**June 09, 2024**

**3rd Sunday After Pentecost**

**“Who Told You To Be Ashamed?**

**God Seeks You Out”**

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**Crescentville United Methodist Church**

**A Changing Church for Changing Times**

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**Welcome & Prayer**

**Announcements**

*Please stand*

**Chorus of Welcome** *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

**Call to Worship** *Psalm 130: 1-6*

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

**P: Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

L: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

**P: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

L: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

**P: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who**

**watch for the morning.**

**Worship Song “***I'm Not Ashamed To Own My Lord, At The Cross*”

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend his cause,

maintain the honor of his Word,the glory of his cross.

Refrain: At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,

And the burden of my heart rolled away,

It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day!

Jesus, my God! I know his name, his name is all my trust;

nor will he put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost. [refrain]

Firm as his throne his promise stands,and he can well secure

what I've committed to his hands 'til the decisive hour. [refrain]

Then will he own my worthless name before his Father's face,

and in the new Jerusalem appoint my soul a place. [refrain 2x]

**Opening Prayer**

**Lord Jesus, thank you for wanting to be with us. When we hide ourselves, you go after us. When we don’t quite know how to reach you, you meet us. Help us not to be ashamed to be in your presence. Help us to trust that you bring healing and forgiveness to all parts of our lives. Help us to be so open to your love that we receive your healing in every part of our souls. Thank you Jesus. Amen.**

Please be seated

**Youth Message**

**Joys & Concern…..*Gathered Prayer***

*Please stand*

***Singing of THE LORD'S PRAYER -*** *Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,**on earth as it is in heaven.**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

**Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory** *“With Grateful Joy”*

*Please stand*

**The Doxology** *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”* # 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Offertory Prayer**

**HYMN “***O Day Of God Draw Nigh*” # 730

O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power;

come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour.

Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid,

the quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.

Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure,

and finely build for days to come foundations that endure.

Bring to our world of strife thy sovereign word of peace,

that war may haunt the earth no more, and desolation cease.

O day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth;

let there be light again, and set thy judgments on the earth.

*Please Be Seated*

**Scripture Lesson Genesis 3:8-11**

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"

He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

**Sermon** “Who Told You To Be Ashamed? God Seeks You 0ut”

*Please stand*

**Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Closing Hymn** *“How Firm A Foundation” verses 1,2,5 # 529*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent word!

What more can He say than to you He hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

**Choral Benediction** *“How Firm A Foundation” verse 3 # 529*

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;

for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

A black and white picture of a book

Description automatically generated**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

Reading the bible gives us what we need to defend our faith. 1 Peter 3:15 reminds us to be able to give a reason for our faith but to be careful how we do so. We need to be gentle and respectful.

**4th Sunday after Pentecost - June 16, 2024**

Mark 4:26-34 - 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 - Psalm 20 or Psalm 72 - 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

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**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers! To add a prayer request or share a joy, *please call Sue Creevey 267-847-6029.***

Prayer makes a difference. God’s power is seen when his people join together in prayer for one another. God hears the prayers of his people and he has the power to work mightily in any given situation.

**Prayer Request from June 3rd**

Meghan Riley is in the hospital, having seizures. Prays for improved health.

**Prayer requests from June 2nd**

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Prayers for Martha Korto as she will be leaving the US and going home to Liberia to enjoy her retirement.

Prayers for Enid Manley-Spain as she is moving to North Carolina to start a new job. Prayers for Enid & Alton as they maintain a long distance relationship.

JOY - Dende's father, Rev. David Caulker will celebrate his 94th birthday on the 8th of June, Dende is going to Freetown to surprise him with a visit.

The Wilson's granddaughter, Ally, attends the University of the Arts, and they are closing on June 7th. Prayers for Ally as she searches for another school to finish her 4th year.

JOY - Rhonda Whited birthday was June1st. Happy Birthday!

Continued prayers for Mark Whited as he continues PT for his shoulder.

Prayers for Rhonda and her work situation.

Sheryl Duke (Carol Evan's Sister) the family hopes that a change in medication will help her to improve.

Prayers for Patience Kunyabor who is grieving her mother's death.

Prayers to stop all the atrocities happening all over the world.

JOY - Naiima Jabati graduates of June 10th.

Congratulatione to Walter & Shamaine on their wedding yesterday. Prayers for love, peace and a blissful marriage.

JOY - Farol has a new job at a Philadelphia Elementary School

**Continuing Prayers for:**

Martha & Wondor Korto Scott Meyer Cass Quigley Marva Mehan Riley

Sheryl Duke Betty Brzoza Victoria Somers Nancy Hionides

**For families, especially:**

Betty Sauerwald & family The Stefanescu & Mc Manus Families Jiselle & Family

Zilpha and James Browne Jean Bernard and family The Spotts Family

Pastor Brendan Van Gorder & family

**For an end to violence, for peace** **and stability**

Philadelphia, especially our community - Sierra Leone, Africa

Haiti - Israel and Hamas - Ukraine and Russia

**Please praise and pray for our youth – they are the future of our church!**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Friday, June 15th** – Wish the Snyder’s a happy 50th wedding anniversary & thank them for their dedication to each other and to our church!

