

St. John's Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.



Vision Statement

Worship God

Love One Another

Serve the World

Worship Participants

The Rev. Kent Meads, Interim Pastor
Elaine York, Pastor
Randy Smith, Lay Reader/Music Director
David Brock, Organist
Chancel Choir

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*Please stand in Body or Spirit

BOLD People Response

GATHERING

Prelude (David Brock, Organist)
Meditation #2

Marianne Kim

Welcome/Announcements (The Rev. Kent Meads)

Please sign our Ministry of Friendship pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you.

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

People: my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you.

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

All: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

*Hymn No. 139 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

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*Call to Confession (Randy Smith, Lay Reader)

Because we have faith in God, we dare approach Him in confidence. In faith let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon (Titus 2:11-14)

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we have been made right with God. Go, therefore, with the Holy Spirit, and sin no more.

*The Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace.)

*Hymn

Glory Be to the Father

—The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 577; CCLI# 221194

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE WORD

Moment with Young Disciples

Anthem (Randy Smith, Choir Director)
Chancel Choir

Message

**Formation of Joy and the Mind of Christ
Joy in Life and Living, Even If
Philippians 1.18a-26**

The Rev. Kent Meads

Introduction

Friend in jail.

Today, in our passage, Paul's faces a daunting threat.

He's awaiting the emperor's verdict.

Paul ruminates on the possible outcomes, **even if**, the worst happens; he belongs to Christ.

I. More Joy – vv. 19-20.

He states in 2 phrases the reason for his joy "I know..."

(1) this will turn out for my salvation/deliverance/vindication (v.19);

(2) and Christ will be magnified (v.20).

The first thing is a verbatim quote of Job 13.16.

Consider our circumstances here.

"continue to prayer for our future Pastor"

Paul's request for their prayers includes the phrase: "and the **supply** of the Spirit of Jesus Christ."

Paul speaks of the need for continual supply in Eph. 5.18: "being continually filled with the Spirit."

The resident Spirit, that is, the Spirit who lives in believers, is ever supplying renewed empowerment to the believer's life.

With 4 phrases Paul spells out how he expects Christ to be magnified/highly honored.

The **first phrase** is "**with all boldness.**"

Boldness usually means «outspokenness» or «plainness of speech» that conceals nothing.

The **second phrase** is "**as always also now.**"

The **third phrase** is "**in my body.**"

And the **fourth phrase** is "**whether through life or through death.**"

II. Paul reports his personal reflections on "life" and "death" in vv.21-24.

V. 21 has been a favorite of many followers of Jesus.

Christ is and had been the singular focus of Paul's life.

"Christ» crucified, the exalted Lord, present by the Spirit and the coming king; "Christ" the one who is God, yet "emptied himself" and taking human form humbled himself—to death on the cross and to whom God has given the name that is above every name, Jesus; "Christ" is the one who sums up the whole range of our new relationship to God.

1 Cor. 15.55 and 3.21-22:

Paul is teaching us to have a view of life centered on Christ and eschatology (the future).

Paul knows that, **even if**, he dies he belongs to Christ = it's all gain.

Dan.3.17-18—the 3 guys, **even if**.

V. 22 continues Paul's thought about "to live."

This is not a theoretical dilemma for him—what Paul is working through is not an abstract problem.

It's about being set free ("life) or execution ("death").

He states it first: "My desire is to **depart** (=leave the body) and be with Christ which is far better" (v.23).

Departure originally means **breaking up camp or lose a ship from its moorings. 2 Cor. 5.8**

Paul decided to live until he dies.

Paul begins these verses with his rejoicing.

He ends with desiring **the experience of joy.**

Conclusion

Jesus lives to support us, **even if**, our life seems filled with uncertainties.

Christ is the basis of our joy—**even if**, like Paul, we seem to face an uncertain future personally or as a community of faith.

Video

Even If

Mercy Me

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They say sometimes you win some
 Sometimes you lose some
 And right now, right now I'm losing bad
 I've stood on this stage night after night
 Reminding the broken it'll be alright
 But right now, oh right now I just can't

It's easy to sing
 When there's nothing to bring me down
 But what will I say
 When I'm held to the flame
 Like I am right now

I know You're able and I know You can
 Save through the fire with Your mighty hand
 But even if You don't
 My hope is You alone

They say it only takes a little faith
 To move a mountain
 Good thing

A little faith is all I have right now
 But God when You choose
 To leave mountains unmovable
 Give me the strength to be able to sing
 It is well with my soul

I know You're able and I know You can
 Save through the fire with Your mighty hand
 But even if You don't
 My hopes is you alone

