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## Invitation to Innovate!

### Get Connected!



Bring/Purchase/Cook your own dinner;  
NO MASKS REQUIRED  
since we'll be meeting on Zoom

**TONIGHT!**

**SECOND TUESDAY SUPPER CLUB!**

**on Zoom:**

**September 8 at 6 pm**

**[Click here to join us!](#)**

Sign-up  
and  
Complete  
Paperwork  
Below

[Wed. 9/9: 10 -2:40](#)

[Sat. 9/12: 10 -2:40](#)

## Give Blood Give Life

This WED and SAT @ church,  
(Thurs-Friday at the Carter Bloodcenter)

**CPC versus FPC**

*friendly competition*

invite your friends and neighbors  
& share our facebook event, too!



Don't forget our  
Wednesday Live @ Five  
on Facebook

Request your favorites by  
[clicking here!](#)



First Wednesday  
Cookout  
on the  
Second Wednesday!

Come to the Drive-Thru  
at 101 Sharron  
to pick up  
your

**FAJITA DINNER!!!**

We took orders Sunday after worship,  
but it is not too late. Respond [here](#) with  
your name and quantity.



BYOB

## COFFEE @ CPC

(or your beverage of choice--BYOB)

**Tuesdays at 4:30pm**

&

**Wednesdays at 8am**

**Under the Portico in front of the AC**  
In-person coffee, conversation, connection,  
and prayer!

## Creating Sacred Community Online

(Buttons for Zoom and Facebook can take you to our Sunday services  
from the church webpage at [www.cpcwaco.org](http://www.cpcwaco.org))

**Sunday Morning** - Click [HERE](#) (a link to our Zoom services on Sunday)

Please remember **Caritas Food Ministries** this first Sunday of the month.

There is a black bin under the portico of the AC for non-perishable food donations.

### 9:10 AM Gathering/Fellowship

### 9:35 ish Adult Sunday School

**Genesis Class** is studying from the Letter to the Romans with Rev. Rodgers on Zoom.

**The Men's Class** studies from the lectionary with Elder Bryngelson, meeting this Sunday in the Memorial Garden. (Masks, distancing, and remaining outdoors will be observed).

### 10:30 AM Gathering and Prayer

**10:40 AM Worship** in the same zoom space ([link](#)), though we will also go [live on Facebook](#)

(that's a link to our Sunday Worship at 10:45. A recording will remain posted for viewing "on demand" later). Please leave a greeting in the comments section and invite others to join us on Zoom and/or Facebook (you can also call in by phone starting as early as 9:10 for Sunday school).

**Order of Worship** for this Sunday, September 13, is at the bottom of this email.

## Reconciliation

Greetings,

The world seems more in need of peace and reconciliation with each passing day. Our text on Sunday could not have come at a better time. In Matthew 18:15-20, we are given a simple process for dealing with conflict and seeking reconciliation.

When reading this text, however, we may have taken a couple of things out of context. One of these is, when reconciliation is not possible, treating a person as a pagan, a Gentile, or a tax collector, takes on a very different meaning when we look at the context (a longer treatise on forgiveness) and consider how Jesus treated such folks (think of the Canaanite woman or even Matthew, the tax collector). The other is our understanding of binding/loosing or forbidding/permitting (depending on your translation), which refers to coming together to seek God's will in the situation--making whatever happens in Heaven also occur here on earth.

These days, with so much fear-mongering and misinformation buzzing about, it is important for us to maintain connections and direct communication. It is important for us to follow Christ's rule of love that allows us to seek after those who wander or fall away. This rule of love seeks not to punish, but to bring us together to seek God's truth and purposes. We are human; we will misspeak and cause harm. We are also Christ-followers; and we can learn to better use the rule of love and honesty in healing chasms of understanding.

This election season, rather than following the mob-mentality, rather than seeking the comfort of circles where everyone thinks the same, may we seek God's guidance, center ourselves on Christ's grace, and use words and actions that allow others to come to know God's grace and guidance.

Grace and Peace,

Judith

Some Scriptures that I have written inside my daily journal cover:

Matthew 11:28-30, Psalm 46:10, Ephesians 5:15-16, Galatians 6:10, Colossians 4:5, and Jeremiah 29:11.

## Prayer Requests

- for Denyse's father Frank, as he continues treatment for lymphoma (you can get updates on his care and condition here: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/frankseaman>);
- for Allison's mother Michelle, also being treated for cancer;
- for Les (who recently got good news--a smaller tumor) and also for Joyce (being treated for a-fib)
- for Bill Carson, for Carl and Billie Kathryn, Pat and Don , and for all who are isolated at home;
- for Courtney, a young mother (with a two year old) recently diagnosed with Stage 3 Ovarian Cancer;
- for Victor's mother to sense comfort and peace surrounding her at Wesley Woods;
- for Latisha, who was again taken to the ER for seizure-like activity this week;
- for Vicki and Bruce, who are each recuperating at home from recent surgeries;
- for the first week of in-person schools, and for all educators, students and families this school year;
- for cities and nations who suffer from natural or social disasters;
- for everyone born, a place at the table!

### Celebrating Birthdays



David Hegar - September 8  
Vicki Kabat - September 8  
Timothy Bierwirth - September 9  
Sara Alexander - September 17  
Randy Castillo - September 26  
Judith March Hardie - September 28  
Morgan Williams - September 29  
Nancy Jackson - September 30



(We are missing many birthdays in our database; please let us know yours!  
We need the year to enter the date in the database, but will never print it!)

## Sunday Worship

### Order of Worship September 13

Call to Worship

Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

**We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.**

Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

**A time to remember those we love, and time to remember the holy promises of God.**

Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

**The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.**

Welcome, friends, and let us worship God.

Hymn # 392 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

**Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;**

**Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;**

**Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;**

**Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.**

**Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own;**

**Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;**

**Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;**

**Use us to make the earth like heaven above.**

**Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway;**

**Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;**

**Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;**

**Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.**

**Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;**

**Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.**

**We yield ourselves to Thee - time, talents, all;**

**We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.**

Opening Prayer

**O God of Joseph and all his brothers, your forgiveness transcends whatever wrong exists between us. Grant us the courage to forgive others, and to practice reconciliation by the kindness of our speaking, the sharing of our resources, and the honoring of your desire for good. Amen.**

Genesis 50:15-21

Hymn # 358 Help Us Accept Each Other

*Help us accept each other As Christ accepted us;  
Teach us as sister, brother, Each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us, And bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted And meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, As in our daily life  
We struggle to be human And search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, For all, not just for some,  
To love them as we find them Or as they may become.*

*Let Your acceptance change us, So that we may be moved  
In living situations To do the truth in love;  
To practice Your acceptance Until we know by heart  
The table of forgiveness And laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters With all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance, For righteousness and bread,  
We need new eyes for seeing, New hands for holding on:  
Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!*

Prayer of Confession

Loving Mystery, we have tried and succeeded, and we have tried and failed. Sometimes we are terribly sorry, and sometimes we are terribly smug. We can be vigilant about the wrong things, and oblivious to the right things. We ask for your help to become the people you created us to be. We ask for your forgiveness for the harm we have caused. We ask for your love so that we will love in return. All these things we say in the strong name of Jesus. Amen.

Children's Message

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

Offering/Offertory

Hymn # 411 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God, Which shines on you today.*

*Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captives' liberty, Good tidings to the poor.*

*Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the brokenhearted ones And comfort those who mourn.*

*Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.*

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