

## **“The Parables of Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes”**

Pastor Dan’s Brown Bag Bible Study Is Back!

**On Thursdays at 12:30 beginning September 28th,** hear the parables of Jesus as his disciples, the crowds and the religious authorities heard them. Step back in time and see Jesus through 1st century Middle Eastern eyes. Discover amazing new insights and perspectives on some of history’s most famous stories!

Pastor Dan is offering this 10-week course beginning September 28th. The format is casual lecture and discussion. There are no books to buy, and the only assignments are to read and contemplate the assigned parable before each class. Bring your lunch and we will break bread and learn together.

Because each week tackles a different parable, missing one or two weeks will not put you behind for the next class or, pick your favorite parables and attend then. A sign-up sheet is on the glass table in the back of the sanctuary.

- 9/28 The Parable of the Good Samaritan – Luke 10: 25-37
- 10/5 The Parable of the Rich Fool – Luke 12: 13-21
- 10/12 The Parable of the Great Banquet – Luke 14: 15-24
- 10/19 The Parable of the Unjust Steward – Luke 16: 1-8
- 10/26 The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector – Luke 18: 9-14
- 11/2 The Parable of the Compassionate Employer – Matthew 20: 1-6
- 11/9 The Parable of the Serving Master – Luke 12: 35-38
- 11/16 The Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man – Luke 16: 19-30
- 11/23 The Parable of the Pounds – Luke 19: 11-27
- 11/30 The Parable of the Noble Vineyard Owner and His Son– Luke 20: 9-18

Sunday, September 10th, 2023  
Twenty-Third Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Passover and Eucharist

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Tuesday - Friday**

# Liturgy for Sunday, September 10th, 2023

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:** "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end." Ecclesiastes 3:11

### Ringling of the Church Bell

### Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship: Psalm 119: 33-40** (responsive)

**Beth Fisher**

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

**Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

**Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.**

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

**Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.**

Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

**See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life. Amen.**

### Prelude

**Choral Introit: "More Love to Thee"**

**\* Hymn "There Is Power in the Blood" # 191**

**\* Passing the Peace**

**Sharing our Concerns, Joys, and Affirmations**

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Lord God,  
while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation.  
Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that

## Current Prayer Concerns:

Shirley Warren, Chris Hazard, Kent Mitchell, Dixie Porter, Hudson Day, Margy Kreppel, Christina Moore, Amy Etheridge, Bonnie Hancock, Eric Richardson, Samantha Kilgore, Russ Shallcross, Joyce & Jack Vavrek, Bob Lebo, Lydia Frasca, Diane Devanna, Larry (Black) Blackwell, Marie McCallister, Betty Ignash, Tom Taylor, Lake Scott, Bryan Wayne-Records, Debbie Kelly, Algernon John-Baptiste, Kathy Smith, Larry Steele, Cindy Blackwell, Margie Baugher Cramer, Harvey Smith, Kendal Snyder, and Joni Eareckson Tada.

## Those homebound or undergoing treatment:

John Snyder and Marie McCallister (Marty Cropper's sister)

**Berlin Nursing Home:** For all those who we were unable to visit or sing with during this time of virus.

## Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

Sep 17	Lisa Bayles & Beth Fisher
Sep 24	Barbara & Betsy Kipila
Oct 1	Nancy Wright & Carol Reese
Oct 8	Karen Eberly & Marty Cropper
Oct 15	Jan Owens & Peggy Webster

## FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is being utilized by many this summer. If you are able, please consider picking up some of the below items to help us restock:

Rice in small packages  
Tuna Cans  
Beef / Chicken Ramen Noodles  
Cheese & Peanut Butter Crackers  
Toothbrushes & Toothpaste  
Fruit Snacks  
Fruit & Granola Bars  
Fruit Cups

Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

## Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Tues Sep 12	Mobile Showers <i>(note new time)</i>	1:30 PM
Tues Sep 12	Deacons' Meeting	3:00 PM
Wed Sep 13	Food Pantry <i>(volunteers needed)</i>	9:00 AM
Wed Sep 13	Session Meeting	1:00 PM
Wed Sep 13	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri Sep 15	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Fri Sep 15	Movie Night - RUTH	6:30 PM
Sat Sep 16	Sligo-by-the-Sea	9:00 AM
Sat Sep 16	Rummage Sale <i>(6AM setup)</i>	7:00 AM

**Birthdays:** Donna Greenwood (9/11) Ann Hales (9/14) Beth Fisher (9/16)

**Flowers:** ~ Flowers in the chancel vases are given:

~ In loving memory of all the people killed during the 9-11 attacks on the Twin Towers, Pentagon and Flight 93. You will never be forgotten. Billy and Jonelle Jones

*\* September 17th 2nd Vase open for dedication*

*\* September 24th 2nd Vase open for dedication*

## New Member Class

Pastor Dan will be hosting a new members class on **Thursday evening, September 21st at 7PM** in Fellowship Hall. If you're considering joining First Presbyterian or if you're just interested in learning more about our congregation, the PCUSA, or reformed Christianity, this class is for you! The sign-up sheet is on the glass table.

