



**Brandon Christian
Church
(Disciples of
Christ)**

Flock Talk

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Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

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Today's Scriptures & Message:

Liturgist: Betty Powell

Hebrew Scriptures: Genesis 45:1-15

Psalms: Psalm 133

Senior Minister—Rev. Day Broers-Case

Sermon Text: Luke 11:2-4

Sermon: "The Lord's Prayer"

Serving in Today's Worship

Elders: Betty Dawson, Britt Failes

Music Director: Rick Barclay

Audio/Video: Art Konnerth, Tom Smiley

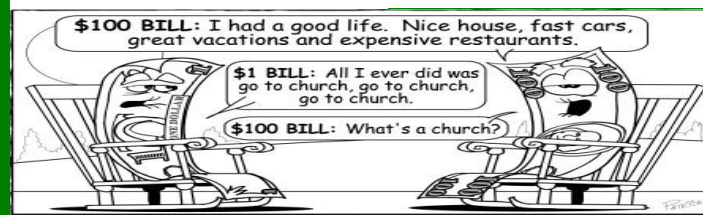
Worship & Wonder: Linda S, Andrea M

Sunday Funnies:

To bring a little levity during this difficult time, this space will be featuring light-hearted church humor. Hopefully we can bring you a chuckle.



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."



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In essentials, unity.

In non-essentials, liberty.

In all things, love!

Praise Reports

The Witherow's wish to thank everyone for the cards and well-wishes they have received following the passing of Scott's father, as well as the donations in his memory to Every Dream Has A Price.

Jean Upton is rejoicing that Lori Hall's tumor is gone, and she will not need surgery!

God is Great, All the Time!!

This week's litany draws on the Lectionary passages from Genesis 45, as well as Psalm 133 and Isaiah 56.

How very good and pleasant it is For kindred to live together in unity! (2)

God, sometimes your commands are baffling! You seem to expect absurd things from us, Things which go against our grain:

- To love our enemies,
- To forgive our betrayers,
- To provide for our oppressors,
- To eat at a table with sinners,
- To support sick and poor people,
- To renounce violence,
- To welcome foreigners
- To embrace outcasts (1).

Your paradigm is so different from ours –
Your sacrificial love. Our self-absorbed defense –
We can hardly wrap our minds around it,
And yet it is the most compelling thing we've ever heard.

When Joseph saw his brothers after so many years
Who had sold him into slavery and ruined his life,
He wept
And welcomed them.

Help us to remember in the midst of conflict and dispute:

- We are one.**
- We are the betrayer,
And we are the betrayed.
- We are the poor,
And we are the oppressor.
- We are the sinner,
And we are the sinned against.
- We are the weepers,
And we are the wept upon. (3)

You, God, have welcomed all to your table;
every human being, your own child.
Let us dwell together in unity.
Amen

- (1) Isaiah 56:8
- (2) Psalm 133:1
- (3) Gen 45:14, 15

ATKINS, Lorie (Ashley Gerace)

ATKINS, Tim (Ashley Gerace)

BENNICK, Patty and her 3 daughters (Diane)++

BUNCH, Keith (Ashley Gerace)

HAYES, April (Ashley Gerace)

HAYES, Gary (Ashley Gerace)

JANELLE, Laurie (Deb B.)

LINDQUIST, Brian (Ashley Gerace)++

WILKINSON, Rick (Deb B.)

BARCLAY, Family

BAUCH, Scott & Pam (Failes)

BENNETT, Adam (Benitez)

BENNICK, Patty (Garthwaite)

BUTTERWECK, Chris

CABRERA, Jonathan and All Police Officers

CABRERA, Paquita

CHRISTIAN, Pastor Tina

COLLINS, Rev. James (Rev Day)

DENTON, Bill

DIGREGORIO, Robyn

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ECKDAHL, Kathy

FAILES FAMILY

FUERST, Jacob (Drayer)

GAINES, Matthew (DiGregorio)

GOEHRIG, Pastor Betsy and Family

GOODRUM, Steve (Mary Ann's brother)

GIBERSON, Milton (Tom) & Joan

HALL, Lori (Jean U.)

HUSKEY, Joshua (Powell)

MASON, Evelyn

McKINLEY, Sarah Lynn (Denton)

MCMILLON, Florence (Andrea's Mother)

MCMILLON, Andrea

MICHAEL, (Jo H.)

