

SERVICE ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

A SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/GARDEN SUNDAY

SERVICE ORDER

Opening Music: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of the Day: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music: dulcimer “ God the Father”

Lesson : Matthew 21:23-32

23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’²⁴ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?”²⁶ But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’²⁷ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

28 ‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.”²⁹ He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went.³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go.³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Sermon

Sermon hymn: “We Are Called”

Prayer : Holy God, help us to learn from You to ask good questions, to think rather than just react, to be open to changing our minds, to seek common ground. Bless this Vineyard of Your Creation that we call home, and send us to work productively within it, for Your glory and our neighbor’s good. We ask that you would guide the public servants of government in our community, state, and nation, that they may do their work in a spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice. May all who wield authority use it to serve faithfully and promote the common good.

As we struggle with the pandemic, economic adversity, political divisiveness and all manner of concerns, we call to mind before you all whom it is easy to forget: those who are homeless, destitute, sick, isolated, and all who have no one to care for them. May we bring help and healing to those who are broken in body or spirit, that they may have comfort in sorrow, company in loneliness, and a place of safety and warmth. Especially this morning we pray for the children and young people of our congregation, that you would bless them in their learning this year, both in school and through church. May they grow in the love of Jesus! We pray this in Your holy name. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Music: Bells "How Great Thou Art"

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Susan Berge

Church Musician: Carol Carlson

Lector: Laurie Jackson

Videographer: Scott Shelerud

Dulcimer: Jim Allert

Bells: Knife River Ringers; Sam Black, director

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNIFE RIVER PRAYER LIST:

In need of healing: Veronica Persons, Susan Anderson, Elsa Keeler, Becca Kuechle, Les Bolen, Fred Wright, Reid Carson, Kayla Davidson, Archie Moore, Pastor John Reppe, Gary Swanson, Faith Swanson, Seth Goodnature, Pat Hovis, Sarah Monaghan, Emily Coolidge, Melyssa Bloom, DeWayne and Maurine Rubedor, Emma Durward, Bill Crandall, Becket Lundgren

Special circumstances: Jacques Basson (Anne Lu's brother, who is working with Covid-19 patients in Dubai.)

Long Term Concerns: Sue Sigel, Laurie Jackson, David Pierce, Jan Moon, Pat Hanson, Pat Levenske, Dani Mattson, Lyle Northey, Leif Zmolek, Kane Bolen, Aspen Winbigler, Deb Allert, Peggy B., Corine Sutherland

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, Sept. 27-Virtual Autumn Garden service

Tuesday, Sept. 29-Lectio Divina/Dig Deeper online

Wednesday, Sept. 30-9:00 AM-Quilters meet

Midweek devotion and announcements sent out

Upcoming: Sunday, Oct. 4, 10 AM-Smart Team meets

CHILDREN'S CHURCH and KID'S CONNECT start this Sunday, as we send lessons through the mail to our children and their families. This is only possible because of the efforts of Lawrence Burkhard, Randi Alreck, Melanie McMillion, and the Christian Education Committee.

As the letter that Lawrence and Randi sent to the children with their lesson stated: "Jesus loves you...and so do we!" We ask God's blessing on our children as they learn in this unique way during this time of the pandemic. We are sending materials out to 20 children!

SPECIAL OFFERING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DURWARD FAMILY

The Durward family of Knife River recently experienced a terrible accident, in which their four year old daughter, Emma, was run over by a vehicle in a church parking lot in Duluth. Emma was hospitalized and is now recovering at home for the most part. Our Council voted to give an immediate gift of \$500 to the family out of local outreach monies within our budget, but we also want to give individual members an opportunity to contribute to a further gift. Through November, we will receive checks to Knife River Lutheran Church with the designation "for the Durward family" as a part of this effort. Thank you for caring about our neighbors!

OFFERINGS

Please check the church newsletter for a financial update, and remember the importance of supporting the church through your mailed in offerings! P.O. Box 218, Knife River, MN 55609

WHO ARE WE MISSING?

We are attempting to cast our net wide in sending out these emails, along with postings on Facebook and our church website. Additionally, we are sending snail mail copies to those who are without online resources. If you know of someone we are missing, please let us know, so we may include them too!

MASK MESSAGE FROM JOANIE LEE We continue to make masks, and realize that masks wear out from wearing and washing. Please don't hesitate to ask for replacements. We have plenty. Contact at joanielee14@gmail.com.

NEW OPTION FOR ONLINE OFFERING

We are now offering the option to submit your weekly offerings online. Simply click on the link on the church's home page that states "NEW: Make online donation here via Subsplash" and watch for the link on upcoming YouTube videos. Make a one time donation, or set up a recurring offering that allows you to support the church even when you're away.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

Melanie has tried to get the final quarter Christ in Our Home to all those who requested the third quarter edition from her earlier in the year. If you would like a copy of this wonderful devotional and have not yet received it, please email Melanie!

PHOTO REQUESTS FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

We are asking people NOT to submit pictures of children without parents' permission. It is also important NOT to submit pictures from magazines, websites or sources that may be under copyright or ownership of others. Original photos preferred. Thank you!!