**June 02, 2024**

**2nd Sunday After Pentecost**

**Holy Communion Sunday**

**“Breaking the Rules”**

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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**

L: Who has the Lord called to serve?

**P: Is it the great and mighty?**

L: In whom has the Lord found favor?

**P: Is it those with power and prestige?**

L: It is each one of us! God has found favor with each of God’s lowly children!

**P: Let us serve the Lord with gladness and joy. AMEN.**

**Worship Song** “Father Let Your Kingdom Come”

Hallelu, hallelujah Father, let Your kingdom come (Repeat 4x)

May the works of my hands bring You joy (Repeat 4x)

And so we sing...

Hallelu, hallelujah Father, let Your kingdom come (Repeat 4x)

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace (Repeat 4x)

Hallelu, hallelujah Father, let Your kingdom come (Repeat 4x)

You make all things new, You make all things new

In places we don't choose, You make all things new

Hallelu, hallelujah Father, let Your kingdom come (Repeat 4x)

**Opening Prayer**

**Lord Jesus, thank you for calling us into a bold ministry. Thank you for giving us the authority and power that comes from the Holy Spirit! Help us overcome the unjust and oppressive systems in this world that want to keep us powerless. Help us to rise up in the power of Christ and lead fearlessly. Help us to claim the authority that you have given the weak and the lowly. Thank you Jesus! In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

Please be seated

**Youth Message**

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

**Gifts and Offerings**

 **Offertory** “We Are An Offering”

*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 Gift Of Love # 408**

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,

and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,

but not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.

Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

*Please Be Seated*

**Scripture Lesson Mark 2:23-3:6**

One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?"

And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

**Sermon “**Breaking the Rules*”*

*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.

*Interlude: Be Present At Our Table Lord*

**Service of Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you…………………...…**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts……………………...…..**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God….**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN**

 **AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY, HOSANNA IN THE**

 **HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE**

 **LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

*Please be seated*

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

 in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

 **CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.**

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

 all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

***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*

*BREAKING THE BREAD………………………………….GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP*

*Communion Hymns “”The Body Of Christ”*

*Please Stand*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Lord, Thank you for breaking the rules. Thank you for redeeming our lives from bondage to sin and death. Help us to be lead by the Holy Spirit, not by the rules and customs of our society. Help us to be so connected to you that we go boldly against what is normal and what is common. Help us to follow Jesus and become a disciple of the one who loved so boldly that he broke many rules and they killed him for it. Help us to join you Jesus in dying to ourselves, but also help us to join you Jesus in the authority and power of resurrection and life in the face of death. Thank you for making us freedom people. We love you. In Jesus name, Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** *“O Christ The Healer - tune Lord Speak To Me”*

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.

How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;.

yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves!

Release in us those healing truths unconscious pride resists or shelves.

In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;

our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction** *“O Christ The Healer - tune Lord Speak To Me”*

Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find

the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

The Bible is an epic story of love, life, death, war, family, and more. It has its ups and downs, and it's pretty riveting. If you're not a reader, this may be the one book worth saying you read. If you're going to read anything, you can say you read the biggest bestseller of all time.

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost - June 9, 2024**

Mark 3:20-35 - 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15) - Psalm 138 –

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1



**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***

Sometimes the most valuable thing we can do for a person is to pray for them. Actually, prayer is always the most significant, vital, imperative, essential, critical, crucial…take your pick.

**Prayer request from May 29th**

Kass Greenlaw’s cousin, Nancy Hionites has entered hospice care.

**Prayer Requests from May 26th**

Marina Jean is not feeling well.

Prayers for our youth - they can not experience life as we did.

Prayers for Haiti the violence is out of control. All are in danger.

Ruthie Dillion broke her ankle - prayers for healing.

Ron Smith (Cocoa's Dad) is 85 today. He will be getting a pace maker on June 7th. Prayers that all goes well.

Prayers for Cocoa's friend Tommi as she grieves the loss of her 100 yr old great-grandmother and her mother in law.

Prayers for Dot Gallagher's neighbor Mike who is not feeling well.

JOY - Olive Hanson graduated on Saturday from LaSalle with a Bachelor Degree in Nursing.

Thanks for those who gave their lives for our freedom. Freedom is not free.

Prayers for the Buzzard family. Dorothy Buzzard died on May 21st. She was 102 years old!

**Continuing Prayers for:**

Martha & Wondor Korto Scott Meyer Cass Quigley Marva

Sheryl Duke Betty Brzoza Victoria Somers

**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 aAM. 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>