



The Spire

May 2020



Dear family and friends of Park Place,

Let me begin with the good news - the great news - the outstanding news – Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! It is so important that we never forget the good news. During these days of shelter-at-home, wearing masks when we go out, not giving or receiving hugs from those we love, we can feel the weight of the rules and restrictions taking over our thoughts and stealing our energy. I'm sure God's prayer line has been flooded with calls during the last few months. It's during hard times that we tend to draw closer to God. We must always remember; if Jesus can conquer the grave, then he can certainly conquer this virus.

During these challenging times Park Place and many other churches have reached hundreds even thousands of people who may not be regular church goers. I know many of our videos have had more than 500 views. We need to wonder how many people have tuned into one of our services and thought, "I'd like to visit Park Place, once this shelter-at-home rule is lifted, once we can gather in groups of more than 5 people." My prayer is that much of our online congregation will come and check us out in person in the future.

What does the future hold for us? What do we anticipate the future will be like? Will we continue to wear masks when we go out? Will we need to continue to maintain safer distances between each other? Will our gatherings still be limited in size? No one really knows what our new normal will be. Pastor Wayne and I, along with Jane and Seth, have had the benefit of worshipping together as we record the services. Although it isn't the same without you, there have been times when I have looked out at the sanctuary and pictured each of you sitting in your favorite pew - by the way it looked like many of you have been in your pajamas and bathrobes. Knowing you are with us, watching from home on YouTube or Facebook, knowing that you are praying for our church, and supporting our church comforts and inspires both Pastor Wayne and me.

We look forward to worshipping with you again in our sanctuary, but in the meantime please continue to join us through the technology of the day.

*In Christ's love and mine,
Pastor Bill*



Worship Assistants

None in April as we were staying home due to the Coronavirus.



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

May 3: *Worship Service – 10 a.m. /Services will be posted to Facebook and You Tube. Also, please look for Pastor Bill’s Chats on Facebook on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and Words and Music moments with Pastor Wayne on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*

May 10: *Worship Service- 10 a.m.- Happy Mother’s Day*

May 17: *Worship Service – 10 a.m. / Prayer Shawl Ministry 2-3:30 p.m. Please join us by knitting/crocheting during this time away from one with one another.*

May 24: *Worship Service – 10 a.m.*

May 31: *Pentecost Sunday Worship Service – 10 a.m. / Music & Praise - We will keep you posted as to when we can return to our regularly scheduled activities!*



Hello Church Family,

“April showers bring May flowers”. We’ve had enough showers and the flowers are starting to bloom. The daffodils on the side of the Church are up and dancing in the sun. Even the dandelions have bloomed in the little plot of grass across from the daffodils, as if to say, Hey, there is hope! Hope for all of us. I hope you all have a view of something blooming, be it leaves on the trees, pretty spring flowers, love in the air, the sound of birds, maybe the squirrels as they raid the bird feeders. Who knew these simple pleasures would entertain us so much as we stay inside more and practice social distancing? My hope is for endurance for all of us. My hope is we will soon be in each others’ company. I am available if anyone has cabin fever or is lonely or needs an ear. My final hope is God continues to watch over us and gives us strength.

Blessings Everyone,
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!

We plan to continue our nursing home ministry when it is safe to do so and all restrictions are lifted.

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: Michael R; Andrew Brouwer from bronchitis; John Brouwer recovering from coronavirus; Mal & Lois, Lois is recovering from an unrelated surgery; Ken Depot- difficult time grieving; Lisa Lyon; Fr Pieroni; Jane McCarthy; Beverly Fountaine; Janet Theberge; Shelagh Lees; Debbie Ziegenhagen; Michelle; Laurie; Eva; Lauryn Maples; Janet Estes; Steven; Claudia Dunn; Elaine; Bob, Nancy & Austen Lepper; Carol; John; Carlene; Karen B; Richard Deblois, Judy O; Kathy Morrissette; 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.



Sympathy to Muriel Carosi on the passing of her cousin from breast 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.

