

Christ Moravian Church
Pastoral Letter for the Weekend of September 27th, 2020
Sunday Worship Celebration - God's Gift of Joy - Camp Sunday

In the Camp Worship Video this weekend, I'll offer a closing thought in the message. It's from Paul's letter to the church at Philippi, and I suspect that church would be similar to a camp community, or to a church as ours at CMC. Paul writes: "Make my joy complete, in being like-minded, having the same love, and being united in one spirit and one purpose." I am discovering that in a very, disjointed way, CMC is walking that journey of discovering joy with a unifying love and purpose, even in a time when we are distanced and somewhat isolated. The Camp Sunday service seeks to celebrate the joyful experience of a time at church camp, so as you get ready to watch the service, find a favorite flannel shirt, or camp T-shirt and get into the spirit of the day.

The CMC Executive Board met this past week and received initial proposals from the Re-Launch/Re-Opening Task Force pertaining to the initial stages of re-opening. The Executive Board has accepted the Rental Group and User Group guidelines as developed by the Task Force. As it seems there are rising COVID 19 cases in the area, we will develop a very safe plan for initial congregational gatherings. These will be outlined as they are implemented in the future. Until then, please be advised that anyone coming to the church is to check their health circumstance, and if there are any symptoms of unwellness, please do refrain from entering. As you enter, please wash or sanitize hands, sign in on the contact tracing form, and please use a mask.

The Executive Board and Mission Committee express thanks for the very generous donations to the "Hair Challenge Fund Drive". Along with providing me a chance to get a very stylish haircut at the Esthetica Spa and Salon, we had a tremendous outpouring of support for the Moravian Institute at Rajpur, India. "Well done, good and faithful stewards." I want to emphasize that the "Sri Lanka Bottle and Can Recycling Project" continues, so please drop of your recycling at the church and "**those empties can fill the lives of another with love.**" Additionally, the Mission Committee is busy planning the next mission project. We will announce those plans as they are firmed up.

I've appreciated the many phone calls and emails in recent days. Thanks for the many ways that support and love are being shared throughout the church's life. Please keep me posted on the various joys and concerns in the church family, as we are always lifting each other up in prayer and love.

Best wishes in this lovely fall weekend.
Pastor Gohdes

Children's Worship Bulletin

Water from a Rock

Exodus 17:1-7

Word Search Puzzle

V	J	F	J	F	K	C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N	N
L	E	A	M	G	M	V	S	J	D	V	D	T	C	F
V	N	J	E	R	R	U	M	T	H	E	G	L	M	R
R	P	G	K	U	D	H	U	Y	A	F	S	H	M	O
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V	R	Q	T	L	W	Y	F	T	M	O	S	E	S	T
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S	M	F	O	N	N	R	L	V	J	U	C	S	L	S
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O	D	C	Z	H	P	K	L	F	J	E	E	E	K	N
C	R	R	T	A	W	L	O	E	D	T	N	Q	T	Y
K	V	Z	I	X	A	X	A	L	Z	H	S	R	T	J
U	Q	J	D	N	R	T	E	I	V	N	W	P	J	B
Y	L	U	Z	R	K	C	R	G	N	K	N	T	C	S

COMPLAIN	ROCK	DRINK	POUR	DESERT
ELDERS	GRUMBLE	LIVESTOCK	CHILDREN	THIRST
WALK	WATER	STAFF	NILE	MOSES

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Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet.
Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to
reveal the coded words.

C	V	O	M	Z	R	N	Q	Y	P	B	L	S	T	F	H	G	J	U	X	K	E	W	A	D	I
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 25-22-13-22-6-14 _____
- 23-24-14-22-6 _____
- 14-16-26-6-13-14 _____
- 25-6-26-7-21 _____
- 13-14-24-15-15 _____
- 6-3-1-21 _____
- 4-3-13-22-13 _____
- 1-3-4-10-12-24-26-7 _____

THIRST	COMPLAIN	MOSES	DESERT
DRINK	WATER	STAFF	ROCK

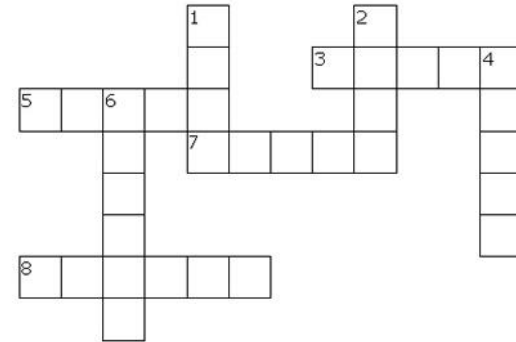


Coloring Page

Crossword Puzzle



Moses Strikes the Rock
Exodus 17:1-7



ACROSS

3. The Hebrew prophet who led the Israelites out of Egypt
5. A fluid necessary for the life of most animals and plants
7. To take water or other liquid into the mouth and swallow it
8. A dry area of land with little or no vegetation

DOWN

1. Another name that refers God
2. A stone
4. A strong rod or stick sometimes used as an aid in walking
6. A strong desire for something to drink

STAFF	DRINK	DESERT	WATER
MOSES	ROCK	LORD	THIRST



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Focus on Philippians 2:1–13

WHAT is important to know?

— From “Exegetical Perspective,” David L. Bartlett

What is clear is that the hymn has two verses, and the movement of the second exactly reverses the movement of the first. In the first strophe, Christ Jesus starts out being in the form of God, humbles himself to descend to earth, and then is further humbled by death, cast down below the earth to Sheol. In the second strophe, Christ is raised from Sheol and raised to highest heaven while winning the allegiance of every sphere through which he has passed—those in heaven and on earth and underneath the earth. The name that is above every name is surely *kyrios*—“Lord.”

