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Invitation to Innovate!



**Wednesdays
5pm
On Facebook**

This week:
CPC FAVORITES

[Click here to request a song.](#)



DRIVE-THRU Saturday, 10/3, 9-10am

**Pick-up Home-baked and Blessed
Communion Bread**

Drop-off Canned Food for Caritas



World Communion Sunday is this coming Sunday. Anne Stewart is again baking and packaging bread for pick-up under the portico. David Fleuriet and David Rodgers will be there from 9 to 10. Bread will be delivered to our homebound folks with their regular Saturday meals. Please let us know if we can help get communion bread to you.

In addition to bringing non-perishable foods by the church for our monthly food donation, we will also be collecting our denomination-wide Peace and Global Witness Offering. This offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Peacemaking is active, not passive; doing, not sitting idle. We, the church, must focus our attention on seeking peace and reconciliation, together building God's house of peace where all are welcome, where all find compassion, peace and justice. Your gifts will help more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ offers for everyone. Let us offer the peace of Christ in all times and all ways!

You may remember that 25% of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation initiatives in our own community (perhaps through some new innovative partnership for peace?). Another 25% stays in Grace Presbytery, and the remaining 50% goes to support our global mission partners.

Join Central's Virtual CROP Walk Team!!

CPCWaco invites you to join our team for the Virtual Heart of Texas CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, November 15, 2020. Over the past 50 years, tens of thousands of walkers have raised more than \$500 million through the annual CROP Hunger Walk. The Heart of Texas walk always raises around \$2500, making it one of the most successful fundraisers for a small community walk. For 2020, our local beneficiary is Caritas of Waco. For more information, click the picture below.

Join our team as a walker or sponsor a member of our team who will walk in isolation or with their family. Contact [Denyse](#) for more information or to sign up.

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Invitation to Upreach!

Creating Sacred Community Online

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

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

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday.

Home-baked bread pick-up Saturday 9-10am Saturday, October 3rd.

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 Jay, 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).

When joining us for worship, whether "in sync" or "on demand," please use the chat room or comments section to pass the peace and let us know you are "here."

Order of Worship for this Sunday, October 4, is at the bottom of this email.

- for the friends and family of Char Rood's daughter, Joanne, who passed away in Michigan Saturday night;
- for Rebekah's memory and the fight against Domestic Violence and Abuse;
- for Raul's cousin and family in Mexico City, fighting COVID;
- 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 Don, who was recently hospitalized, and Pat;
- for Bill Carson, for Carl and Billie Kathryn, Les and Joyce, 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 is hospitalized in Temple for testing this week (email encouragement to her [here](#));
- for cities and nations who suffer from natural or social disasters;
- for everyone born, a place at the table!

Celebrating Birthdays

Morgan Williams - September 29

Nancy Jackson - September 30

Danny Boykins - October 2

Betty Ringo - October 4

(90!) Les Fisseler - October 5

Betty Crouch - October 9

Michelle Deivanayagam - October 10

(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!)



from Pastor Judith

Greetings,

On Sunday, we considered a story in Matthew about Jesus coming up against the religious authorities in Jerusalem. He has recently come into Jerusalem for essentially the last time, and what he found at the Temple Courtyard so offended him that he overturned money-changing tables in order to remind believers of God's justice. The religious authorities, for whom the then-current temple/worship structures worked very well (keeping the status quo rarely rocks the boat), wanted to trap Jesus. They questioned by whose authority he taught and acted (what God do you purport to serve?).

Jesus played their game, serving up a check-mate--if you won't identify where John the Baptist received his authority, then I won't answer your silly question either...but I will lay down a parable.

Jesus tells about the two sons, one of whom says he will work in his father's vineyard (but doesn't), and the other who doesn't want to do the work (but later changes his mind and does it). The "actions speak louder than words" theme is evident. What might not be so apparent is what we can learn by considering the vineyard.

Vineyard work is ever changing. A member of my last congregation owned a vineyard and winery not far at all from the church. Members and children often went to help work in the vineyard. It took a lot of workers and a lot of time, no matter if it was the pruning, ripening or harvesting season. One person's work on one day might seem only "a drop in the bucket," but Jesus' story is about more than a day's work.

Jesus is cleaving those who cleverly use words and structures to serve themselves from those who might later become willing to join the ongoing work of the father. The religious authorities serve the religious establishment; those willing to work in the vineyard serve the God of Justice. The willing son commits himself willingly to the ongoing work of God in the world, feeding the hungry, caring for the sick (and all of the Matthew 25 things we are working towards in this season in Matthew's gospel).

So the question is, which are we? Are we the son who says we will do the right things, or the son who may need to think about it before coming around to the willingness to get out and work in God's vineyard?

Grace and Peace,
Judith

Sunday Worship

Order of Worship October 4

Call to Worship

We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.

We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.

Let us worship God.

Hymn # 2269 Come, Share the Lord

***We gather here in Jesus' name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:***

Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

***No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs; finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.***

***He joins us here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:***

Come take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

***We are now a family of which the Lord is head; though unseen he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.***

***We'll gather soon where the angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:***

Come take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

Opening Prayer

God, our beloved, you set before us the goal of new life in Christ. May we live in the power of his resurrection and bring forth the fruit of your gentle and loving rule. Amen.

Psalm 19

Hymn # 2157 Come and Fill Our Hearts (repeated 5x)

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!***

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know that you are as close as breath, and at the same time greatly distant. That distance is sometimes our foolish choices, or our selfish acts, or the hurt we cause another. We seek your forgiveness and we seek reconciliation with you and others. So assure us of your closeness, and your power, and your mercy, and your ability to change our lives for the good. Amen.

Children's Message

Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon

Offering/Offerory

Hymn # 2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

***We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

***We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

***We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

***All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

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