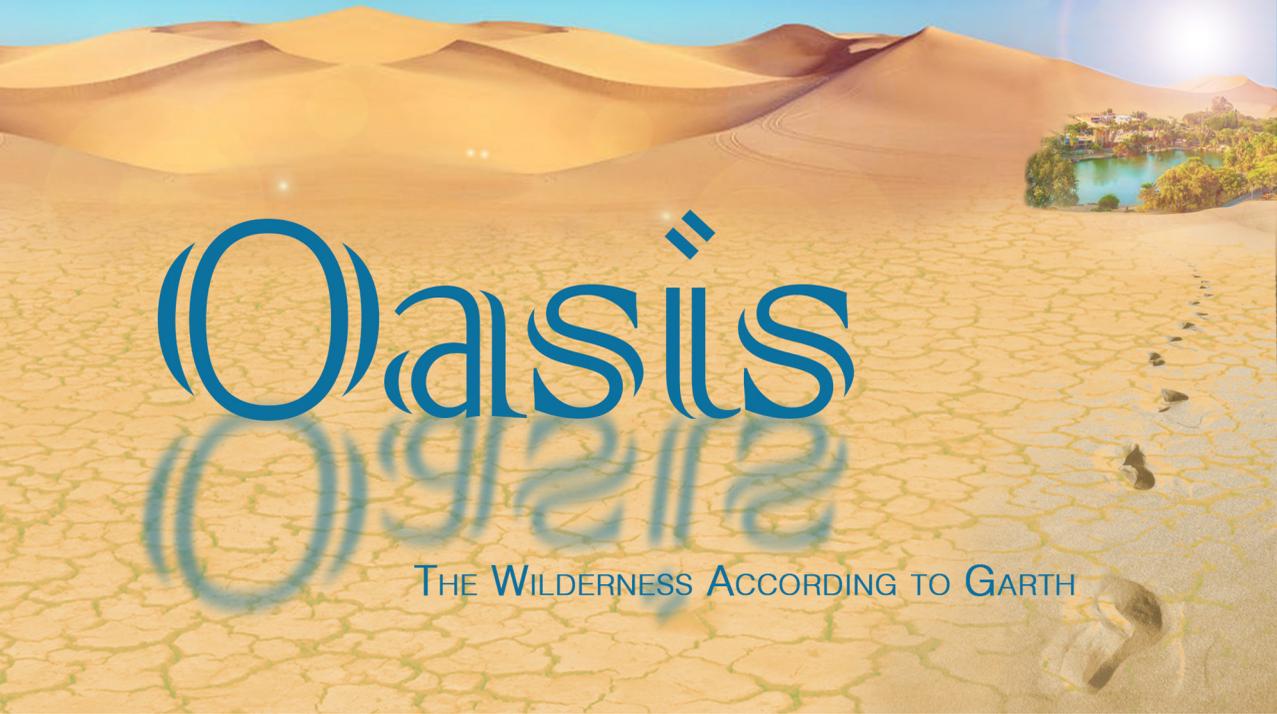


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MARCH 2020 | LENT

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COUNCIL MEMBERS



COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND TIMES

GREENMOUNT:

Third Monday of the Month
Next Meeting March 16
7pm at Greenmount

ST. JOHN'S:

Second Monday of the Month
Next Meeting March 9
7pm at St. John's

COOPERATIVE

PARISH TEAMS

WELCOME *to Worship!*

COOPERATIVE WORSHIP TIMES

- Thursday Evening 7:55pm @ Greenmount (Casual)
- Sunday Morning 9:00am @ St. John's (Contemporary)
- Sunday Morning 9:45am @ Greenmount (Traditional)
- Sunday Morning 10:30am @ Grace (Traditional)
- Sunday Morning 11:00am @ St. John's (Traditional)

The first Sunday of each month we serve communion. You do not have to be a member of our parish to have Holy Communion, all are welcome.

If there is a 5th Sunday, we have a combined parish worship at 10am. Church location TBD.

