

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970
October 18, 2020



SILENT MEDITATION

*Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now.
You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.*

The Talmud

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE SESSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

C: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing!

L: Know that the Lord is God.

C: It is God that has made us, and we are God's; we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

L: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving; God's courts with praise.

C: Give thanks to God; bless God's name.

ALL: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, God's faithfulness to all generations. Let us worship God together!

REFLECTION ON OUR COMMON HUMANITY

Our God is a faithful God, a God who promises to be our Shepherd; to give us certainty and safety, to remove doubt and fear.

Too comfortable, perhaps; too certain, perhaps; we have taken hold of our safety and our prosperity and assumed they are our right by birth. We have "pushed with flank and shoulder", we have "butted at all the weak animals with our horns", we have scattered them.

Yet we have faith in the Lord Jesus, love toward all the saints! How can this, also, be true? God of glory, give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation; enlighten the eyes of our hearts!

Call us to hope, call us to our inheritance; bring us to our own land and feed us upon the mountains, lead us by the watercourses – and let none, any longer, be estranged.

Friends, God has put this power to work in Jesus Christ, when God raised Him from the dead. He is the head over all things for the church, which is his body; He fills all in all. In this Jesus we are forgiven, free to love as He loves!

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25: 31-46

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

SERMON

Mixed Flock

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Belhar Confession

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church; the unity of the saints of the entire human family. And we believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active, in that we love one another, that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another; that we share one baptism together, that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together; that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope, which is the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ, forever and ever; AMEN.

MATTHEW 25 LITANY

Roddy Hamilton

For the hungry, He is the bread-breaker; for the imprisoned, He is the freedom-giver; for the lonely, He is the companion-maker; Who?

Jesus Christ!

For the thirsty, He is the wine-pourer; for the forgotten, He is the name-caller; for the unloved, He is the love-maker; Who?

Jesus Christ!

For the excluded, He is the table-setter; for the sinner, He is the grace-giver; for the silenced, He is the word-maker; Who?

Jesus Christ!

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

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORDS PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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DEDICATION

CHARGE

BLESSING

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. If you need to drop your donation off, come to the office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and make sure we know. You may also donate through Pay Pal; or our on website, ovpc.org.

LITURGIST – The elder leading the service today is Karen Colwill.

SCRIPTURES today are presented by Bev Bailey and Karen Colwill.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given today by Sue Dick in memory of Howard Dick.

There will be preservice music beginning at 9:20 for the live streaming service.

This will continue until we are back together again.

The service will begin at 9:30 as usual.

Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, October 20

Looking Ahead:

Sunday October 25th

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 6-9, 22-23, Psalm 146, James 2: 1-7, 14-17, Mark 12: 38-44

The OVPC Annual Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2020, immediately following worship in Memorial Hall. You must be present to vote. All safety protocols will be followed. Copies of the Nominating slates are available at Worship on Sunday, Quiet Hour on Thursday and in the mailbox outside the church office.

The Session is preparing for their annual performance review of Pastor Terry on November 9, 2020. Please send any comments, in confidence, to the Clerk of Session, Karen Colwill, via email at kbcollwill@hotmail.com or put it in her mailbox in the church office.

Fellowship Hour

Please join us every second Sunday of each month for our virtual Coffee Hour Zoom.

Meeting ID: 82622196711

Pass Code: 250790

Elaine Smith Moderator; Women's' Circle

Ushers Needed

Ushers still needed for November. Please let Judy know if you feel comfortable about venturing out. We will try our best to keep you safe. Thank you. Contact Judy at 302

547 6424 or Rjandjudyann@yahoo.com.

PRAYER LIST
October 18, 2020

Khaled & Nouha Dabaj, their
children, and mother Nohad
John Doherty
Alex Rhodes
Ainslie & Keith Peoples
Rev. Dave Lovelace
Brian DeFazio
Frank Cook
Pete Wells
Woodruff Family
Angie Ritter
Emma Meadows

Chuck and Sherri Weymer
Gina
Laurie Linard
Charlotte Wheatley
Joni & Ray Keller
Ray Keller, Jr.
Tom Murray
Betsy Henifin & Family
Dick Regester
Donna Stitz
Evy Symer
Ann Logan

Patrick Kennedy
Charlie O'Niell and Family
Elaine Jackson
Dottie Nicholson
Kasey
Jim Dudley
Charles Berry
Tracy Higdon
Dave Sergison
Dave Morrow and Family
Shelle Voeltz

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** have continued their bi-monthly ministry meetings. If any of you are feeling especially distressed during this time, one of our Stephen Ministers can meet with you via phone or via video. Please call Elaine Smith for a referral.