## WOW - Women of Worship

The Women of Worship will meet on Tuesday, Sept 19 at 11:00 AM. We invite **ALL** women to come for bible study and fellowship. We have read the Gospel of Luke over the summer and will now add the first two chapters of Acts.

After our study, Karen Eberly will go over the 2023/2024 Agenda. We can then enjoy our bag lunches as we fellowship with one another. Jackie sent an email out earlier this week regarding the study. Let us know if you need another copy.

you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:

Who is in a position to condemn?

**Only Christ.**

**And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;**

**Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

### \* Gloria Patri (unison)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.**

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

### Invitation to the Offering

Paul's counsel to the church in Rome was this: "Owe no one anything, except to love one another." So come, let us love one another and all in God's world by sharing what we have been given so that needs are met and the gospel is proclaimed.

### \* Doxology (unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly Hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Prayer of Dedication

God of our salvation, we know what time it is—

time to wake from sleep and to turn from selfishness.

We offer now our time, our talents, and our resources

to be used for your good purposes and all for love's sake.

Through Jesus the Christ we pray. **Amen.**

## Choral Anthem: "We Will Rejoice Again"

### Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Holy Spirit, as your word is read and preached, pass among your gathered people, opening minds to increase understanding, opening hearts to bind us together in your love. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

### 1st Scripture Reading: Romans 13: 8-14 [NIV]

#### Betsy Kipila

<sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

<sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law <sup>11</sup> And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

<sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

### 2nd Scripture Reading: Exodus 12: 1-14 [NIV]

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The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, <sup>2</sup> "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. <sup>3</sup> Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. <sup>4</sup> If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person

## Movie Night! - Ruth

Our next Movie Night will be on **Friday, September 15th at 6:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Beverages and snacks provided. No charge!

Filmed in front of a live audience at Sight & Sound Theatres in 2006, this remarkable story of second chances is one of their most beloved productions.

Journey alongside an ordinary woman whose faith in God ignites a chain of events that change the course of history.



## Book Club:

The next Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, September 19 at 1PM**. We are reading **"The Watchmaker's Daughter - the Life of Corrie ten Boom"** by Jean Watson.

The Watchmaker's Daughter traces the life of this outstanding Christian woman from her childhood in Haarlem (Netherlands), through her suffering in Nazi concentration camps, to her world-wide ministry to the handicapped and underprivileged.

## Rummage Sale

Our next Rummage Sale will be held on **Saturday, September 16th** from 7AM - 1PM. The shed will be **OPEN** for donations from today (Aug 27) through Sunday, September 10. See Jan Owens for questions.

Please consider volunteering, especially at setup time (6:00 AM) or at close-up time (12:30 - 1:00 PM).



## Ocean City Beach Patrol

This Sunday we honor and pray for the Ocean City Beach Patrol whose lifeguards and other members so selflessly risk their lives to keep us safe while in the water and on the beach. From Memorial Day through September, thousands and thousands of rescues occur in Ocean City. During Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the **Labor Day weekend**, with only 34 stands to cover 10 miles of beach, these dedicated first responders performed **472 water rescues**. We are blessed to have such a dedicated and highly trained patrol as part of our community. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Ocean City Beach Patrol and may God bless each and everyone of you.



will eat.<sup>5</sup> The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats.<sup>6</sup> Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.<sup>7</sup> Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.<sup>8</sup> That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.<sup>9</sup> Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs.<sup>10</sup> Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.<sup>11</sup> This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover.<sup>12</sup> "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord."<sup>13</sup> The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.<sup>14</sup> "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance.

### Time with Children & Youth

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Sermon: "Living on Pharaoh's Time"

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\*Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"  
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\* Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)

All-knowing God,  
you know our needs before we name them in prayer.

All-caring God,  
you care enough to hear our prayers  
knowing that all we truly need is your love.

All-loving God,  
hear now these prayers that name the needs of your people:  
Your people need health . . . freedom from illness, addiction,  
and depression.

Your people need peace . . . peace from the violence in our  
streets and in our homes ... peace from war, strife, and conflict.

Your people need hope . . . hope for employment, hope for an  
abatement of this disease, hope for a better tomorrow.

Your people need comfort and healing . . . for those close to us  
who are struggling we pray for ....

Your whole creation needs your powerful presence. All-powerful  
God, the need is so great; we rejoice that you are greater.  
Hear these prayers we offer in Jesus' name who taught us to  
pray to you by saying, **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..**

\* Hymn "Rock of Ages" # 204

Charge

Benediction

Postlude and Response "Go From the Pews"

## Household Prayer: Morning

*O God of this and every morning,  
as I begin this day, call my name;  
as I step into this day, guide my feet;  
as I live this day, care for those I love;  
as I learn this day, teach me your ways.*

*In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## Household Prayer: Evening

*God of stars and planets,  
the setting sun ends this day for us  
as it rises on a new day for others.*

*For us and for them,  
be light in every darkness.*

*In Jesus' name. Amen*