MILLER, Brooke (Blinder)

MOJICA, Nelda (Betty C.'s Mom)

MOJICA, Ruthie (Betty C.'s Sister)

PAULSON, Diane

PETERSON, John (JP)

RIENSCHKE, Nancy

RODGERS, Cheryl (Benitez)

SKASKO, Family

SINGLETON, Carol

SMITH, Dee (Sherman)

SMITH, Tim

STEIER, Family and Friends of Brittany Nicole

STUEBER, Susan (Solomon)

UPTON, Dallas (Jean)

VELEZ, Fernando (Elizabeth)

WALKER, Jerry (Joan Solomon)

WATSON, Sandy

WATSON, Tom

WHITFIELD, Bob

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Please also pray for all those affected by Covid-19, our first responders, medical care professionals, and those out on the front lines to protect us.

During this time of unprecedented civil unrest across the nation, please pray for peace, understanding, and unity in America and around the world.

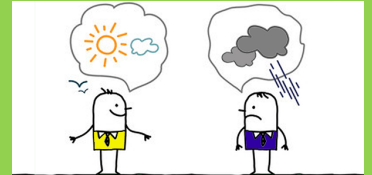
One Shepherd's Thoughts...



I've heard there are people with such sunny dispositions that they never give way to sadness. The rumor is that they always make lemonade from their lemons. And the boast is that they can always win at cards — no matter the hand they get dealt. They always come out of tough times on the winning side, always cure their own illnesses with positive thinking, and are always loved by all who know them. Maybe there are such people. I doubt it.

Don't get me wrong. There is certainly value to looking for silver linings over getting lost in the dense fog of a dark cloud. In fact, if I had to choose between being a naïve optimist and marching to the beat of the pessimist's drum—I would hope to be confused with Forrest Gump over Eeyore.

There is lots of pessimism in the air these days. There's pessimism over coronavirus, racism, protests, and the economy. There is Eeyore-like melancholy over the state of world and national leadership. You name it. Somebody is there to tell us why things are worse than they've ever been—and destined soon to get worse still.



Maybe the pessimist lives under the delusion of Golden Age Syndrome. For most of my life, I have had to endure the lament of older people wishing for "the good old days" and "things as they used to be." I've always been skeptical of those people and have been inclined to suspect they have selective memory.



Now that I have lived a while, I'm trying to keep from using those phrases myself. Economics, politics, human relationships, religion — I seriously doubt there has ever been a time when all these things were just right.

Professor Walter Jackson Bate quotes a dejected Egyptian scribe who lived more than 2,000 years before Christ. The scribe commented on the limitations of language and wrote dejectedly of the fact that there were no fresh, new ways of saying things. On his view, "men of old" had created all the phrases that were possible for human language and had exhausted them by his time. Therefore all human expression had grown stale. Language was bankrupt.

As Professor Bate points out, this pessimistic requiem was sung over civilization before any of what we now take to be the world's greatest works of literature had been composed. Maybe the scribe was premature!

If all the pessimists across time had been correct in speaking of their generation going to the dogs, exhausting every creative option, or being abandoned by God, you and I would not be here to reflect on it.

Without either being naïve or embracing Gump-ism—there is more value in facing the coming week with a positive, forward-looking spirit than wallowing in sadness over our loss of a perfection that never was.

Loved ones—as I said, I know I have not arrived; but there's one thing I am doing: I'm leaving my old life behind, putting everything on the line for this mission. I am sprinting toward the only goal that counts: to cross the line, to win the prize, and to hear God's call to resurrection life found exclusively in Jesus the Anointed. All of us who are mature ought to think the same way about these matters. If you have a different attitude, then God will reveal this to you as well. For now, let's hold on to what we have been shown and keep in step with these teachings (Phil 3:13-16).

God IS with us,
Rev Day

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OLD SELF AND TAKING A
LEAP OF FAITH INTO THE
UNKNOWN, YOU FIND OUT
WHAT YOU ARE TRULY
CAPABLE OF BECOMING.

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If technical difficulties are experienced with the stream on Sunday mornings please text Rev.

Day at 813-600-9668 so that she can let the person(s) in the AV booth know that we are experiencing issues. Thanks so much!

take me home



We have officially closed out the Equal Exchange Cart with money left to re-stock once we are able to have fellowship again, as well as a healthy little profit for the church.

We still have a bunch of percolator coffee, 2 Breakfast Blend, 1 French Roast Decaf, Dark

Chocolate Bars, and a bunch of hot cocoa and baking cocoa that are available for free! If you are interested in any of these items please let Jamie know ASAP. Anything left at the end of August will be donated to E.C.H.O.



*O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!
Release a space to plant your Presence here.
Imagine your possibilities now.
Embody your desire in every light and form.
Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.
Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.
Help us not forget our Source,
Yet free us from not being in the Present.
From you arises every Vision, Power and Song from gathering to gathering.
Amen — May our future actions grow from here!
the lord's prayer — from the original Aramaic
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