August 2, 2020





Ninth Sunday After Pentecost brandonchristianchurch.org

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Today's Scriptures & Message:

Liturgist: Karlita Konnerth

Hebrew Scriptures: Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm: Psalm17:1-7, 15

Senior Minister—Rev. Day Broers-Case

Sermon Text: Luke 11:2-4

Sermon: "The Lord's Prayer"

Serving in Today's Worship

Elders: Steve Blinder, Jo Henkel Music Director: Rick Barclay Audio/Video: Tom Smiley

In essentials, unity.

In non-essentials, liberty. In all things, love!

Praise Reports

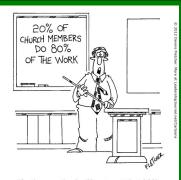
Gary expressed his joy at being back in the Sanctuary!

Thank you for your generosity, Britt took a whole basket of donations to ECHO!

The Dietz's have sent notice that they are doing well and that they miss us here at BCC. They plan to return on October 19. They are not currently on the internet, if you need their address please contact Jamie.

We give thanks for our wonderful lawn service company, don't they keep the grounds looking nice?!

God is Great, All the Time!!



'So the question is: 'How to get that 20% to press on to greater achievement?'"



Sunday Funnies:

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



What really happened to the dinosaurs.

Gary shared he is extremely grateful to everyone for the kindness and support he has been shown in the days following his mother's death. A celebration of life will be held in the future, date to be determined.

Dennis Witherow, father of Scott and father-in-law of Amy Witherow, passed away last week.

Services will be held this Saturday, August 1 at 2:00 pm in Port St. Lucie. Cards can be sent to his loving wife, Nancy Witherow, address is in email or you can call the office.

Please lift the Withrow's and all of those who knew and loved Dennis in prayers of comfort and peace during this difficult time.

CAIN, Family and Friends of Gail

CHRISTIAN, Pastor Tina

GOEHRIG, Pastor Betsy and Family

MASON, Evelyn

SINGLETON, Carol

STEIER, Family and Friends of Brittany Nicole

WITHEROW, Family and Friends of Dennis++

BARCLAY, Family

BAUCH, Scott & Pam (Failes)

BENNETT, Adam (Benitez)

BENNICK, Patty (Garthwaite)

BUTTERWECK, Chris

CABRERA, Jonathan and All Police Officers

CABRERA, Paquita

COLLINS, Rev. James (Rev Day)

DENTON. Bill

DIGREGORIO, Robyn

DUPONT, Andy (Kathy M.)

ECKDAHL, Kathy

FAILES FAMILY

FUERST, Jacob (Drayer)

GAINES, Matthew (DiGregorio)

GOODRUM, Steve (Mary Ann's brother)

GIBERSON, Milton (Tom) & Joan

HALL, Lori (Jean U.)

HUSKEY, Joshua (Powell)

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)

RIENSCHE, Nancy

RODGERS, Cheryl (Benitez)

SKASKO, Family

SINGLETON, Carol

SMITH, Dee (Sherman)

SMITH, Tim

STUEBER, Susan (Solomon)

UPTON, Dallas (Jean)

VELEZ, Fernando (Elizabeth)

WALKER, Jerry (Joan Solomon)

WATSON, Sandy WATSON, Tom WHITFIELD, Bob

++new name++

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

One Shepherd's Thoughts...

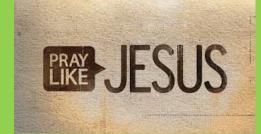


Jesus' friends (disciples) have been listening, watching, noticing how he goes again and again to quiet places alone to pray. They have seen, too, the results of this practice—the unusual potency of his life, his deepening wisdom and love. What is his secret? Does he say beautiful words—uttered in holy rhythms? What is the inner posture of his heart? It is no surprise that they want to learn to pray as he prays—to have the peace and power that

come from a more potent connec-

tion to the Creator.

Jesus does not brush them aside—he does not tell them such a connection is for only a special few. He delights in their sincere hunger and happily shares the secret formula. Here it is: Just talk to God, he says. No need to dress up your language or your life; speak simply and personally as to a be-



loved parent. God is the hallowed one, not you. God knows you are made of dust. Let God be the giver, and you be the asker. God delights in hearing what you need—bread for the body as well as the soul—food and forgiveness enough for today. God's kingdom is emerging on earth and in heaven, whether it is visible or not. Praying for God's will, doing God's will—this helps each realm to grow. Whatever you give out—you will get back. What you persist in—you will



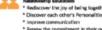
So tell the One who loves you what you need and want. Whether you are happy or hurting–pray. When you are frightened or disgusted or have lost your way–pray. When friends desert you– when you are jolted awake at midnight by Big Need knocking at your door, re-member how capable God is. Keep asking, keep searching, keep persisting. More than your righteousness or capacity to succeed, God will be persuaded by your insistent hungry heart—your admission of need. Go ahead. Say it out loud. Lean in toward God's love. You will find that Love has been there all along, leaning in toward you. God IS with us, Rev Dav



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