In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

John 6: 1-21

¹After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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