Little Free Pantry

PERISHABLES EVENT

First Tuesday of the Month

4pm at SJ Parking Lot



SOS Mission: See Page 15

GENTLE YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

SATURDAYS, 1PM-2PM AT ST. JOHN'S
JANUARY 25-MARCH 7
CONTACT SHEILA HERBST
443-287-1279
FREE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/1 High Impact Meeting. 6:30pm @ Grace
- 3/2 Mary & Martha Meeting 7pm @ GM
Tree of Friends Guest Speaker (See Page 9)
- 3/3 Little Free Pantry Perishables 4pm @ SJ
- 3/8 SJ Easter Lily Orders - Last Day
- 3/8 Confirmation Class 6pm @ GM
- 3/9 St. John's Council Meeting. 7pm @ SJ
- 3/10 Women In Mission 7pm @ SJ
- 3/14 midYAK Parents Dinner 7pm @ SJ
- 3/15 Confirmation Class 6pm @ GM
- 3/19 High Impact Adventure - check web for details
- 3/16 Greenmount Council Meeting. 7pm @ GM
- 3/20 Men & Boys Banquet 6:30pm @ Grace
(See Page 19)
- 3/26 Caring Parish Meeting 9:30am @ SJ
- 3/28 Trivia Night! Potluck and Prizes 6pm @ SJ
(See Page 23)
- 3/29 5th Sunday Combined Worship 10am @ GM
Easter Cantata by the SJ Choir
- 3/29 Confirmation Class 6pm @ GM
- 3/30 YAK Leader's Meeting 7pm @ GM

Need to reserve a space
for your meeting or event?
Contact Kathryn
for more information
admin@nccpumc.com

RECURRING EVENTS

S M T W Th F S

Sunday School All locations* Worship 9 @ SJ 9:45 @ GM 10:30 @ G 11 @ SJ A.A & Al-Anon 8pm @ SJ	Daycare 7am-6pm @ G Exercise Group 9:00am @ SJ	Daycare 7am-6pm @ G Homeschool 11am-4pm @ SJ Taekwondo 6:00pm @ G Band of Brothers 7pm @ SJ N.A. Meeting 8pm @ SJ	Daycare 7am-6pm @ G Exercise Group 9:00am @ SJ	Daycare 7am-6pm @ G Choir Practice 6:30pm @ GM Choir Practice 6:30pm @ SJ Worship 7:55 @ GM	Daycare 7am-6pm @ G Exercise Group 9:00am @ SJ Faith Feast 12 noon @ SJ	YAK Meeting 7-9pm @ SJ
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* check web for more details

MONTHLY READINGS

March 1.....Matthew 4:1-11 * Communion

 March 8.....John 3:1-17

 March 15.....John 4:5-30

 March 22.....John 9:1-23

 March 29.....John 11:1-45 *Combined Worship



READERS & GREETERS

March 1
 9:00 Keith Johnson (R) Keith & Lois (G)
 9:45 June Archibald (R)
 10:30 Grace Youth (R) Alice Dutterer (G)
 11:00 Dan Schiller (R) Schiller Family (G)

March 8
 9:00 Jimmy Thompson (R)
 Thompson Family (G)
 9:45 Luke Dunbar (R)
 10:30 Grace Youth (R) Alice Dutterer (G)
 11:00 Bonnie Gregerson (R&G)

March 15
 9:00 Donna Price (R&G)
 9:45 June Miller (R)
 10:30 Grace Youth (R) Alice Dutterer (G)
 11:00 Linda Raver (R)
 Janet Griffith & Linda Snyder (G)

March 22
 9:00 Janet Vizkelety (R&G)
 9:45 Linda Broadfoot (R)
 10:30 Grace Youth (R) Alice Dutterer (G)
 11:00 Ron Franklin (R) Nancy Conner (G)

March 29 Combined Worship at Greenmount
 10:00 Mike Dunbar

WELCOME,

KIDS!

