

Those Serving Us Today

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Our next service will be Sunday, October 27 at 9:15 am.

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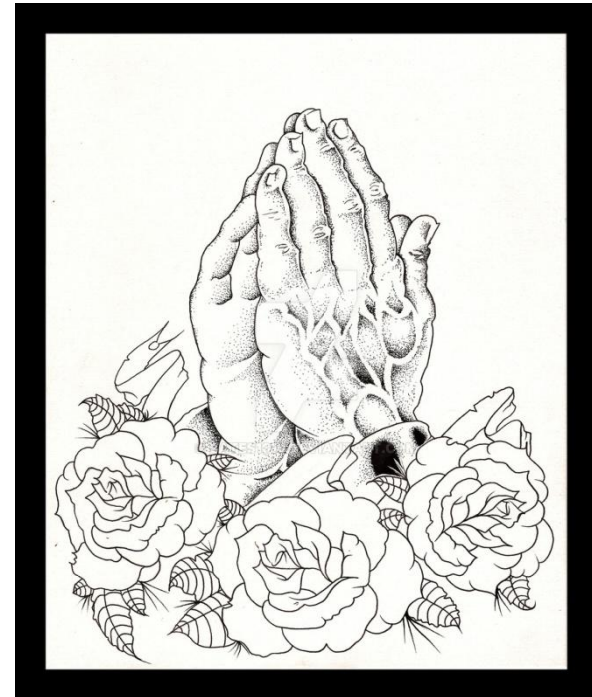
Thank you to all our members, and residents of the Manitowoc Health Care Center who are so faithful in their attendance to our services. We welcome all of our guests and pray that the Spirit will touch you with the light of Christ.

Donations

Donations are taken in the basket as you enter the chapel. Each month, Gathering of Disciples church donates to charitable non-profit organizations in our community and to the Manitowoc Health and Rehabilitation Center activity fund. Thank you for your generosity as we grow in service to our Lord.

Sunday, October 20, 2019

9:15 a.m.



Gathering Of Disciples Christian Church

(G.O.D.'s Church)

A Christian congregation

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Announcing the Day

The word of God connects today's readings. Jeremiah paints a beautiful image of the word being written on the very hearts of God's people, a foreshadowing of the beginning of John's Gospel, where Jesus is described as the Living Word come to dwell within us. The psalmist declares the importance of the word as the source of understanding, wisdom, and guidance. Paul writes to Timothy about the word as the basis for sound teaching, reproof, and correction. In Luke, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow to teach us about patient, persevering prayer. Throughout these readings God's word is revealed as the foundation of our relationship with God.

Welcome

Introduction and announcements:

Order of Worship

L: Let us now take a moment to center our hearts and minds on God in preparation for worship.

Opening Prayer

L: How beautiful is the word of the Lord!

C: How wise are God's commandments!

L: Through the Lord's precepts, we gain understanding.

C: Through God's wisdom, we find truth.

L: The Lord is our God; we are God's people.

**C: God's word lives within us,
for it is written on our hearts.**

L: Living Word, Great Teacher, lead us and guide us!

C: Amen!

The Entrance Hymn

#478

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

The Confession and Forgiveness

(Please stand if you are able)

L: From the least of us, to the greatest, Lord,

C: we want to know you; we yearn to follow where you lead us; we need your guidance. But even as we listen for your direction, other voices compete for our attention with teachings that suit our desires. Our thoughts drift so far from your truth, that fables and fancies begin to seem real. Holy One, open our hearts and minds. By your Spirit, convince, rebuke, and encourage us as only you can; teach, correct, and inspire us in the ways of your salvation.

L: When we cry out, God helps us without delay. Do not lose heart, for the Lord forgives our iniquity and remembers our sin no more.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Hymn of Praise (sung)

#9 vs 1 & 3

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim, his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name. Lift high your songs before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.

In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess; the great Creator, he, the Lord of Righteousness. He reigns unseen: his flock he deeds and gently leads in pastures green. Amen.

L: The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

L: O Lord, God,

C: tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, , through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

Psalm 121 (recited responsively)

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

² **My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴ **indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;

⁸ **the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.**

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for

teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

^{4.1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

L: The Readings for today. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *(Please stand if you are able)*
(Into My Heart #485)

C: Into my heart, into my heart, come into my hear, Lord Jesus; come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

L: The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says.

⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

L: The Word of God. **C: For the People of God.**

The Message *(Please be seated)*
Don’t take no for an answer!

The Hymn of the Day

#614

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”

The Apostle’s Creed *(Please stand if you are able)*

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven

and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church

L: "Lord, in your Mercy" C: "Hear Our Prayer"

The Offering (sung) *(Please be seated)*

We Give Thee But Thine Own #688 vs 1 & 5

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be: all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; what-e'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

Amen.

The Offertory Prayer

L: Gracious God, C: you have granted us wisdom, understanding, and knowledge far greater than that of any teacher; you have given us love and grace freely from your abundance. As you have shared your gifts with us, we share these gifts with you, that all the world may know you. As you have led us by the hand, we offer our hands to your service, in praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(Please stand if you are able)*

L: Let us join together in the prayer that Jesus taught us and give praise with the ending acclamation given to us by his apostle, Mark. C: **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

L: May the living word of the Lord dwell with you.

May it live through you. May it fill your thoughts and deeds. May it fill your mouth with God's message of love. May it sustain you in good times and bad.

May it equip you for a ministry of peace and hope!

C: **In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Closing Hymn

#473

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

The Dismissal

L: You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness. Go from this place knowing that God's blessings have been poured on you so that you may be a blessing to others. Be at peace and bring the good news of God's love and peace to all whom you meet. C: **Glory be to God! Amen.**

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