**Sunday, June 16th** – We will honor our graduates with a gift from our Administrative Council. If you would also like to give a monetary gift for them, please mark your donation “Graduates” and place it in the offering plates. The funds collected will be divided among 4 students.

**Wednesday, June 19th** – Women’s Fellowship Meeting - Noon

**Sunday, June 23rd - Pastor Brendan's last Sunday with us**. After worship We will have a pizza party as we send Pastor Brendan off to his future endeavors. If you would like to volunteer to bring beverages, fruit or cut up veges, or cupcakes for dessert, please let Sue Snyder know.

**Saturday, June 29th - Flea Market 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**SPECIAL OFFER! We will provide a free hotdog for the first 50 people making a purchase.**

**Sunday June 30th – Celebrating our youth & graduates!** Worship 10:30AM

**Sunday, July 7th – Worship 10:30 AM** Rev. Randy Brubaker will lead us in worship and Holy Communion.

**Sunday, July 14th - Worship 10:30 AM -** Pastor Bob (Rev. Robert Coombe) Will lead us in worship for the first time. After worship, we will have an ice cream meet and greet time for fellowship.

**Small Group Study – “When God’s People Pray” by Jim Cymbala**

I feel that Crescentville UMC needs a prayer ministry. Each week we tell our joys and concerns, but who is praying these requests? When I get a phone call during the week and someone needs prayer, it only the Pastor and myself that know of this request. We should have a team of prayer warriors to pray!

During the summer, I would like to lead a small group study on prayer, with the hopes of starting a prayer ministry in September. This is a six session study, each session would be about one hour. Each session includes a short video and discussion. I have open options of when and where to meet – at my home, at church, day, evening, whatever works for the majority interested in participating. Please tell me soon if you are interested, and as a group forms we will decide on our meeting times and place.

Sue Creevey 267-847-6029 [call or text] susan.creevey@verizon.net

**Introduction to study:**

Our God loves us deeply and longs to be in a relationship in which we receive the spiritual and physical blessings he wants to give us. We, as individuals and as churches, suffer great loss when we fail to ask God for these blessings. These blessings can change our lives, invigorate our churches, transform our communities, and even alter the course of history! Best of all, they are available to every believer and every church if we will only pray for them in faith and obedience.

My desire through this video series is to help God's people discover prayer as our lifeline to Him - our source of strength and abundant blessing. I want to help God's people engage in serious prayer and become a living display of what God - and He alone - can accomplish here on earth. I don't want any of us to suffer the tragedy of a life summed up by these words from Scripture: ***"You do not have, because you do not ask God" (James 4:2).***

By God's grace, I pray that this video series will instruct, inspire, and assist God's people in discovering a new life of asking and receiving from God.

Jim Cymbala

**When God’s People Pray**

**Session 01: God's Heart for Us**

**Session 02: The Amazing Power of Prayer**

**Session 03: Obedience in Prayer**

**Session 04: The Word of God and Prayer**

**Session 05: Why Prayer Matters**

**Session 06: Creating a Prayer Ministry in Your Church**

**Pilgrim Baptist Church (5930 Rising Sun Avenue)**

**Is offering a five day camp for youth ages 6 – 12.**

**August 5th thru the 9th, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

This camp is led by **CHILD evangelism Fellowship of Philadelphia County, Inc.**

**WHAT CAN PARENTS EXPECT**

We are dedicated to providing a well-rounded program to meet the spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional needs of each child who attends.

All staff members are carefully screened before being allowed to work with your child.

There will be continuous supervision provided for your child as well as a licensed nurse in case of injury.

**WHAT CAN CAMPERS EXPECT**

Bible Lessons, Crafts, Games & Reaction, Missions, County Fair, Camp Store

**WHO?** Children ages 6 - 12

**WHEN?** August 5 - 9 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**WHERE?** Pilgrim Baptist Church, 5930 Rising Sun Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120

**Important**

A $5 non-refundable fee is required. Breakfast, lunch and snack will be provided.

**Do Bring:** Bible (if child has one), Shoes suitable for active games,

Medication (if needed), Offering for guest missionary (optional)

**Don't Bring** Cell Phones, Other Electronics

Please do not drop campers off earlier than 8:45 AM. There will not be supervision for them prior to that time.

A Photo ID that matches the names listed on your child's registration form will be required to pick up your child.

<https://www.cefphiladelphia.org/summercamp>