

SILENT MEDITATION

“The significant mistake of the traditionalists is they require the people to start where the church is instead of the church starting where the people are. Innovators begin by asking, "What do we need to do to reach the people where they are?" -Leith Anderson

GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

PRELUDE *Trumpet Voluntary* J. Clarke

CALL TO WORSHIP Inquirer Claudia Ford

Leader: Come, brothers and sisters, everyone is welcome here.

People: God's people are many -- of every land and race, of every age and every condition.

Leader: We gather to celebrate God's mercy and revelation to us in Jesus Christ.

People: Through him, we are one big family.

Leader: Let us praise and worship our God!

+*HYMN #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

+*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Leader: Who do we say that Jesus is? In our finest moments, we declare God's truth:

People: Jesus is the Messiah, God-with-us, Savior of all, Shepherd and Friend. Jesus is Lord of our whole lives.

Leader: Who do we say that Jesus is? In our weakest moments, we utter deceptions:

People: Jesus is a magician who makes our problems disappear, a superhero who rescues us from trouble. Or, he is a nice man who lived once upon a time: inoffensive, benign, sentimental and dull. A superstition. A wishful imagining. A Sunday morning diversion who asks nothing from us.

Leader: Forgive us our feeble and false affirmations.

People: Empower us to answer the question with renewed energy and integrity:

Leader: Who do we say that Jesus is?

People: Love beyond all loving, Name beyond all names, Hope beyond all wishing, Eternal Mystery, Word-made-flesh, Our Redeemer. He lives. He asks great things of us, and empowers us for the tasks of discipleship. He is the Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Boy Scout Troop #263 which is chartered by Parma-South Church, is having a fund raising project to raise money to send the boys to different over night camps, and other activities. They have made arrangements to have a 16 foot truck from the Easter Seal organization park in the charter school parking lot **August 18 to August 21**. The BSA will receive 20 cents per pound for clothing/ cloth items, and 10 cents per pound for house wares, kitchen items and small appliances. All clothing/ cloth items must be placed in bags, and other items in boxes. Please help us send the boys to some troop outings during the 2017-18 year by supporting this fund raising project.

Coffee hour: We will have a coffee hour following this morning's worship service. During the coffee hour, Claudia Ford will make a presentation of her summer trip to Ghana.

Claudia M. Ford is a Master of Divinity student, having completed her second year at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. In 2017, Ms. Ford traveled to West Africa to complete her congregational internship at the Presbyterian Church of Ghana. She explored congregations not only in the coastal, central, but also northern regions of Ghana, to examine their richly diverse cultural, social, economic and religious issues. Ms. Ford is engaged in academic studies under the support of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve's leadership development programming, Columbia Theological Seminary scholarship programs and St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. In seeking ordination, Ms. Ford's interests include organizational development, church leadership, and partnership building to address societal needs.

Church Calendar: It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and we need to gear up for a busy fall season! Please be sure to let Vickie know when your Church Meetings/Groups will begin to meet. Include the day(s) and time(s) of your meetings. It will also be helpful if you will tell her if you won't be meeting over the holiday season, when you will resume and when you will end for next summer. Where appropriate, she will have the exterior door that leads to the office automatically unlock 15 minutes before your meeting begins and then lock 15 minutes after it begins.

Upcoming September Events:

Sunday, September 9 Youth Sunday and Corn Roast
Monday, September 10 Life Groups resume
Sunday, September 17 Messy Church resumes
Saturday, September 23 Inaugural meeting of *Coffee with "The Word"*

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, August 20

10:00 AM –Worship Service

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

Presentation by Claudia Ford

Monday, August 21

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

Tuesday, August 22

8:45 AM – Men's Bowling – Freeway Lanes

Wednesday, August 23

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:30 AM – Al-Anon – MPR

Thursday, August 24

8:45 AM – Men's Bowling – Freeway Lanes

Friday, August 25

5:30 PM – Dentz/Bartlett Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 26

3:00 PM – Dentz/Bartlett Wedding

Sunday, August 27

10:00 AM –Worship Service

The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of

Gilbert Calderwood

Ruth Calderwood

Merril Swan

Chancel Flowers are placed in Loving Memory of

Nick Pusti by Iris Pusti and Family

Alvin Stapf by Joan Stapf, Brian Stapf, Karen Stapf-Walters

John and Grace Morron by Jackie and Jim Mayer

A BIG Thank You! Fran Marvel would like to send a big THANK YOU to all those who helped to make Dorothy's 100th birthday celebration such a glorious affair!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who do we say Jesus is? He is the judge of all — but also the one who was judged. He knew no sin, yet he took on the powers of sin for our sake. We are redeemed through his loving sacrifice. And we are invited, called, compelled, to follow. May it be so.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Rev. Mark L. Juengel
Blake Ryan Herhuth
(Son of Nichole and Carl Herhuth)

