



GOBIN CHURCH
A United Methodist Community for All

PRAY

God, Holy Shepherd, thank you for taking care of your flock throughout the ages. May we always stay close and never stray. Thank you. Amen

ACT

Pray for all the people, families, workers, businesses and everyone affected by the pandemic.

Saturday, November 21, 2020

Matthew 12:46-50 <https://tinyurl.com/y7hpijke>

PONDER

Jesus used this family moment to teach the crowd that we are all one family. I think of the beautiful words of Bobbie Lancaster's song "Woven" – "We will rise together, we will fall together, we are woven." Everything we do has ripples. Faithful obedience to God is the ultimate expression of family and communal joy. This passage reminds me of the late-70s song recorded by the vocal group Sister Sledge - "We Are Family." "We are family ... get up everybody and sing." How much different the world would be if we could all sing together as a family!

PRAY

Father-Mother God, open my eyes to see the "Family of Man" in my midst and help me be Love and Light and Hope and Peace. Thank you. Amen

ACT

Call someone you are not biologically related to who you consider "family" and tell them you love them.

DAILY PRAYER MEDITATIONS

Monday, November 16, 2020

Romans 2:1-11 <https://tinyurl.com/jek7rn7>

PONDER

Judgment is a harsh thing. We judge others all the time, even when we don't mean to judge them. God knows all things and "will repay each person according to what they have done." When difference is all we see in others, judgment sometimes follows. If we use terms like "them" and "those people" we are judging. God is the ultimate judge and our role as God's people is to love our neighbor as ourselves. This means not judging when the neighbor doesn't mow his lawn for two weeks or the person in front of us in line is covered in tattoos or the single mother is having a hard time controlling her children. We have to guard against judging others at all costs. God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

PRAY

God, help me not judge others. You are the one true judge and I long for eternal life in your Holy Presence. Thank you. Amen

ACT

Think about a time when you've judged someone and ask God for forgiveness.

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 <https://tinyurl.com/y6o3yv2l>

PONDER

“Live in peace with each other.” This is scripture, God’s dream for us passed down through the ages. How do we do this? How do we reconcile differences, be calm when we are attacked with harsh words, look beyond the bad? Some Bible translations title this section “Final Instructions.” When I look at these encouraging words, I think about where I want to end up in my faith journey as I serve God here and now. I want to acknowledge hard work, love, live in peace, encourage and help others and be patient. I want to live verses 16-18 every moment: “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances” When my final end comes, I want to have lived out these instructions and been found worthy of eternity with God.

PRAY

God, help me live in peace and good will among my fellow human beings as you would have me do. Thank you. Amen

ACT

Pray for world peace.

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Matthew 24:45-51 <https://tinyurl.com/yxs5aapa>

PONDER

We don’t know what tomorrow will bring. We may think, “It’s ok to do this today – I can make up for it tomorrow.” I’ll share tomorrow. I’ll give tomorrow. I’ll be more kind tomorrow. I’ll work harder tomorrow. We cannot serve two masters. We have to find ways to navigate between the world and God’s kingdom on earth. Always, wisdom, kindness and compassion will win over wickedness, violence and hate.

PRAY

God, you see me. May I always be found to be faithful in your sight. Thank you. Amen

ACT

Do something kind for someone who doesn’t expect it – maybe even a stranger!

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Psalms 100 <https://tinyurl.com/pzoyzwb>

PONDER

The eternal dwelling of God among us deserves our attention. We can worship or worry. We can be joyful or judgmental. We can love or hate. When we awake in the morning, each day is new and full of possibilities for gratitude, joy and love. How beautiful that God is faithful to us! We focus on our own life of faith and our call to love and serve while God is focused on US.

PRAY

God of gladness and joy, we praise you for all the ways you are faithful to us, even when we disappoint you. Thank you. Amen

ACT

Sing your favorite hymn of praise or read your favorite praise psalm. If someone is nearby, invite them to join you.

Friday, November 20, 2020

Isaiah 40:1-11 <https://tinyurl.com/slap3xv>

PONDER

This passage evokes the tradition of the journey through the wilderness, with restoration in sight. The Bible stories are timeless! Here we are back in the wilderness of a surging pandemic, the numbers rising of those infected with Covid-19. We still don’t know how restoration will play out, and certainly not everything will be the same once the pandemic is under control. In the meantime, God is present and God’s word endures forever.