

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even when we are tested by the refiner's fire, God brings us to a place of laughter and light on the other side of our trials. The Advocate meets us in our suffering and heals us in holy love.

Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

On the other side of trials, rest in the sanctuary of God's healing love. Come, let us share the peace of Christ with one another—the peace promised through the Holy Spirit.

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Spirit Song"

Joel Rainey

A READING FROM ACTS 17:22-31 (NIV)

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 66:8-20 (NIV)

Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.

For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver.

You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.

You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you—vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble.

I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats.

Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

**but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer. Praise be to God,
who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!**

EPISTLE: I Peter 3:13-22 (NIV)

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

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***GOSPEL: John 14:15-21 (NIV)**

The gospel according to John.

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

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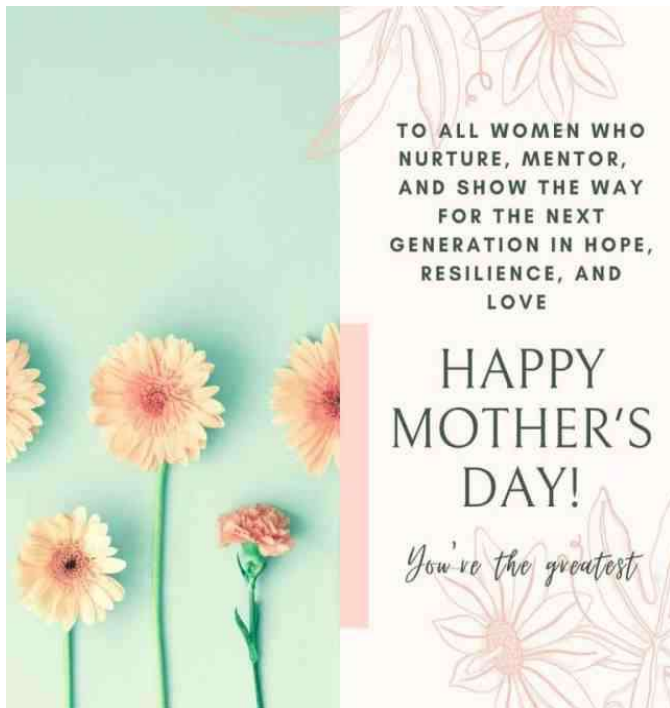
REFLECTIONS ON GOD’S WORD

Pastor Rob Odum

HYMN: 397

”I Need Thee Every Hour”

vs 1-4



Memorial UMC

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Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm

Pastor Rob would like to have the coffee hours again in the Chapel Lounge after the church service. This would include having coffee and light refreshments available. Please consider assisting in this project. The following are the dates have been filled by volunteers:

Sunday, May 10th (the Chartiers)

Sunday, May 17th (CHAOS taco Sunday)

Sunday, May 24th

(Cynthia Eicksteadt & Phil Gruntzel)

Sunday, May 31st (Jean & Tom Rowe)

Please sign up on the form on the pedestal in the chapel lounge. Thank you~~Mary Schultz

MONTHLY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Sunday, 9:15am

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday, 10:30am

CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Saturday 2/14 – Saturday 5/16

Confirmation classes will be held each

Saturday from 9-10:30am

CONFIRMATION: May 24th during the worship service

CERAMICS: Mondays, 1-9pm

NAMI: 1st Wednesday of the month @ 6:30pm

CHANCEL CHOIR: Thursday, 6:30-7:25pm

JOYFUL BELLS: Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm

KNITTING/CRCHETING GROUP:

Wednesday, May 13th from 1-3pm &

Wednesday, May 27th from 1-3pm

SASSY SOWERS: 1st Tuesday & 3rd,
Thursday, 10am-1pm

2nd SATURDAY SUPPER: the June supper location is to be determined. Stay posted!

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Tuesday,
9am at Zebb's Family Restaurant,
2701 W Morgan Ave, Milwaukee, 53221

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 3rd Thursday, 8:30am at Meyers, 4260 S 76th St, Greenfield, 53220

BABY SHOWER: June 6th at 11:30am with Grandma Jenny & Emily (momma). See Tricia Chartier for more info.

OKTOBERFEST PORTK DINNER:

Saturday, October 24th

YARN EXTRAVAGANZA 2: November 13-15th