Bible Quiz

While 70 Israelite men were commissioned as prophets at the tent of meeting, two others, Eldad and Medad, were reported to have prophesied in the camp — not following “proper” protocols. Who defended them?

A. Moses B. Joshua C. Jethro D. The Lord

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The wine of the Spirit

“No one puts new wine into old wineskins,” said Jesus (Luke 5:37). Drawing on this statement, a preacher in sixth-century Africa proclaimed in a Pentecost homily:

“It was with good reason, then, that some people, when they heard the apostles speaking in every tongue, said, ‘They are filled with the new wine.’ For they had become fresh wineskins, they had been renewed by the grace of holiness, so that when they were filled with the new wine, that is, with the Holy Spirit, they spoke with fervor in every tongue. ...

“Celebrate, then, this day as members of the one body of Christ. Your celebration will not be in vain if you are what you celebrate, if you hold fast to the church which the Lord filled with his Holy Spirit.”

Fifteen centuries later, may that call still resonate with us. May we be so renewed by God’s grace as to be worthy vessels of the new wine of the Holy Spirit — and to share it with the world.

May 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. This are how the donations will read if we are worshipping in church again:

May 3: *The yellow roses are given to the Glory of God by Candy Stewart in loving memory of her mother, Camilla Horton.*

May 10: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Catherine Shute in loving memory of her mother, Rita Gallant, her grandmothers, Amanda Gallant and Catherine Henry.*

May 17: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Michael and Karen McDonnell in loving memory of her mother, Betty Armstrong and her father, Ted Armstrong.*

May 24: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Leslie Brouwer in loving birthday memory of Gerrit J. Brouwer.*

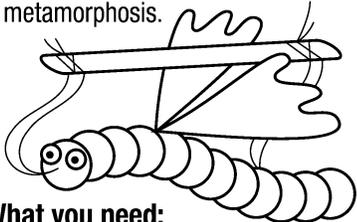
May 31: *The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by George & Lois Grenier in honor of first responders*

(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.)

Kids Page

CHANGED!

Make this cute puppet to show and tell the amazing story of metamorphosis.



What you need:

- Needle and string
- 12 small pom-poms
- Wooden craft stick
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Coffee filter
- Markers

What you do:

1. Sew pom-poms together to make a caterpillar body. Tie off that string.
2. Thread another string up through the first pom-pom, leaving 12 inches to dangle. Repeat with the ninth pom-pom, leaving two dangling strings.
3. Wrap those strings around opposite ends of the stick, adjusting their length to about 6 inches. Tie in place.
4. Glue on eyes.
5. Flatten the coffee filter and draw a symmetrical design on it. Pleat in the center to create wings.
6. Move the caterpillar puppet by holding the stick. Glue on the wings as you describe the transformation into a butterfly.



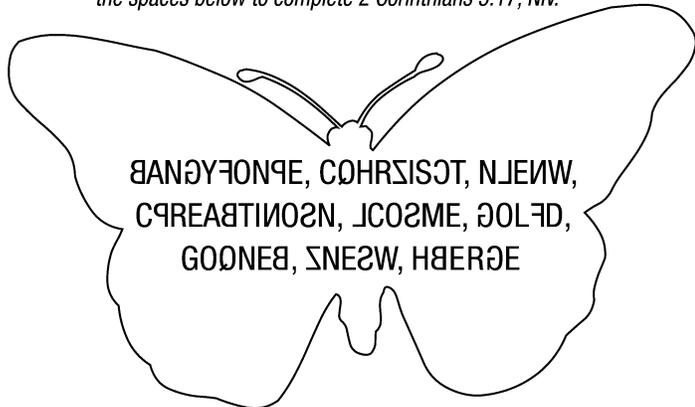
Transformation **POWER**



Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,
God transforms us from old to new.



Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.



Therefore, if _____ is in _____,
the _____ has _____:

The _____ has _____,
the _____ is _____!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here

Bible Quiz Answer: A (See Numbers 11:24-29.)



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A prayer for Memorial Day

We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.