

SILENT MEDITATION

“If only the people who worry about their liabilities would think about the riches they do possess, they would stop worrying.”
- Dale Carnegie

GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

PRELUDE *As the Deer* arr. P. Cota
(Carillon Choir)

CALL TO WORSHIP Ginny Swift

L: All you who would be friends, all you who would be neighbors ...

P: Let us all learn from the example of Jesus.

L: The care and concern of Jesus for others ...

P: Were founded on the love of God, the God we come here to worship today.

L: Let us join now through love and devotion and in word and song.

P: Let us praise our Lord God, let us worship God in spirit and truth, and let us give to God our joy and our lives.

+*HYMN #716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

+*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It is our shame, Lord, that we must confess negligence in the constructive use of the marvelous resources you have given us.

We have allowed our gifts and talents to remain dormant.

We have squandered hours and days before the inane fare of the television set.

We have failed to stimulate our minds with that which is challenging and uplifting.

We have overfed and under exercised our bodies until they have become sluggish and soft.

We have spent our money for that which is frivolous and unnecessary.

We have allowed our light to remain hidden under a bushel, and we have — like the man in Jesus’ parable — buried our talent in the ground.

Our Lord our God, forgive us for our sloth and greed. Set us free to live fully for you and in service to others. Amen.

CHILDREN’S CHAT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Messy Church: Sunday, October 15th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Our theme for this upcoming service will be “Preparing to Meet Jesus Along the Way.”

Stewardship

During the month of October we will focus on how we respond to God through the faithful use of our time, talent and financial resources. You will receive a Stewardship packet in the mail in early October. It will have a cover letter, a Stewardship Brochure, a financial pledge sheet and a talent-time pledge sheet. We will receive and consecrate our financial pledges on Sunday, October 22. Our youth will provide a light lunch following the service on that date. The talent-time pledge sheet is to be received on Sunday, October 29. Thank you, one and all, for your faithful giving and service to God’s Kingdom.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, October 29th, following the 10:00 AM worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect officers. Your participation is welcomed and encouraged.

Love INC’s Annual Coat Collection: It’s that time of the year... Time to clean out those closets and donate your new or gently worn coats and jackets to Love In the Name of Christ. (If purchasing coats please purchase XX and larger). We are asking you to bring your coat to church during the first FOUR Sundays of October. Thank you for partnering with us.

Presbyterian Women invite you to join us for our Fall Gathering, on Saturday, November 4. "Who is your neighbor?" is the theme and speakers from several local agencies will share how they help those in need in Cleveland. Our host is Noble Road Presbyterian, 2780 Noble Road, Cleveland Heights. Program begins at 9 AM.. Cost is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Reservations can be made by contacting Lee Lohr at leelaann60@gmail.com

Men’s Square: We meet on the first Saturday of the month at Pappou’s restaurant at 9:00 AM. Breakfast is served and is followed with a Bible Study. All men of the church are welcome to gather for breakfast. Our study time will focus on Jacob Armstrong’s book *Renovate: Building a Life with God.*

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday, October 8

10:00 AM – Worship Service

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

11:00 AM – JuBELLation Choir – Bell Room

11:15 AM – Life Group – Parlor

Monday, October 9

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:30 AM – Deborah Circle - Parlor

7:00 PM – Life Group – Parlor

7:00 PM – Christian Ed Meeting – Work room

Tuesday, October 10

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

10:00 AM – Ruth-Naomi Circle – Parlor

4:40 PM – Worship Committee – Parlor

6:30 PM – Property Committee – Parlor

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts - Gym

Wednesday, October 11

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library

10:30 AM – Al-Anon – MPR

11:00 AM – Book Review Group - Parlor

3:00 PM – Life Group – 2nd floor

Thursday, October 12

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

6:00 PM – Carillon Choir – Bell Room

7:00 PM – Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Sunday, October 15

10:00 AM –Worship Service

11:00 AM – Coffee Hour – Dining Room

11:00 AM – JuBELLation Choir – Bell Room

4:00 PM – Messy Church – Gym/Dining Room

**The Memorial Carillon is played this week in memory of
Wilbur P. Henninger**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence

Offertory *Just As I Am, I Come* arr. M. McDonald

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*
vs. 1, 2 & 4

SCRIPTURE READING II Corinthians 8:8-15 N.T. page 183

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "How Rich Are You?"

