



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

Flock Talk

October 4, 2020

World Communion Sunday

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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Today's Scriptures & Message:

Liturgist: Art Konnerth
Psalm: Psalm 19
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

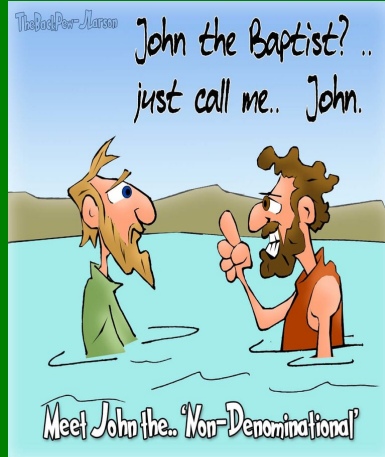
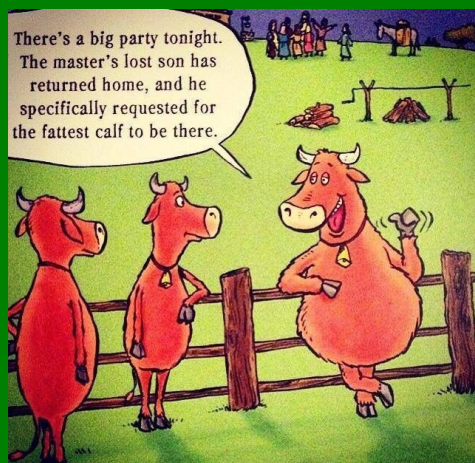
Senior Minister—Rev. Day Broers-Case
Sermon: "The Promise of Passover"
Sermon Text: Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

Serving in Today's Worship

Elders: Cammie Denton and Steven Blinder
Music Director: Rick Barclay
Audio/Video: Art Konnerth, Tom Smiley
Worship & Wonder: Amy and Caitlin Witherow

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.

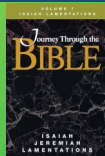


**In essentials, unity.
In non-essentials, liberty.
In all things, love!**

Praise Reports

We wrap our Timothy in great virtual hugs, and celebrate with Steven Blinder who has accepted a call to transitional ministry at Royal Palm Christian Church in Coral Springs. We will continue to lift his seminary journey in prayer as we walk along with him.

God is Great, All the Time!!



Bible Study with Reverend Day

Rev. Day will be starting a new Bible Study in mid-October. We will be walking through Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Lamentations. Two Major Prophets and Jeremiah's lament over the destruction of Jerusalem. A truly appropriate study series for the current times.

Study guides are available for \$12.99 plus shipping. If you are interested please email the office and let us know by October 7 so we can place the order. Also please indicate if you would prefer to continue on Wednesday at 2:00 or if a later time would be better.

This Bible Study will take place on Zoom.



BCC has been confirmed as a Feeding Tampa Bay Mobile Pantry site on October 6th and February 2nd, there are other sites and dates that will need volunteers as well. There are some forms to fill out which should have come in the same email as this this newsletter, if you need them sent to you please contact the office.

- DeWEESE, Don (Rev. Day)++++*
- ATKINS, Lorie (Ashley Gerace)++++
- ATKINS, Tim (Ashley Gerace)++++
- BARCLAY, Family++++
- BAUCH, Scott & Pam (Failes)++++
- BENNETT, Adam (Benitez)++++
- BENNICK, Patty and her 3 daughters (Diane)++++
- BUNCH, Keith (Ashley Gerace)++++
- BUTTERWECK, Chris and Jamie++++
- CABRERA, Paquita++++
- CASE, Sharon (Rev. Day)++++
- CHRISTIAN, Pastor Tina++++
- COLLINS, Rev. James (Rev Day)++++
- DAWSON, Kathy (Betty) ++++
- DENTON, Bill ++++
- DIGREGORIO, Robyn++++
- DUPONT, Andy (Kathy M.)++++
- ECKDAHL, Kathy ++++
- FAILES FAMILY++++
- FUERST, Jacob (Drayer)++++
- GAINES, Matthew (DiGregorio)++++

- GOHRIG, Kevin++++
- GOODRUM, Steve (Mary Ann's brother)++++
- GIBERSON, Milton (Tom) & Joan++++
- HALL, Lori (Jean U.)++++
- HAYES, April (Ashley Gerace)++++
- HAYES, Gary (Ashley Gerace)++++
- HERSHEY, Wanda (Whitfield)++++
- HUSKEY, Joshua (Powell)++++
- JANELLE, Laurie (Deb B.)++++
- KNOWELS, Marsha (Diane)++++
- LINDQUIST, Brian (Ashley Gerace)++++
- MASON, Evelyn++++
- McKINLEY, Sarah Lynn (Denton)++++
- MCMILLON, Florence (Andrea's Mother)++++
- MCMILLON, Andrea++++
- MILLER, Brooke (Blinder) ++++
- MOJICA, Nelda (Betty C.'s Mom)++++
- MOJICA, Ruthie (Betty C's Sister)++++
- PAULSON, Diane++++
- PETERSON, John (JP)++++