I know the sorrow, and I know the hurt
 Would all go away if You'd just say the word
 But even if You don't
 My hope is You alone

You've been faithful, You've been good
 All of my days
 Jesus, I will cling to You
 Come what may
 'Cause I know You're able
 I know You can

I know You're able and I know You can
 Save through the fire with Your mighty hand
 But even if You don't
 My hope is You alone

I know the sorrow, and I know the hurt
 Would all go away if You'd just say the word
 But even if You don't
 My hope is You alone

My hope is you alone

It is well with my soul
 It is well, it is well with my soul

Receiving the Morning Offering (Elaine York, Pastor)

Offertory

Meditation #1

Marianne Kim

*Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Prayers of the People (Prayers for our Future Pastor)

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn No. 145 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

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*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

March de Fete

Henri Büsser, arr Dale Wood

*Join us for Fellowship Time
in Martin Hall after our worship service*

75TH ANNIVERSARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION

In celebration of St. John's achievement of reaching the 75th Anniversary Capital Campaign fundraising goal, celebrate with us on May 5 after worship with cake and refreshments!

DONATE ONLINE



Use your mobile device to scan the QR code and donate online!

Any online donation should be made before the 27th of each month. When donations are received at the end of the month, the money is not always transferred to our account in time to be included in the month donated. It is included in next month's transfer, but at the end of the year that could cause a problem with your year-end totals.

PER CAPITA

Each member of St. John's is assessed \$46.00 each and it is broken down as follows —General Assembly \$8.95, Synod of the Pacific \$5.22, and Nevada Presbytery \$31.83. These funds are used for the purpose of operating the entities named and, primarily, Nevada Presbytery. There is a separate item in our Budget for Per Capita used toward supplementing that particular item. Every February Per Capita per member is re-calculated for the members on 12/31 of the previous year. This year's contribution, \$46.00/member, was a total of \$9,771.00 but if paid by mid-February we receive a discount which means we actually paid \$7,493.50. Fortunately, we have paid the discounted Per Capita every year. If enough funds are not received, the remaining amount comes from the General Fund. As of March 31, 2024, \$1,607.00 has been received for the per Capita General Fund Account so we have a deficit of \$5,886.50 towards the total. Let's see if we can pay the whole amount this year! Thank you in advance for your generosity and to those who have already paid a special thank you!

—Your Finance Committee 2024

ST. JOHN'S WORK DAY COMING SOON!



It is all hands-on deck! St. John's Annual Spring Work Day, May 4th, is quickly approaching, and we want you to be there. Let us come and serve the Lord together as one in a body-wide expression of gratitude for these grounds and this facility that He has given to us. We want to be good stewards of His property by keeping things clean, weeded, pruned, etc. Bring your garden tools, knee pads, and gloves! We will begin at 9:00 am and end at noon with lunch in Martin Hall or even outside where we can admire the fruits of our labors. **To help us prepare for lunch,** please sign up by going to <https://form.jotform.com/240915696457166> or scan the QR code.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Sign up today at the display in the Narthex for the Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 11:30 am!

The Mystery and History of Hand Fans!
Presented by Maria Winchester!

Donation of \$15 each! Please bring your fans to share!

Questions? Call Elaine York at (775) 813-8859.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY—PROJECT 150

Project 150 is a local nonprofit organization which serves disadvantaged and homeless high school students in Northern Nevada. Their goal is to alleviate some of the critical needs of these students so that they have a better chance of staying in school and succeeding. Students can "shop" at their boutique for shoes, clothing, coats, undergarments, food, school supplies, and toiletries. Currently, Project 150 has a critical need for dental supplies: toothpaste, toothbrushes, and dental floss. Please consider donating to this worthy organization!

Items may be dropped off in the Project 150 bins located just inside Martin Hall by the mailboxes. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

SUNDAY MORNING STUDY

Study: Galatians
When: Sunday Mornings (Remember your Bible!)
9:15 am-10:15 am
Where: Clawson Memorial Library
Taught by Rev. Kent Meads



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 17th - 21st

9am-12pm with daily registration/check-in at 8:30am

Our 1st organizational/planning meeting will be Sunday, May 5th after morning service at 12 noon in the Library.

It is important that if you have volunteered, you plan to be at this meeting. Thank you!

Thanks to all who have volunteered, but we still need YOU! If you would like to help but cannot commit to the full 5 days - let us know and we will work to pair you with another volunteer. Please contact Kathryn Smith, Chair of CEC at ksmithrd@aol.com or Maria Winchester at office@stjohnschurch.org. Thank you!

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