WHERE is God in these words?

— From “Theological Perspective,” William Greenway

When found in human likeness (*homoīōmati*, v. 7), Jesus Christ remains true to divine nature—to the death. Contrast Adam, who *grasped after* autonomy and power, assuming a form diametrically opposed to the divine form (the disobedience of Eden). Jesus Christ, by contrast, presents in human likeness the true nature of God, manifests truly the *imago Dei* in the flesh. “Even death on a cross” (v. 8). What is the passion of Passion Week, the passion of Jesus Christ? It is the passion of Immanuel, of love, of *kenōsis* [self-emptying], a passion for justice and joy, an absolute sensitivity to the vulnerability, need, and suffering of others.

SO WHAT does this mean for our lives?

— From “Pastoral Perspective,” Gilberto Collazo

Christian living is a process. God’s timeline for each one of us is unique, and only God knows what the final product is going to look like. We do not expect an instantaneous transformation of our life’s attitudes and actions, but rather an ongoing process of change that results from the ever-growing awareness of our need to be at a different place if we are to be true Christ followers. The process begins with our conscious decision to become reflections of Christ in our actions and reactions to life.

NOW WHAT is God’s word calling us to do?

— From “Homiletical Perspective,”
Mike Graves

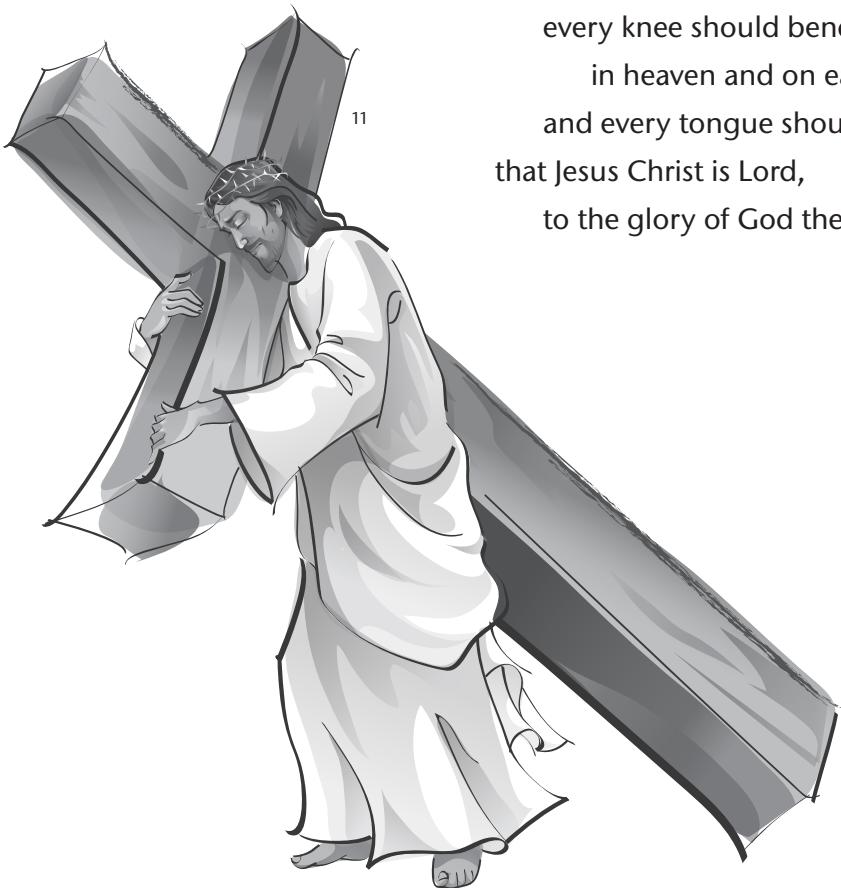
Following Paul’s lead, we then move to his exhortations. Although repeated and rephrased in a variety of ways, ultimately the call is to empty oneself for the greater good of the church body, to practice humility. It is nearly impossible in our day to recognize how radical this word was in the first-century Mediterranean world. Lists of vices and virtues were standard fare, not just in the church but in the larger culture, often nearly identical in nature. It was a given that love was superior to hate, harmony better than fighting. However, humility was seen as a weakness in the ancient world, whereas Paul listed it as a virtue. Of course Christians today recognize humility as a virtue to be emulated, but it is much easier to *recognize* it than to *practice* it.

A Song of Christ's Humility

Philippians 2:6–11

6 Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.



Worship & Event Links for September 27th, 2020

Topic: CMC Bible Buddies

Hi Everyone,

Attached is next weeks (Sept 27/20) lesson, Christlike Humility - Philippians 2:1-13.

Below is the Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89652809069?pwd=cG9MUnp1MmpNYTFMeFpzK1ZUQytWZz09>

Meeting ID: 896 5280 9069

Passcode: 370623

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Live faithfully this week.

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Children's Activities

<https://kidsupfront.com/kidsathome/>

You could be happily busy!

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Links to Online Worship:

Christ Moravian

<https://www.christmoravian.com>

Good Shepherd

<https://www.goodshepherdmoravian.org>

Millwoods

<https://www.mcchurch.ca/>

Rio Terrace

<https://www.rioterracechurch.org/live>

Moravian Church Northern Province

<https://www.moravian.org>

for details of events happening within the wider Moravian Church
