Online Worship - September 20, 2020

Pastor Jared Priset

Worship Songs
Cornerstone; You Never Let Go
3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Video
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Special Music
River in Judea; Mark Coventry & Suzanne Walters
arr. by Leavitt

Prayer
Emma Ellifritz

Testimonial
Patti Brown

Scripture
Jonah 1:4-16
Shannon Stacy

Message
Have you ever tried running away from Storms?” Pastor Bryan George

Hymn
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
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Sermon Outline

Text: Jonah 1:4-16
Focus: As Jonah disobeys the will of the Lord and tries to run away from Nineveh he experiences the consequences of the storm. As the pagan sailors are caught up in the same boat, they show the self-absorbed prophet of Yahweh how to treat people who are radically different.

I) Believers behaving badly
   - The massacre in 1099, of the Crusaders at Al-Aqsa Mosque
   - Richard Allen at St. George’s Church 1787 "You must get up—you must not kneel here"
   - Drollinger: {Covid} is “God’s consequential wrath on our nation,”

II) Jonah: God chosen prophet, behaving badly in run from God’s command to rescue Nineveh
   - Jonah believed that God only speaks to the chosen, not the wicked Assyrians!
   - Jonah realizes that God is merciful to those who turn and he wants a God of wrath!
   - Jonah doesn’t trust God’s promises of providing for him

III) Lessons for believers in being in the same boat with the pagan sailors (Jonah 1:4-16)
   - "The Lord hurled a great wind" (v.4):
     - If Jonah refuses to go to “great” city, he will face a “great” wind
     - Acts of disobedience entail a storm attached, yet not every storm is punishment!
     - Storms can serve as a wakeup call and reduce the power of sin in our lives
   - "The mariners were afraid and each called out to their god” (v.5)
     - The sailors worked and prayed while the self-absorbed prophet slept (v.6)
     - The sailors seek the common good while Jonah doesn’t even pray to be rescued
     - The sailors even after learning Jonah’s disobedience still work to save him (v.13)

   "And of what people are you?” (v.8)
   - After casting lots, the sailors pepper Jonah with identity questions
   - The sailors want to know his purpose, his place, his race and his religion
   - Jonah first response is “I am a Hebrew” (v.9): putting his nation over his God

   “for I know that is because of me that this great storm has come upon you” (v.12)
   - The sailors sacrifice for Jonah stirs pity and starts him on the road to grace
   - Jonah rejected the Lord’s call to go to outsiders only to tell sailors about the Lord

   “Then the men feared the Lord even more and the offered sacrifice and made vows” (v.16)
   - The sailors called upon Yahweh after the danger passed
   - More than a foxhole conversion

IV) Questions for us as we run from the Storms
   - Are the storms that we are facing a wakeup call to get our priorities straight?
   - Crisis can be a striking opportunity for growth

   - When we are in the storm, what identity do we emphasize?
     - Nation, Party, Race, Family or God?
   - As followers of the Lord what are we doing for the common good of all? Ecology, Justice, Mercy
**Church News**

**College Student Information**
We want to send our college students care packages, letters and post-high event updates throughout the year. Help us reach them by e-mailing your college student’s name, college, school year address (even if the same as last year), cell phone number and e-mail address to Diana Mayer by October 7th.

**Acme Receipts**
Please help earn money for the Church of the Lakes Childcare Center by bringing in your receipts from Acme Grocery Store. At the bottom of the receipt there is information about community cash back dollars earned for purchasing certain items. The childcare center gets 5% of the total spent on Acme Store Brands. We will be collecting receipts through December 26th in the collection container outside the Childcare office.

**Donations Needed**

**REVEL Missions - Fall Bags for Canton Calvary Mission**
Instead of a Fall Party for the children at the Canton Calvary Mission, our Youth will be putting together special bags for the children on October 11th. Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated: crayons, markers, colored pencils or pens, glue bottles, child-size face masks - generic or Halloween (Covid-type coverings, not scary masks), Halloween candy, Halloween crafts, individual bags of chips, individual bags of cookies, Donations can be placed in the Revel baskets located in the entryway by Monday, October 5th. You can also shop from home, and have your items delivered directly to the church. Simply visit smile.Amazon.com (and select Church of the Lakes as your Supporting Charity if you haven't already), search for your item(s) and have them shipped directly to Church of the Lakes, 5944 Fulton Drive NW, Canton, OH 44718. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Women's Ministries**

**Baby Bundles**
Despite the Coronavirus, we have remained busy at home. In July, we were able to deliver 6 baby quilts to Pregnancy Choices, 28 stuffed animals to children services and 16 stuffed animals to the YMCA. Some ladies have been continuing to sew for our group while at home, thank you ladies. Join us on Thursday, September 24th at 9:30 am in room 108. We will have 4 tables set up to allow for social distancing. Please wear a mask. For more information call or text Lucy Woods, 330-417-0282.

**Book Club**
The Women's book club will meet on Wednesday, October 7th at 10:00 am via Zoom, they will be discussing 'Carnegie’s Maid' by Marie Benedict. To receive the Zoom link contact Sue Hoffmeyer, buckeye@sssnet.com. This group meets the 1st Wednesday every month and is open to new members at any time.

**Keep in your prayers:** Jamison Johnston; Phyllis Vozenilek; Bob Lorenz.
*To submit prayer requests call 330-499-8972 ext. 203 or email: prayer@churchofthelakes.org.*
AT CHURCH
Kindergarten - 4th Graders
September 9th - November 11th
Register on our website

Only $45/child if paid in full or $5/week
Includes dinner & supplies; Scholarships are available

This fall, children will discover how to produce the Fruit of the Spirit in their daily lives.

5:30 Dinner
6:00 - 7:30 Worship & T-N-T Stations:
Bible Discovery, Exploration Station, Recreation

AT HOME
Kindergarten - 4th Graders
Register on our website

Suggested donation of $15 per family to cover costs of supplies

This fall we will be focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit and how that is produced in our lives. Take home baskets include a Bible Story for each week along with supplies for hands on activities, and other resources for discipleship in your homes. You will also get a link for your child to be able to watch a skit and Kid-Vid video each week.

Trunk-n-Treat
We are planning on holding our wonderful community outreach event on Saturday, October 31st, 4:30 - 6:00 pm. Cars will be in the main parking lot allowing for more space between trunks. There will be no indoor activities and if it is raining, the event will be canceled. To make this community event a success we need lots of TRUNKS. Please consider volunteering to decorate your car trunk and hand out treats; it does not have to be elaborate. If you want to participate or want more information email Mardy DiGiacinto, mardy@churchofthelakes.org.

Habitat for Humanity
Building will continue through October. To volunteer visit our website and select “volunteer”, or contact Kara, 330-915-5888.

Submit your news, information or announcements to betsi@churchofthelakes.org.

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