CHILDREN'S CHAT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER
Rev. Sheryl Swan

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *Sanctuary* arr. C. Tornquist

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #731 *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 15:1-20 Rev. Mark Juengel
Matthew 15:21-28 Rev. Sheryl Swan

SERMON "The Church Sanitation System"

*HYMN #436 *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
Our God Is An Awesome God #616

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love, our God is an awesome God.

POSTLUDE *Open the Eyes of My Heart* arr. C. Tornquist

Today's Ushers: Pat Moncol, Sally Moncol, Ron Shaffer,
Glenn Hess

"THE CHURCH SANITATION SYSTEM"

August 20, 2017 Matthew 15:1-20

Life Group Study Guide

Notes from Worship Service

1. The Scribes and Pharisees imply that Jesus is not teaching his followers their standards.
2. Jesus accused the religious leaders of being so focused on maintaining the external traditions they missed keeping the essential demands of God's word, like honor your father and mothers.
3. To Jesus, the seat of religion was the heart, a clean and loving life, not the rituals of faith but the will surrendered to God.
4. If our spiritual practices, and I'm all for spiritual practices by the way, but if they don't change our hearts and shape our character and adjust our attitudes towards others and God, then something is very wrong.
5. By faith, the new heart is already installed! But it takes some faith walking to activate it.
6. Coming to the scriptures with humility and the guidance of the Holy Spirit enables the Word to unmask our hypocrisy, to refresh our spirits, to challenge our thinking, and to help us discern between healthy and hypocritical traditions, as well as between life giving and deadly innovations.

Life Group Homework

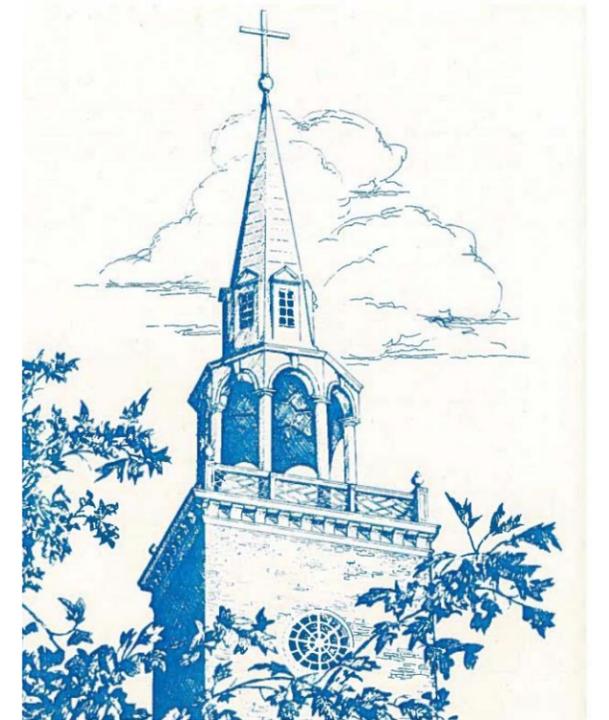
1. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. What is your favorite musical or play? Tell why?
3. In what ways do we act like Christians on the outside but our hearts are far from God on the inside?
4. Why does Jesus not seem to want to help the Canaanite woman?
5. How do we practice our faith without falling into hypocrisy?
6. How might God be changing your heart presently?

Read Matthew 15:1-28

Life Practice: Take time to ask God if there is any unseen hypocrisy in your life or trading of the essentials for the "traditions"? Confess what God might reveal to you, accept forgiveness and step out in faith.

Parma-South Presbyterian Church

Changing lives through Christ



August 20, 2017

2017 Theme Verse

"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." – Isaiah 40:31

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*Those who are able, please stand

+Appropriate time for the Ushers to seat latecomers