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And coming up this Sunday!



“And He Called It Good”

June 7, 2020
Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Matthew 28:16-20

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or

<https://youtu.be/4hDNyn9PsnE>

Thank you

Lord Hear Our Prayer...

Our prayers go out to **Pastor Angelo Thompson and his family** (Faith Hope and Love) upon the death of his uncle from Covid-19. Pastor Angelo also has several other family members from his uncles family that are sick.

Continued prayers for Lynice's mother **Bonnie** as she struggles with the effects of chemotherapy and her seizures.

Prayers of thanksgiving for my friend **Teresa** whose test for the virus came back negative. Now prayers that her doctor is able to determine what is making her sick.

Hilda asks for prayers for her sister who has Covid-19.

Joy asks for continued prayers for **Isaiah** who is still in the hospital.

Prayers for the family of **George Flynn**, the families of the police officers involved, the millions who are hurting right now and for our cities, states and for our nation.

In God's Holy name we pray, Amen

"Depending on Him"

Beware of dividing up your life into things you can do by yourself and things that require My help. The truth is, *everything* you do – even taking a breath – involves My assistance. *I sustain all things by My powerful Word.* So recognizing your utter dependence on Me builds a strong foundation on which you can do your work heartily – from the soul.

BE UPLIFTED

From "Jesus Lives" by Lucinda Secrest McDowell

July 5th is coming!

There is a plan in place to begin worshiping again on July 5th. Over the course of this month, many of you will be getting a call from me to see how you feel about this. I need to know your concerns about coming together. I do want to share with you some of what we have in mind:

We will meet in Fellowship Hall. This is the easiest space to clean as the amount of soft surfaces is very limited. Right now the thought is to meet under the south most section and somehow separate it from the rest of fellowship hall. We are working on how to make it a worshipful space yet maintain a distance for everyone.

Masks will not be required, but are encouraged, especially before and after service. There will be some masks available in case you do not feel it is needed before you get to church and then change your mind.

Communion will not be taken by intinction. The Elder and I will pass a tray upon which individual cups of juice and bread may be removed and a receptacle for empties will follow along.

We will still have our offering meditation but the plate will not be passed. There will be a place where you can place your offering either before or after service.

The front door will be propped open so that you will not need to pull open the door. Greeters will be further in so that there is no place where distancing is not possible.

There will not be coffee or donuts right away. This is one of the areas where we struggle to figure out a safe way for many to touch without risk. Know that you are welcome to bring your own.

We will not have a screen up for the words to hymns. Please bring the hymnal that you have at home and then take it back with you. You are also free to get a Bible and do the same thing.

Chairs, door handles, and anything that you might touch will be cleaned prior to the service.

Each of you will be responsible for your own comfort when it comes to touch. Please remember to ask before you shake hands, hug or touch. Do not hesitate to say no if you would rather not. I know this is something that I struggle with.

We will be writing down everyone who comes in on each Sunday. We do this so that if someone does come down with the virus, we will easily know who might have been exposed. Don't worry, the deacons will be in charge of this, there will not be an attendance sheet.

It is possible that visitors might come. They will be asked to wear masks and full contact information will be obtained. Before they come into the worship space, a Deacon will go over things with them.

Live streaming will continue, but no one will be filmed receiving communion. This is an intimate moment between you and God. We will also have to make changes about what is said during prayer requests. No last names will be used and we will need to remember not to give too much information. This part might change.

There might be more....but I will let you know before the 5th. Most of all, know that the decision to come is totally yours.

And so the ordinary begins.

It is finally here! Ordinary Time! We have finished Lent, Easter has come and so has Pentecost. Finally we get to rest and get back to the ordinary....but what is ordinary about now? We are not meeting on Sunday mornings like we used to. There is no coffee and donuts waiting for us as we come in either an hour before or at the very last minute. We don't climb the ramp, receive a bulletin or get to hug our friends. There is nothing ordinary about this ordinary time!

Ordinary Time in the life of the church is perfect for what we are going through now. You see, it is about remembering the basics of our faith. Advent is all about celebrating the coming birth of Christ, and then we have Christmas; Christ is born. Lent prepares us to recognize the loss that comes with Good Friday and then Easter is all about the Resurrection. And before we know it, Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit is upon us. Three really big events for the church all wrapped up in a period of 125 days (there is a brief bit of "ordinary" mixed in between Advent and Lent). That leaves us with 240 days to live into our faith.

During ordinary time we take the chance to grow and to change. The colors are green (growth) and blue (change). What better time is there to look into what change and growth means to us than right now when the ordinary and normal is sort of turned on its ear?

I challenge each of you to look within and think about what it is about faith that you want and need to remain the same and what can change. I would really like to think that this time of separate – togetherness has been an opportunity for you to notice what is important. What are the stories of Christ that your soul needs to hear? What rituals, visuals, sounds, etc. do you really miss the most?

Let us make this the most extraordinary Ordinary Time we have ever had.

Plano Food Pantry needs for the month of June

Have you been to a grocery store lately? It is a bit different than what we are used to. Shelves are empty and simple things like pasta, meat, bread, lunch meat, produce is hard to come by. As hard as it is for us, it is even harder for some who are limited to what they can get by loss of jobs, WIC, long shifts or simply not enough money. That is where food pantries come in. They offer food and comfort when that is sometimes hard to come by. Right now the Plano Food Pantry needs you, but differently than normal.

Each month we let you know of a certain type of item that is needed and you fill out wagons to overflowing. This month, and probably next month we will not be doing that. We are not going to ask you to go to the grocery store to stock up on something that might not be available and expose yourself to this virus. But you can still help.

Please, support the Plano Food Pantry through a cash/check donation. You can make that check payable to the church (and put Plano Food Pantry in the memo line) or to Plano Food Pantry. Mail it in (or drop off in the mail box) and we will make sure that that donation gets to where it needs to. One nice thing about this is that it allows the food pantry to buy in bulk just what is needed.

Thank you for your continued support.



In order to follow Jesus and worship God: We will live and tell the good news of Jesus Christ in all we do; we will serve our neighbors; and we will minister to our fellow

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