*HYMN #539 *We Will Go Out with Joy*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

As the deer #626

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

POSTLUDE *Prélude in E Minor op. 28 no. 4* by F. Chopin

Today's Ushers: Maryellen Bechler, Bill Brown,
Walt Burgdorf, Norma Fink, Tony Indovina

Chancel Flowers are placed in Loving Memory of

Our Parents, Bernard and Marie Cooper by Richard and
Roxane, and Janet and Jeff Slattery

Our Father, Fred W. Reimer II by Don and Linda Tresise and
Fred Reimer II

Don and Bill Swift by Ginny Swift

Chancel Flower Correction: Last week's chancel flowers for
Loren Castor & Other Family Members were placed by
Trudy Castor

*Those who are able, please stand
+Appropriate time for the Ushers to seat latecomers

"HOW RICH ARE YOU?"

October 8, 2017 II Corinthians 8:7-15

Life Group Study Guide

Notes from Worship Service

1. So, how much do you need these days in order to think of yourself as rich?
2. Paul isn't measuring one's financial status by how much one doesn't have or with how much others have. In fact, his root topic wasn't money at all; it was the generous grace of God.
3. One of the great truths of our faith is we are multi-millionaires in Christ Jesus. The treasures of God have been opened to us. We have been blessed over and over and over again. This tells us:
 - a. Quit acting like we are poor. That is an insult to Jesus.
 - b. We always have something to give thanks for.
 - c. We always have something to give to another.
4. We are called to nurture generosity of spirit in our whole lives, including, to be sure, our wallets, but the other parts of our lives as well.
5. Generosity isn't just about the amount of money we put in the offering plate, or give to other causes in the world. It is a spiritual gift where we begin to treat and view others as God's generous spirit views and treats us.

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. Tell about a time someone was generous to you.
3. How do you define rich/poor?

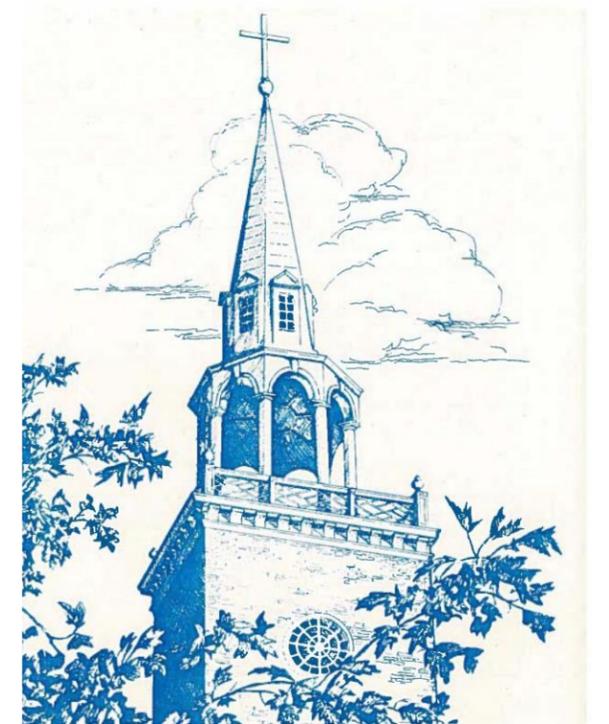
Read II Corinthians 8:1-15

4. What does Paul mean in verse 8?
5. What principles of giving do we discover in this passage?
6. Besides financially, what other areas of your life is God calling you to act generously? What are you doing about it?

Life Practice: Each evening write down 5 things you were grateful for during the day. Make that list the beginning of your prayers.

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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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