A Quiet Place, Thursday Evenings

Every Thursday, the Sanctuary will be open from 6:00 until 6:30 PM for Self-Guided Meditation and Prayer. A quiet, holy space for personal contemplation. The scriptures for the following Sunday will be provided. There will not be a convener. You may stay 5 minutes or the full ½ hour. It depends on your desire. All Covid – 19 protocols will be observed. It is our hope this will provide a refuge from the chaos of today and another opportunity for oneness with God.

October Book Study

Every Thursday Evening in October on Zoom 7:00-8:30 pm

Bev Bailey will lead us in a study of the book, "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion, by Father Gregory Boyle—a Jesuit priest and founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries, a gang intervention program in Los Angeles. Call or email Bev to indicate your interest. Books can be purchased on Amazon.

Calling all volunteers!

As OVPC continues plans to re-open for services in phases, we are asking for volunteers to help disinfect surfaces in the sanctuary and the restrooms in Fellowship Center and Memorial Hall before (Saturday) and after each service. If you'd be interested in helping out, please contact Lori at the church office 302-539-3499 or email www.office@ovpc.org. All supplies including masks and gloves are provided.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
FOCUS ON THE MATTHEW-25 INITIATIVE

During the Christian Ed hour, in conjunction with the Mission Committee, we will begin a five-week series focused on the PC(USA)'s initiative about MATTHEW-25. These meetings will be held over Zoom (details below). Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. To that end, PC(USA) has invited Synods, Presbyteries, and individual congregations to affirm their support — to be counted as a Matthew-25 group. Over these several weeks, we will hear more about this Matthew-25 initiative — the context of the initiative and the three component parts.

More information about the Matthew-25 initiative can be found online at presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25

SUNDAY	MATTHEW-25 TOPIC
October 18th	Discussion on Eradicating Systemic Poverty. Leaders: Bev Bailey and Dale Smith
October 25th	Next steps: what Matthew-25 means to OVPC. Leader: Bev Bailey
ZOOM meeting details for <u>all</u> dates:	Meeting ID: 831 8781 2011 Passcode: 327614 Dial-in: 929.205.6099

Rev. Dr. Karla Koll

Please remember Rev. Dr. Karla Koll, our mission co-worker living in San Jose, Costa Rica with your donations. This congregation, through the Mission Committee with the Session's recommendation, has committed to provide \$1,200.00 each year for the support of Karla Koll and her ministry at the University of Biblical Studies. Karla was with us in worship at OVPC on October 11, and joined our Fellowship Hour, also. She told us about her life and work with Covid 19, and it was clear that our support is necessary. If you have given to Karla's Ministry, please consider this important work and write a check to OVPC, with Rev. Karla Koll in the memo line. All donations must be in by November 30, as the amount is then sent to Presbyterian Mission in Louisville, for distribution. Thank you for your generosity.

Deacons' Mission Project for October 2020
PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

Today, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is actively engaged in peacemaking and reconciliation in more than 50 countries. Through our partner churches and organizations, our reach is extended to 100 countries. Your gift helps us do even more. In too many places around the world, peace is merely a hope. Conflicts between nations, peoples, and ideas put peace at risk everywhere. During the Season of Peace, we recognize that too many people live in situations that are both unsettled and unjust. Your gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering works to address these deep-seated problems by supporting efforts to inspire, equip, and connect Presbyterians engaging in ministries of reconciliation and peace around the world. Through missions, work projects, and education, we witness to the peace of Christ for our sisters and brothers as they face some of the greatest challenges of our time.

Scriptures Sunday October 18th

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 “ ‘For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.

12 As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.

13 I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land.

14 I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

15 I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD.

16 I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

20 “ ‘Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

21 Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away,

22 I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another.

23 I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd.

24 I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

Matthew 25:31-46

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.

32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from

another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?

38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?

39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

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