LENT

twitter
procrastination
chocolate
Internet
fast food
movies
credit cards
soft drinks
ice cream
smoking
tardiness
shopping
MySpace
red meat
TV
candy
swearing
coffee
Facebook
caffeine
junk food
parties
sweets

What
Are You Giving
Up?

FOR THE KIDS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR ALL AGES!

IT IS HELD THE HOUR PRIOR TO THE LOCATION'S WORSHIP TIME.

GREENMOUNT: 8:45AM

ST. JOHN'S: 9AM

GRACE: 9:15 AM

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

CHILDREN'S CHURCH IS HELD AT OUR GRACE LOCATION DURING THE 10:30AM WORSHIP. DIFFERENT THEN SUNDAY SCHOOL, THIS 1/2 HOUR IS TIME FOR THE KIDS TO DO A FUN ACTIVITY AND HAVE A SNACK WHILE THEIR PARENTS STAY IN THE SANCTUARY. AGES PRESCHOOL TO FIFTH GRADE ARE WELCOME TO JOIN

GRACE SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:
COLBY RHOTEN IS CURRENTLY LEADING THE ADULT DISCUSSION SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON THE TOPIC, SPIRITUAL GIFTS. ALL ADULTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN.

DAVID CAVEY LEADS THE YOUTH CLASS FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH.

ST. JOHN'S AND GREENMOUNT ALSO OFFER CHILDREN'S CHURCH IN THEIR STAFFED NURSERY DURING WORSHIP FOR A FUN AND SAFE PLACE FOR YOUR KIDS TO PLAY DURING WORSHIP.

SUMMER CAMP

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



2020
SUMMER
CAMPS

HOPE IS

Alive

JUNE 21-26

CAMP HARMISON

6th Grade and up. Overnight Camp in Berkeley Springs, WV

JULY 6-10

SPORTS CAMP

Ages 5 and up. 9am - Noon at Greenmount

JULY 13-17

ART CAMP

Ages 5 and up. 9am - Noon at St. John's

JULY 20-23

AGRI-SCIENCE CAMP

Evening Camp. Ages 5 and up. 6pm - 8pm at Grace

JULY 27-30

HOPE AT THE PARK

Ages PreK and up. 9am - Noon at Lion's Club

AUGUST 17-21

S.T.E.M. CAMP

Ages 5 and up. 9am - Noon at Greenmount

ALL CAMPS ARE FREE OF CHARGE
REGISTER ONLINE
NCCPUMC.EVENTBRITE.COM

Guest speaker from
Tree of Friends Foundation
in Manchester. Those
attending please bring
proteins for their food
bank.



Mary and Martha Meeting: March 2nd, 7pm at Greenmount.

30 PIECES OF SILVER

TWICE AS NICE: CATTLE

Did you know a cow provides more than just nutritious milk to drink? Extra milk can be sold or made into cheese and yogurt. Manure is also used to fertilize their crops and improve their harvests.

Your gift of a cow will improve a hungry family's health and income, and provide opportunities for success that they've never had before. Now, you can double the impact of your generosity by giving the gift of a Mating Pair of Cattle.

These industrious animals will immediately go to work for a needy family. A heifer and bull will improve the productivity of a struggling farm. This mating pair will provide valuable offspring, which can be raised or sold at market. Soon, this family will be able to Pass on the Gift, which will turn them into donors themselves. Thanks to your gift of a Mating Pair of Cattle, another family will move from poverty to self-reliance.



**Mating Pair of
Cattle: \$1,000**

Install solar panels to your property and
take a big step to combat climate change.

M&Ms will be collecting donations for Lent. This year the monies raised will be used to purchase Cattle from Heifer International. Bags for donations will be handed out starting Sunday, March 1st.

Any questions please ask:
Gwen Hanson
Carol Smith
Barb Cullison
Carol Cebulski
or Diane Miller.

Order of Worship

March 1, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP.....BOW #329

Since, then, we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God,

let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
**but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are,
yet without sin.**

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

OPENING HYMN.....I Want Jesus to Walk with Me UMH #521

*gam Praise Song

CHILDREN'S TIME

ACT OF PRAISE

PRAYER.....BOW #333

Almighty God, your blessed Son was led by the Spirit
to be tempted by Satan.

Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations.

And, as you know the weakness of each of us,

let each one find you mighty to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: [Matthew 4:1-11](#)

GLORIA PATRI (*11 a.m. Only)UMH #70

SERMON "Standing Outside the Fire"

HOLY COMMUNION

TITHES & OFFERING

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

CLOSING HYMN.....[Fill My Cup, Lord](#) UMH #641

*gam: Praise Song

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

SPIRIT SONG (*9:45).....UMH #347



The United Methodist Church features an open table. You do not have to be a member of our parish to have Holy Communion.

**EVERYONE
IS WELCOME**

Scripture & Questions

March 1, 2020

Matthew 4:1-11 Common English Bible (CEB)

Temptation of Jesus

4 Then the Spirit led Jesus up into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. 2 After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "Since you are God's Son, command these stones to become bread."

4 Jesus replied, "It's written, People won't live only by bread, but by every word spoken by God."^[a]

5 After that the devil brought him into the holy city and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, 6 "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down; for it is written, I will command my angels concerning you, and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone."^[b]

7 Jesus replied, "Again it's written, Don't test the Lord your God."^[c]

8 Then the devil brought him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 He said, "I'll give you all these if you bow down and worship me."

10 Jesus responded, "Go away, Satan, because it's written, You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him."^[d] 11 The devil left him, and angels came and took care of him.

Footnotes:

a. Matthew 4:4 Deut 8:3

b. Matthew 4:6 Ps 91:11-12

c. Matthew 4:7 Deut 6:16

d. Matthew 4:10 Deut 6:13

Order of Worship

March 8, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP.....BOW #329

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yet without sin.**

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

OPENING HYMN.....Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Space UMH #400

*9am Praise Song

CHILDREN'S TIME

ACT OF PRAISE

PRAYER.....BOW #336

O merciful Father, in compassion for your sinful children
you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world.
Grant us grace to feel and to lament our share of the evil
that made it necessary for him to suffer and to die for our salvation.
Help us by self-denial, prayer, and meditation
to prepare our hearts for deeper penitence and a better life.
And give us a true longing to be free from sin,

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-17

GLORIA PATRI (*11 a.m. Only)UMH #70

HYMN OF PREPARATION... 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus UMH #462

SERMON "Friends in Low Places"

TITHES & OFFERING

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

CLOSING HYMN.....Jesus Is All the World to Me UMH #469

*9am: Praise Song

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

SPIRIT SONG (*9:45).....UMH #347



***SOS Easter Basket Toy Drive
for Nesap***

**SMALL PUZZLES, GAMES, PENCILS,
PLASTIC EGGS, SMALL TOYS,
BOOKS, PARTY FAVORS AND VERY
LIMITED CANDY.**

By March 15th

Scripture & Questions

March 8, 2020

John 3:1-17 Common English Bible (CEB)

Jesus and Nicodemus

3 There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him."

3 Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born anew,^[a] it's not possible to see God's kingdom."

4 Nicodemus asked, "How is it possible for an adult to be born? It's impossible to enter the mother's womb for a second time and be born, isn't it?"

5 Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom. 6 Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Don't be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' 8 God's Spirit^[b] blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. It's the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus said, "How are these things possible?"

10 "Jesus answered, "You are a teacher of Israel and you don't know these things? 11 I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don't receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One.^[c] 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One^[d] be lifted up 15 so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. 16 God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. 17 God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Footnotes:

a. John 3:3 Or from above

b. John 3:8 Or wind

c. John 3:13 Or Son of Man

d. John 3:14 Or Son of Man

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Order of Worship

March 15, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP.....BOW #329

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let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
**but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are,
yet without sin.**

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

OPENING HYMN.....My Hope is Built UMH #368
*gam Praise Song

CHILDREN'S TIME

ACT OF PRAISE

PRAYER.....BOW #335

Everlasting God,
because of your tender mercy toward all people,
you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
to take upon himself our flesh,
and to suffer death upon the cross,
that all should follow the example of his great humility.

Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his patience
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: John 4:5-30

GLORIA PATRI (*11 a.m. Only)UMH #70

HYMN OF PREPARATION.....I Want a Principle Within UMH #410

SERMON "Ask Me How I Know"

TITHES & OFFERING

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

CLOSING HYMN.....Take My Life and Let It Be UMH #399

*gam: Praise Song

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

SPIRIT SONG (*9:45).....UMH #347

MEN & BOYS BANQUET

Dinner and Entertainment

Friday March 20 at 6:30pm

NCCP @ Grace

Open to all men and boys

RSVP To David Cavey

(443-677-8362) by March 16

This years banquet will be dedicated to
The Memory of Morris Favorite.
Morris coordinated the banquet for over 20 years.

PSALM 121
A PILGRIMAGE SONG,
I RAISE MY EYES TOWARD THE MOUNTAINS,
WHERE WILL MY HELP COME FROM?
MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD,
THE MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

Scripture

March 22, 2020

John 4:5-42 Common English Bible (CEB)

5 He came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, which was near the land Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he sat down at the well. It was about noon.

7 A Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me some water to drink." 8 His disciples had gone into the city to buy him some food.

9 The Samaritan woman asked, "Why do you, a Jewish man, ask for something to drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (Jews and Samaritans didn't associate with each other.)

10 Jesus responded, "If you recognized God's gift and who is saying to you, 'Give me some water to drink,' you would be asking him and he would give you living water."

11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you don't have a bucket and the well is deep. Where would you get this living water? 12 You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave this well to us, and he drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life."

15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will never be thirsty and will never need to come here to draw water!"

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, get your husband, and come back here."

17 The woman replied, "I don't have a husband."

"You are right to say, 'I don't have a husband,'" Jesus answered. 18 "You've had five husbands, and the man you are with now isn't your husband. You've spoken the truth."

19 The woman said, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you and your people say that it is necessary to worship in Jerusalem."

21 Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you and your people will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You and your people worship what you don't know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. The Father looks for those who worship him this way. 24 God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth."

25 The woman said, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us."

26 Jesus said to her, "I Am—the one who speaks with you." [a]

27 Just then, Jesus' disciples arrived and were shocked that he was talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" 28 The woman put down her water jar and went into the city. She said to the people, 29 "Come and see a man who has told me everything I've done! Could this man be the Christ?" 30 They left the city and were on their way to see Jesus.

Footnotes:

a. John 4:26 Or It is I, the one who speaks with you.

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Order of Worship

March 22, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP.....BOW #329

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who has passed through the heavens,
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let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are,
yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

OPENING HYMN.....Trust and Obey UMH #467

*gam Praise Song

CHILDREN'S TIME

ACT OF PRAISE

PRAYER.....BOW #337

O Lord our God, teach us temperance and self-control,
that we may live in the Spirit
and be mindful of all that Jesus endured and sacrificed for our sakes,
and how he was made perfect through sufferings.

Help us so to keep the fast that you have chosen,
that we may loose the bonds of wickedness,
undo the heavy burdens, and let the oppressed go free;
through the grace of Christ Jesus our crucified and risen Savior. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: John 9: 1-23

GLORIA PATRI (*11 a.m. Only)UMH #70

HYMN OF PREPARATION...Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH #454

SERMON "The Dance"

TITHES & OFFERING

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

CLOSING HYMN.....Close to Thee UMH #407

*gam: Praise Song

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

SPIRIT SONG (*9:45).....UMH #347

TRIVIA NIGHT

Potluck and Prizes

A-L Main Dish | M-Z Side or Dessert

NCCP St. John's

Saturday, March 28th, 6 pm

Contact: Keith Johnson

Scripture

March 22, 2020

John 9 Common English Bible (CEB)

Jesus heals a blind man

9 As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?"

3 Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. 4 While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 After he said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man's eyes. 7 Jesus said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (this word means sent). So the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see.

