



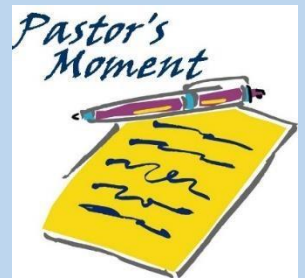
The Spire

April 2020



Dear Friends and family,

I never dreamed that we would be where we are today, most of us in our homes, not being able to live life in our normal way. We have changed from being a totally free society to feeling trapped in our own little worlds yet it is a time when we can celebrate all the amazing gifts and blessings that we take for granted. Each day, I find myself taking time reflecting on all the wonderful things that are a part of who I am and what has made my life be such an amazing journey. Each of you are a part of that journey, whether you are a member or friend of Park Place. I give thanks to God for all of you for your service to the work and Ministry of God. It also reminds me that we need to be open to new possibilities to the way we get the work of God done. This is a time of reflection and during these Lenten days, it is what we're called to do anyway. We can explore the words of God through reading of scripture and Facebook messages from Pastor Bill and me. We will be posting worship time on Sunday mornings on our Facebook page and also on the You Tube page: Park Place Congregational Church. Pastor Bill and I are only a phone call, text, email or Facebook message away. Please don't hesitate to reach out with thoughts, prayers requests, or even just to chat. We are here for you.



As we are called to honor social distancing, we can always remember that we are still one in Christ and that social distancing is not anything when we remember that we are all close in our faith and we are united by the love of God. Easter is just a few weeks away and it doesn't look like we will be able to be together in our usual way on Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We will be together as a family of God in a new way and it will be one that we will remember as long as we live. We will work together to make sure that it will be a week of meaningful worship experiences culminating with a beautiful Easter morning celebration.

We will remain close at heart, and in spirit. When this pandemic eases and passes, we will once again be together in person to worship and serve. Until then, if there is something that you can do for someone, then go ahead and do it. WE can still live out the love of God for our brothers and sisters by offering our love in friendship. Call or text a friend just to lift their spirits. If you're going to the grocery store or pharmacy, offer to pick up something for a family member or friend. Pray together via facetime or video chat and know that God is right by our sides holding us in love. Watch for Pastor Bill's Bible study moments and messages from me on Facebook. We hope you will join us once again on Sunday morning as we live stream worship once again. And may God Bless each and every one of you.

*With Love in Christ's Service,
Pastor Wayne*



March Worship Assistants

Greeters & Ushers: Shirley Harris & Ginny Platt; Mike and Halie Padula

Lay Readers: Andrea Padula, Sara Morrisette

Coffee Hour Hosts: Pastor Wayne & Ginny Platt; Lynn Usher



Worship Schedule

Join us as we use Social Media to worship and praise God! We will offer daily messages & prayer, as well as Sunday Worship on either Facebook (Park Place Church) or on You Tube: [search Park Place Congregational Church](#)

April 5: Palm Sunday: Worship Service – 10 a.m. / Holy Week Services will be posted to Facebook and You Tube.

April 9: Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.

April 10: Good Friday Service 7 p.m.

April 12: Easter Sunday: Worship Service- 10 a.m.- Pastor's Bill & Wayne leading

April 19: Worship Service – 10 a.m. / Prayer Shawl Ministry 2-3:30 p.m. Please join us and knit/crochet during this time so we can be one with one another.

April 26: Worship Service – 10 a.m./ Music & Praise - We will keep you posted as to when we can return to our regularly scheduled activities!

Bible Study News!

Park Place family and friends,

As you know, we were scheduled to begin a new Bible Study on Monday, April 20 @ 6:00 PM. However, at this point it looks like we may have to postpone our study due to the need to practice social distancing. Unfortunately, there is no way I can offer this study electronically, because I would not be able to share the DVD due to possible copyright laws. Therefore, once we are able to gather again, we will come together for "God Heard Their Cry."

Love & blessings, Pastor

Bill



Hello Church Family,

I am sitting at my desk trying to find some words of wisdom to share and wondering what all of you are doing. Some of you, I know, are able to get out and some of you are home reading, distance teaching and trying to



keep busy. I miss all of you! When we finally get back to normal, there is going to be one gigantic hug fest at Park Place Church!

I do have to bring up a subject that I would rather not discuss, but we have continued expenses at Park Place. We need to keep the lights on, as well as the other utilities. Our ministries still expect our contributions. Without your continued contributions, we will be unable to meet those obligations. Please consider keeping up with your pledges. The mail is being opened and we can still deposit checks, or consider using the online site: www.ParkPlaceUCC.com. Your giving is much appreciated.

I have found Pastor Bill's Lenten Devotionals even more poignant with our current situation. I look forward to more streaming mini-services on Sundays. Meanwhile, I will continue praying for all of you near and far. I pray we all come through this pandemic soon and we all remain healthy. May God be in all your hearts.
Blessings, Shirley



Park Place Congregational UCC Missions

Please remember All are welcome to join any activity or just drop in to see what is going on!

Our Mission to the Holiday Retirement Home will resume hopefully in May. We hope you can join us as we sing Praises to the Lord with our friends at the Holiday when we return.



Stop by the Thrift Shop! The Thrift Shop will reopen as soon as we are able. We pray that our customers are all well and safe during this time.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to add to the lives of all who receive them; so much so that we are running very low on our wonderful prayer shawls! Although we cannot meet together at this time, please continue to knit and crochet at home. Please continue making shawls during your time at home, we are running low. Prayer shawls should be 25-30 inches wide and 70 inches in length.