- RIENSCH, Nancy ++++
- RODGERS, Cheryl (Benitez)++++
- SINGLETON, Carol++++
- SMITH, Tim++++
- STUEBER, Susan (Solomon)++++
- UPTON, Dallas (Jean)++++
- UPTON, Jean (office)++++
- VELEZ, Fernando (Elizabeth)++++
- WALKER, Jerry (Joan Solomon)++++
- WATSON, Sandy++++
- WATSON, Tom ++++
- WHITFIELD, Bob ++++
- WILKINSON, Rick (Deb B.)++++

**** New Name**
"+" symbols indicate number of weeks remaining on list
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...

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Galatians 3:26-29



When I think of World Communion Sunday, I get excited about the fact that tens of thousands of Christian brothers and sisters around the world are coming to the Lord's Table to remember our Lord and to proclaim his final victory to the world.

It doesn't matter what part of the world we're hailing from, because from God's perspective there are no political, ethnic, cultural or national boundaries. From God's perspective we are One people, the People of God!

One of the things that excites me about church history is that the first-century church believed that Christ's church stands for a radical inclusion of all of God's children. They believed that all those barriers we as humans work so hard to build, God in Christ broke through. In an anonymous letter that survived from the early 2nd century addressed to Diognetus, a Roman official, the author actually speaks about Christianity as a "new race:"

The Mystery of the New People

To His Excellency, Diognetus: I understand, sir, that you are really interested in learning about the religion of the Christians, and that you are making an accurate and careful investigation of the subject....

...

You would also like to know the source of the loving affection that they have for each other. You wonder, too, why this new race or way of life has appeared on earth now and not earlier. These three questions are dealt with in the text, more or less in order, but with some overlapping. The reference to the "New [third] Race" calls attention to an issue of great importance for the life of the Early Church, which concerned such varied questions as the Church's understanding of its vocation in history and the Roman world's attitude toward the Church.

And that should be the message of the church worldwide "You are welcome here—every single one of you! For God's grace is enough for all! God's love is poured out to all, and whosoever believes shall be saved" (John 3.16). Whosoever!

With the arrival of the church of Jesus Christ a new age has dawned. Nobody ever needs to feel excluded again; for, as St. Paul says it: "all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Brothers and sisters, Paul clearly declares to us that there are no second-class Christians; if you are a baptized believer you're all the way in the inner sanctum; you are in the holy of holies; the veil has been torn. Everyone is welcome and everyone is equal in God's eyes. We are all children of God. We are to be one in Christ; we are to be the new race made up of a multitude of diverse people.

We are one and in our oneness lies our strength; in our oneness will the world see the difference in us—through our love with the world see the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Happy World Communion Sunday!

God IS with us!

Rev Day

Litany to Conclude Hunger Action Month:

Leader 1: Over 40 million children, adults, and senior citizens in this land of plenty struggle every day to have enough food to eat. What are God's people to do?

Leader 2: "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land." (Deuteronomy 15:11)

People: **God of justice, forgive us for forgetting to think about others. Forgive us for forgetting that all we have comes from you. Unclench our fists and awaken our hearts so we may be your generous people. Give us the will to open our hands to the poor and to our needy neighbors.**

Leader 1: "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." (Luke 3:11)

Leader 2: God supplies abundantly! More than enough food is available to

People:

feed those who don't have enough to eat.

God of creation, our land is filled with an abundance of food, yet some are still hungry. Give us grace to share, willingly and joyfully, with your hungry children across our land. Let us be an obedient and faithful people who meet the needs of the poor.

Leader 1: "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food...?"

Leader 2: Jesus, were you the woman who waited my table? Were you the man I walked by without seeing? Are you a child in my neighborhood who goes to bed hungry?

Leader 1: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:37,40)

All:

Loving God, You care for all creation and command us to care for the poor of our nation and world. Open our eyes to recognize the needs that are before us in the lives of the poor, open our ears to hear the cries of your hungry children, and restore our will to respond. May we remember that the service we give to others is service given to your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication for Hunger Action Month Gifts

Lord of all life, Lord of the earth and all that is in it, maker of all, provider of food and nourishment, we know your will is for all your children to share in your abundance. We know your will is for each person in our country and our world to have enough to eat. Your word says that every good gift and every perfect gift comes from you. We dedicate the abundance you have shared with us which we are returning to you, for your use, so that all may be fed and your Kingdom may come near. In the name of your son Jesus, who fed the multitudes, we pray. Amen.



The 2020 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) annual offering for the Reconciliation Ministry will be collected on September 27th and October 4th.

If you wish to donate to this anti-racism training program you may do so through GivePlus or please indicate on your offering check how much you would like to give to the Reconciliation Ministry.

Thank you so much for your prayerful consideration of this critically important Ministry.