



WEEKLY WORSHIP

love all ● live spiritually ● rejoice in hope ● show hospitality

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Community Prayer

God of freedom, you brought your people out of slavery with a mighty hand. Deliver us from our captivity to pride and indifference to the needs and gifts of others, that we may be ready to love as you have loved us, and to give even as we have received. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

Many: Bless God’s holy name.

One: God forgives. God heals. Gods transforms with steadfast love.

Many: Bless God’s holy name.

We Welcome Rev. Dr. Jane Holtzclaw to the Pulpit

This week our guest preacher is The Reverend Dr. Jane Holtzclaw: Reverend Holtzclaw is an ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and serves as a chaplain at St Elizabeth Hospital. She is also a physician and a retired Air Force officer. She enjoys cross country skiing, running, backpacking, and plays flute in the Lincoln Community Concert Band.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

“Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

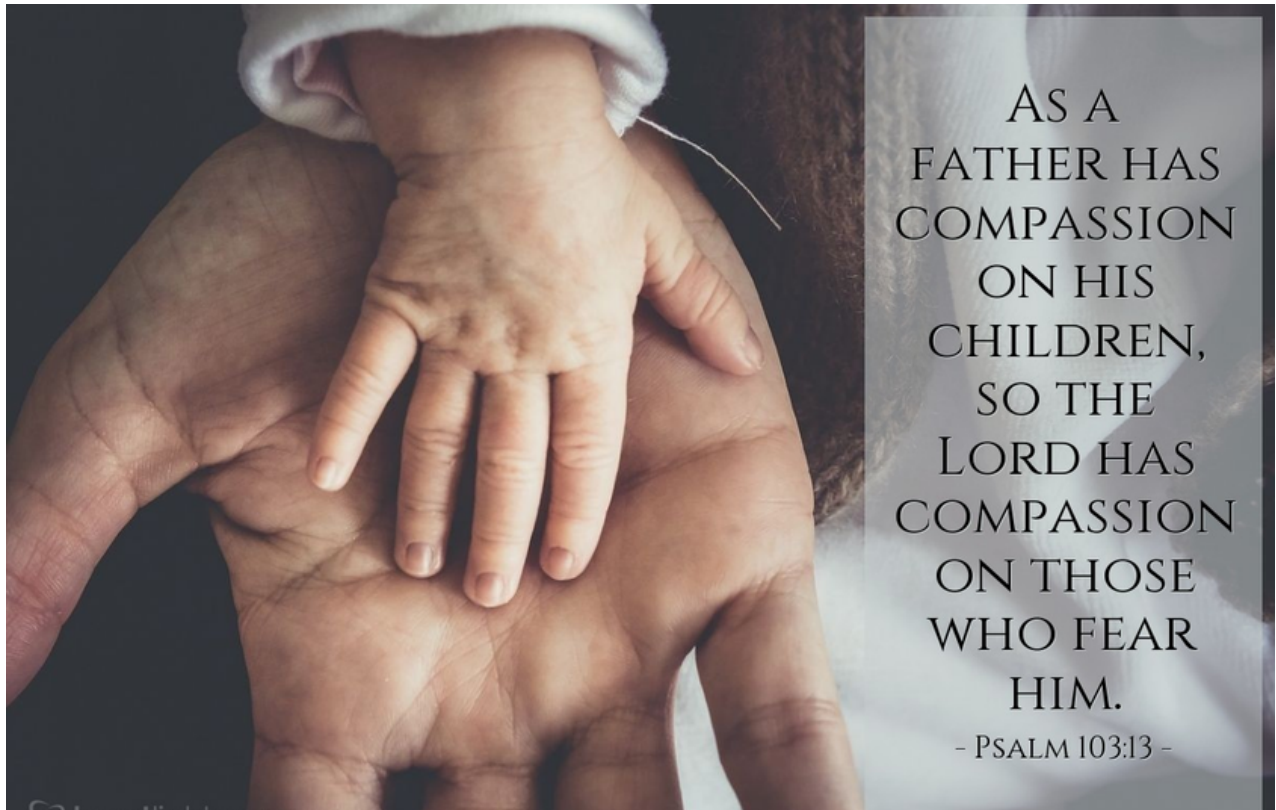
Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’ ”



Scripture Reading

Psalms 103:1-13

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.”



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- PSALM 103:13 -

Prayers & Praises

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In Our Church

Family:

- Donna Baker
- Cec Burkhart
- John Burkhart
- Joan Dietrich
- Polly Putney
- Bob Throop
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers for Rev. Bruce Frogge, Stephanie Frogge's brother, who has been diagnosed with a serious bone marrow disease. Further genetics testing is in progress to determine type and treatment plan.

Prayers for Jim Christ's nephew, Dennis Christ, in Oregon, continued prayers for healing and comfort as he goes through chemotherapy.

Prayers for healing for Vince Ortega's sister, Linda De Los Santos, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Prayers for Marvin and Phyllis Thurber, who have moved to Salt Creek Senior Living.

Prayers for healing for Kristie Christianson's mom, Lucy Reuter-Masek, after a mild stroke.

Prayers for John Burkhart, who was in the hospital for heart rhythm issues. He returned home on Sunday.

Prayers for Cec Burkhart for continued healing.

Prayers for Bob Throop for continued healing and strength.

Prayers for Roger Vocasek as he looks for a job.

Prayers for Jessica Stehlik-Vocasek for her health issues.

Prayers for Katelynn Long for continued healing and strength.

Friends:

- Ron Collamore, *prayers for his health.*

Our Timothy

- Rev. Bruce Frogge, *Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*

In the Nebraska Region: Trinity Chapel Church, Lincoln - Abby Conley

Our Global Ministries in: Palestine

"Lord, we pray for our land, Palestine. A wounded land, fragmented by walls and checkpoints, scarred by violence, and burdened by fear and hatred. Have mercy on us. Lead us from the shadow of death into the joy of the resurrection and the fullness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."



Song of the Week

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.



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SEPTEMBER

Call to Confession

One:

We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart. But God's grace is freely given and without end. Let us open our lives to this beautiful gift, as we acknowledge together the ways we miss the mark, praying:

Prayer of Confession

Many:

It seems we cannot decide, O God. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our own needs. We claim to cling fast to Christ, but forget to take him with us when we leave this place. Forgive us, Lord, and have mercy upon us. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of complaining, may we carry compassion to those who hurt. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and spread the hope of the Good News wherever we go.

Good News of God's Grace

One:

Hear the Good News—the mercies of the Lord are from everlasting to everlasting. God has kept his covenant: we are loved, we are forgiven, we are a new creation.

Many:

Thanks be to God! Amen.



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