Disagreement about the healing

8 The man's neighbors and those who used to see him when he was a beggar said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?"

9 Some said, "It is," and others said, "No, it's someone who looks like him."

But the man said, "Yes, it's me!"

10 So they asked him, "How are you now able to see?"

11 He answered, "The man they call Jesus made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and said, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and then I could see."

12 They asked, "Where is this man?"

He replied, "I don't know."

13 Then they led the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. 14 Now Jesus made the mud and smeared it on the man's eyes on a Sabbath day. 15 So Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

The man told them, "He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see."

16 Some Pharisees said, "This man isn't from God, because he breaks the Sabbath law." Others said, "How can a sinner do miraculous signs like these?" So they were divided. 17 Some of the Pharisees questioned the man who had been born blind again: "What do you have to say about him, since he healed your eyes?"

He replied, "He's a prophet."

Conflict over the healing

18 The Jewish leaders didn't believe the man had been blind and received his sight until they called for his parents. 19 The Jewish leaders asked them, "Is this your son? Are you saying he was born blind? How can he now see?"

20 His parents answered, "We know he is our son. We know he was born blind. 21 But we don't know how he now sees, and we don't know who healed his eyes. Ask him. He's old enough to speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they feared the Jewish authorities. This is because the Jewish authorities had already decided that whoever confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be expelled from the synagogue. 23 That's why his parents said, "He's old enough. Ask him."

Footnotes:

John 9:35 Or Son of Man

John 9:36 Or Lord

John 9:38 Or Sir

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Order of Worship

March 29, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP.....BOW #329

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who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
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yet without sin.**

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

OPENING HYMN.....God Will Take Care of You UMH #130
*gam Praise Song

CHILDREN'S TIME

ACT OF PRAISE

PRAYER.....BOW #334

O God, your glory is always to have mercy.
Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways,
and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith
to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word,
Jesus Christ your Son,
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: [John 9: 1-41](#)

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Scripture & Questions

March 29, 2020

John 11:1-45 Common English Bible (CEB)

Lazarus is ill

11 A certain man, Lazarus, was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (2 This was the Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped his feet with her hair. Her brother Lazarus was ill.) 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, saying, "Lord, the one whom you love is ill."

4 When he heard this, Jesus said, "This illness isn't fatal. It's for the glory of God so that God's Son can be glorified through it." 5 Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. 6 When he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was. After two days, 7 he said to his disciples, "Let's return to Judea again."

8 The disciples replied, "Rabbi, the Jewish opposition wants to stone you, but you want to go back?"

9 Jesus answered, "Aren't there twelve hours in the day? Whoever walks in the day doesn't stumble because they see the light of the world. 10 But whoever walks in the night does stumble because the light isn't in them."

11 He continued, "Our friend Lazarus is sleeping, but I am going in order to wake him up."

12 The disciples said, "Lord, if he's sleeping, he will get well." 13 They thought Jesus meant that Lazarus was in a deep sleep, but Jesus had spoken about Lazarus' death.

14 Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died. 15 For your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there so that you can believe. Let's go to him."

16 Then Thomas (the one called Didymus) said to the other disciples, "Let us go too so that we may die with Jesus."

Jesus with Martha and Mary

17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. 19 Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother's death. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. 22 Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you."

23 Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. 26 Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

27 She replied, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God's Son, the one who is coming into the world."

28 After she said this, she went and spoke privately to her sister Mary, "The teacher is here and he's calling for you." 29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. 30 He hadn't entered the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who were comforting Mary in the house saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at the tomb.

32 When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died."

33 When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. 34 He asked, "Where have you laid him?"

They replied, "Lord, come and see."

35 Jesus began to cry. 36 The Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"

Jesus at Lazarus' tomb

38 Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. 39 Jesus said, "Remove the stone."

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, "Lord, the smell will be awful! He's been dead four days."

40 Jesus replied, "Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you will see God's glory?" 41 So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. 42 I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me." 43 Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

45 Therefore, many of the Jews who came with Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

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