Prayers & Concerns for Our Family

Please keep these people in your daily prayers: Jane McCarthy; Shirley Harris; Beverly Fountaine; Janet Theberge; Shelagh Lees; Debbie Ziegenhagen; Jocelyn; Laurie; Eva; Lauryn Maples; Janet Estes; Steven; Claudia Dunn; Elaine; Bob, Nancy & Austen Lepper; Carol; John; Carlene; Karen B; Richard Deblois, Judy O; Kathy Morrisette; Anna; Brenda; Linda C.; Stacia; Colin Walker; Charlie; Betsy; Paul; Moe; Jackie Gardikis;



Josh Barber; Paul; Melanie; Gabriella; Karen; Libby; Beth Fournier; Kenny; John Peter; Michael; Virginia; Steve; Alice; Deb C; Emily; Debbie Coury; Ann-Marie; Terry; Irene Marteno- cancer; Phyllis; Joyce – (cancer); Lauren & Heather; Frank; Cory; Joanne; Katherine; Irene; Bev; Jim; Ethel; Grace; Tom; Gregg; Peter; Nancy; Eric Green; Cathleen; Claudia Berube; Trevor Bynoe; Dianne; Bob; Sherry; Terry; All people fighting cancer.

Please continue prayers for

... those suffering from the Coronavirus

... those working in the healthcare field, our First Responders, truckers, so we get out food delivered to the stores and clerks and pharmacy workers.

... the victims of the terrorist attacks across our great nation and across the world. May the Lord bring Peace to this world.

... all those impacted by all the natural disasters all around the world. The Australian fires that are devastating that country and its wildlife.

... for the victims and families of domestic abuse.

... our service men and women, and veterans both old and young who have served our country with honor and pride.

Continued prayers for our homebound family members and friends: Rita Clough; Madeline Shay & friends at the Holiday Retirement Home and The Village at Waterman Lake.

April Memorial & Honorary Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are not being ordered until we are able to once again return to our beautiful church for worship and fellowship. These are how the donations should read:

April 5: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Virginia Platt in loving memory of her Aunts and Uncles.

April 12- Easter Sunday: Easter Flowers have not been ordered as we will not be together to worship on this day of celebration.

April 19: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory to God in loving honor of the Park Place Congregation by Ethel, Norman, Bobby, Cindy & Bob.

April 26: The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bill & Darlene McMillan in appreciation of our Minister of Music, Pastor Wayne Patenaude, for his talent and service as he leads us in worship through music.

(Note: Thank you for your donations of the beautiful altar flowers each week, your continued support is greatly appreciated. Please remember that payment of \$35.00 for the altar flowers is due during that month. Thank you for your attention.)

Bible Quiz

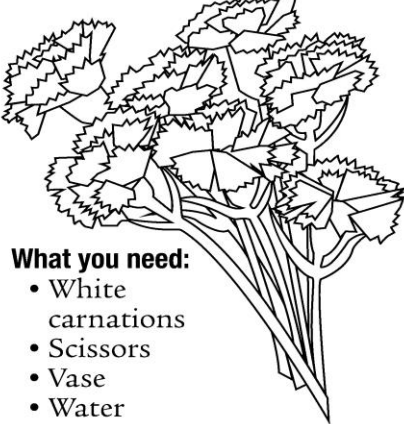
Three of the Gospels tell that when Jesus was crucified, darkness covered the earth from noon until three in the afternoon. Which Gospel does not mention this event?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Kids Page

Scripture AND NATURE

Conduct a simple experiment to illustrate Easter's meaning.



What you need:

- White carnations
- Scissors
- Vase
- Water
- Red food coloring
- Bible


What you do:

1. Cut the carnation stems (at an angle) to about 8 inches long.
2. Fill the vase halfway with water. Add 10 drops of food coloring. (More may be needed to darken the water.)
3. Add the cut flowers and observe what happens to the petals over time.
4. Discuss how this is like Jesus' work on the cross. Read 1 Peter 2:22-24 (NIV) and reflect on what his death means for us.
5. To learn more about this experiment, research capillary action.

PUZZLE

Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.



Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.

And he took _____, gave _____ and _____ it, and gave
it to them, saying, "This is my _____ given for you; do this in
_____ of me." In the same way, after the supper he
took the cup, saying, "This _____ is the new _____ in my
blood, which is _____ out for you."

LUKE 22:19-20, NIV

Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured

Answer: D (See Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19.)



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See(k) First

On Facebook, I can “follow” as many people as I want, viewing their messages, photos and activities. But I can choose only 30 to “see first” — that is, to prioritize in my news feed. As of this writing (Facebook changes often), if my “see first” list is full and I want to add someone new, I must “unprioritize” someone else.

That leads me to ponder bigger matters: I often claim to follow Jesus, but what might I need to “unprioritize” to make him not just a priority but the priority in my life? To what do I devote time and attention but ought to let go to follow Christ more closely? What activities, behaviors and values do I need to not just bump from my “see first” list but “unfollow” or “block” entirely? Perhaps they are antithetical to discipleship or simply take too much time away from prayer, Scripture and service.

This dilemma isn’t unique to the digital age. Facebook parlance is about what we “see first,” but in Matthew 6:33 Jesus says, “Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness” (ESV, italics added).

—Heidi Mann