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Worship

October 9, 2022, 11:15 am

## **Gathering Around the Word**

#### Welcome and Announcements Lighting of the Candle Centering Music

#### +Call to Worship

- L: Ten call out to Jesus to help the.
- P: Jesus responds and they are healed.
- L: Yet only one returns to thank him.
- P: And he was a religious outsider.
- L: Where were the others?
- P: Maybe we be in the minority who praise and thank our God.

+Hymn To God Be the Glory (#485)

## **Prayer of Confession**

Lord, when we are in trouble, we call on you to walk with us. You respond with mercy and help. Yet we often fail to thank you and go our merry way until our next troubles. Forgive us our ingratitude. Remind us of your care and constant presence. May we be people who are quick to respond with thanksgiving.

(moment of silence.)

## Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Call this to mind, and have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. In the name of the Lord, our sin is forgiven. **P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.** 

**Response** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (#2193) Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

#### The Peace

L: Jesus said: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The peace of Christ be with you. **P: And also with you!** 

#### Anthem

# Hearing the Word

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Living God, help us to hear your word, that we may truly understand, that we may believe and be faithful and obedient. Amen.

**Scripture** Jeremiah 29:1; 4-7 1 These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

4 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. 7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Hymn God of Our Life (#275)

**Scripture Luke 17:11-19** 11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus[a] was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten lepers[b] approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' 14 When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated himself at Jesus'[c] feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18 Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' 19 Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Sermon Say Thank You Rev. Robert Wood

Hymn I Want Jesus to Walk with Me (#363)

## Responding to the Word

#### Affirmation of Faith From A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve... In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to

unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace...With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Offering Prayer**

L: In the spirit of the first believers, we are called to share our goods in common and contribute to the needs of the poor with glad and generous hearts. Let us pray:

P: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the many blessings you have given to us, and for the opportunity to share what we have with others who are in need. Help us to use our gifts of money, time and talents to shape the world in your image. Amen.

#### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer** 

The Lord's Prayer

#### Taking the Word into the World

+Hymn Now Thank We All Our God (#555)

#### +Charge and Benediction

+Stand as you are able

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# Scriptures for Sunday, October 16

Jeremiah 31:27–34 Psalm 119:97–104 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Luke 18:1–8

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy Ruth Roeber The McDermott family Johanna Willis The Kleier family Jean Jennings' family Emilee Walden Kelly Montana Lynda Jaeger Kittie Dupps Skip Dixon & Family Ron Carlin Ella Grace Marksberry

#### Worship Services

Join us for in person services at our new location at 710 Western Reserve Rd., Crescent Springs, KY. You can also worship with us online via Facebook Live, or by joining the conference call. Worship services begin at 11:15 am.

#### **Guest Preacher for Sunday, October 16**

Elder Lee Sanders will be leading Community of Faith in worship next Sunday.

#### Save the Date: October 25-26 – CLASP Carrabba's Fall FUNd-Raisier

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 25-26, Carrabba's restaurant at the Crestview Hills Town Center will sponsor a FUNd-raiser on behalf of CLASP. For every person who brings a CLASP coupon to the restaurant that day, Carrabba's will donate 20% of the purchase price to CLASP. Both dine-in and carryout meals will qualify for a donation. Coupons will be available shortly in the bulletin, and on the Community of Faith website and Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/cofnky).

#### Say Hello to Music Director Jie Fang Goh!

Jie Fang Goh was recently hired by Community of Faith, because of his outstanding talent and experience. Fang (pronounced Fong) hails from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He has two undergraduate degrees and two master's degrees in musicology and collaborative piano from US colleges and major universities. He's now working on an Advanced Degree in Opera Coaching at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music (CCM). He has been involved as a collaborative pianist, director, coach, accompanist, videographer, and graphic designer in places as diverse as Waco, TX, College Park, MD, Aspen, CO, Vienna, Austria, in France, and in Hong Kong, Interestingly, his master's thesis was entitled: *Billy Joel's Turn and Return to Classical Music: Fantasies and Delusions.* In church music, Fang has worked as a:

- Contemporary Music Director and Pianist at the Holy Trinity Lutheran
  Church
- Music director and pianist at the Mowatt United Methodist Church
- Church pianist for the Bosqueville United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, and

• Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Waco, Texas He currently works as the pianist for Crescent Springs Presbyterian (upstairs), and as a graduate assistant at CCM. Say "hello" to Fang over the next few Sundays.

#### Stewardship Season is Here

This year's stewardship theme is: Growing in Faith Through Active Stewardship. The season runs from this Sunday, October 9, to "Commitment Sunday" on November 6. We will have "Minutes for Mission" in which you may be actively involved, on October 16, 23, and 30.

We plan to send out the Stewardship letter and draft budget during the week of October 16, after the Session meets and approves it. Bill Lindsay will do a brief budget presentation and Q&A after church on October 30. This will not be an official "called meeting" of the congregation, but an informational meeting. Remember, that it is Presbyterian policy that the Session approves the budget, and the congregation approves the pastor's "terms of call" (salary plus benefits) in January. Commitment Sunday, when we ask that you submit your Estimates of Giving, will be on November 6.

Does COF need your contributions, during the rest of this year, and throughout next year? Of course it does. We've experienced some significant income gains in 2021 through sale of the church property. However, the more important question is: Do YOU realize YOUR burning need to give of your time, and talents as a sign of your love and gratitude toward God for God's gifts of grace, peace, and forgiveness to you? If not, the Stewardship team challenges you to seriously consider a change in your thinking, and to shift from: How much does the church need my contribution in order to pay its expenses? TO: How much do I need to contribute in time and talent, not JUST "treasure," in order to GROW IN FAITH and show God how much I love God, and how grateful I am for my life, my gifts and talents, and God's everyday GRACE?

#### Benefit Concert - Friday, October 14

Former Community of Faith Presbyterian Church's accompanist, Daesik Cha, and former Music Director, Yeon-Kyung Kim, are teaming up to present a public concert entitled, "Four Hands Piano Recital" at Knox Presbyterian Church, 3400 Michigan Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208, on Friday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. The program will include pieces by Brahms, Schubert, List, Ravel, Debussy, and Stravinsky. If you enjoy hearing classical music, you MUST see and hear these amazingly talented pianists, both of whom are CCM graduates. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit young pianists in the greater Cincinnati/NKY region and beyond.