

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970
June 13th, 2021



SILENT MEDITATION

N.T. Wright, in 2nd Corinthians "for Everyone", p. 59

Forgiveness does not mean moral indifference. God doesn't tolerate evil. God hates it. God will not allow it in God's new creation. Otherwise, God would be an evil, foolish and unjust God. Paul believed, with the whole Jewish tradition behind him and the death and resurrection of Jesus before his gaze, that God was and is good, wise and just, and that one day the whole world will know it.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

PLAYING OF THE CHIMES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

A HYMN PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Katharine Hawker

L: Called to be branches in Christ's body,

C: we yearn to be connected to the vine.

L: Called to be mustard bushes, offering shade to God's creatures,

C: we search for places to plant the seeds of faith.

L: Called to be growing with God in the midst of this life's painful questions,

C: we seek, O God, your nurturing presence.

ALL: We are here to seek, praise and thank you, O God!

GATHERING PRAYER

Nancy C. Townley

God of small seeds and mighty plants, you take our meager lives and with your love cause them to produce acts of loving kindness for you in this world. You hear our cries and find us, when we are lost and wandering in fear. You bring us home with you that we may be made whole, rejoicing in your goodness. Help us to joyfully serve you all our days, knowing you are always watching over us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

REFLECTION ON OUR COMMON HUMANITY

Lord, we called to you from the depths of our separation,

When we were cold as stone, lifeless as clay, dry as dust, desperate for light. You made of us salt and light for the world; you made of us something holy, blessed and blessing; you made of us the body of Christ.

There for us in our loneliness, listening and answering,

You call us again and again, to turn from the things of this world in order to live toward the things of God; to turn from our weakness to live in the strength of Christ; to respond to the endless call on our lives to be an answer, even as we have been answered by You, in Christ.

Lord, in you we are transformed, made to be bread for the hungry, water for the thirsty, hope for the helpless, love for the unloved.

You are hope, and help, and healing; water, bread and wine; the promise of eternal life. Transform us anew; keep us close to you, as you transform all the world.

Friends, God forgives, restores and renews us through Jesus Christ;

Thanks be to God!

CENTERING MUSIC

407: Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5: 6-17

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4: 26-34

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

SERMON Seeds

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation; in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for Him. He Himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross. 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

DOXOLOGY

36: For the Fruit of All Creation
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For the Fruit of all Creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are
sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

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 – Elaine Smith

SCRIPTURE READER – Susan Baer

USHERS – Marie and Jim Waehler

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Donated by Don and Cindy Benjamin

Prayer List

Khaled & Nouha Dabaj, their
children, and mother Nohad

John Doherty

Alex Rhodes

Ainslie & Keith Peoples

Brian DeFazio

Danna Henderson

Karla Koll & Javier

Laurie Linard

Tom Murray

Dick Regester

Rene' Heller

Elsie Young and Family

Rita Carbine

Family of DeAndre Brown

Sally Mason

Elaine Jackson

Dottie Nicholson

Sue Baer

Tracy Higdon

John Burris

David & Teresa Jednorski

Emma Meadows

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.

Christian Education

Join us today for a "Morning at the Beach"

The Christian Education Committee would like to invite our OVPC family and friends to join us for a time of fellowship and fun under the sun. We will meet on the lawn across the street from the church. Bring your beach chair and, if you wish, an umbrella and favorite beach game for a "Morning at the Beach." Refreshments will be served in the breezeway. If you need a chair, let us know and we will gladly provide one for you. CDC protocols will be followed.

Come renew old bonds and create new friendships!

DATE: **Today**, June 13, 2021

TIME: 10:30 AM directly after Worship

PLACE: The lawn across the street from the church

This event will be cancelled if there is inclement weather.

If you have questions please contact Ellen Neumann: elleneu86@gmail.com

302-537-1347

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Nativity Festival

OVPC is excited to begin preparation for the 2021 Nativity Festival. If you are interested in planning for this event, please contact Eric Neumann at 302-537-1347 or neumanneric55@gmail.com.

2021 OVPC Flower Chart

Looking to reserve a special Sunday for Celebration or Memorial flowers? Please contact the office 302-539-3455 or email office@ovpc.org. The following Sundays are still available.

December 12th

Deacon's June Mission – La Esperanza

La Esperanza was founded in 1996. Its mission is to provide support to Latino individuals and their families and to integrate them into the community by providing advocacy, education, and support services. La Esperanza is the only multiservice nonprofit focused on building empowerment among Latinos in Sussex County.

Their mission is: "To assist Sussex County Latinos on their journey to achieve stability, integration and success."

While 2020 was a very difficult year due to COVID-19, La Esperanza was able to continue meeting needs of the Latino community by providing food assistance, immigration counseling, and assisting with citizenship classes.

I encourage you to go to the OVPC website (ovpc.org) where you can find the 2020 La Esperanza Annual Report which provides detailed information of their many activities and accomplishments last year or go to their website <https://www.laesperanzacenter.org/donate/>.

Please consider supporting this important and worthwhile organization. Make your check payable to OVPC, in the memo line indicate "June Mission".

Newsletter

Reminder – all items for the July/August Newsletter edition is due by June 20th.

Fathers' Day Celebration

Happy Father's Day! The Women of the Church would like to invite all Dads to drop by the Breezeway of the church after worship on June 20th for some special "sweets" for Fathers' Day. There will be chairs and tables and "goodies" galore. It's a chance for all of us to celebrate our fathers and spend time with our church family.

Scriptures for Sunday June 13th 2021

2 Corinthians 5: 6-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4: 26-34

²⁶He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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