

Sunday, May 10, 2020



Walk with God Connect as Family

Love People in Jesus' Name

WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for joining us today. Even though we can't yet meet you in person, we'd love to get to know you and help you get connected to our community. If this is your first time with us, if you are looking to take your next step of connection, or you are simply wanting to find out how to participate virtually please <u>click here to fill out our</u> <u>Connect form</u> and a staff member will be in touch!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church-wide Prayer Meeting - Tuesday, May 12, 7 p.m

Our three weeks of prayer and fasting will culminate in a church-wide prayer meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m streamed live on our <u>YouTube channel</u>. Elders will be on screen leading in prayer as we watch from home, adding our agreement and requests in the comments section. Simply access our YouTube Channel on Tuesday at 7 p.m. to join in!

Sunday Live Stream now streaming to YouTube

Our Sunday live stream is now streaming directly to our <u>YouTube Channel</u>! Easily access the YouTube app on any smart TV or smart phone, and add your thoughts and comments with your church family during the service!

THRIVE Women's Ministry Spring Series: 3 Spiritual Practices

All women are invited to learn more about 3 spiritual practices that can help you through this difficult season. Join us for the "Spring Series: 3 Spiritual Practices" on Thursdays, Apr. 30, and May 7 and 14. <u>Click here</u> to visit our website and for more info.

NEW! Join Us for Virtual Sunday Morning Prayer in May -Sundays 9-9:55 a.m.

As we continue in this season of focused prayer and fasting, you are invited to join us each Sunday in May at our virtual South Park Prayer Room. We will gather from 9-9:55 a.m, just prior to Sunday Worship. Interested in joining? Please email <u>info@southparkchurch.org</u>

Cans of Care Wednesdays

Our local food pantry, Maine Township Food Pantry, is in dire need of food items. Park Ridge Community Church is organizing a food drive to help provide for this need and we are invited to join in! On every Wednesday (for one month as of now), you can drop off items to specific families in the Park Ridge area who have agreed to deliver to the Food Pantry. <u>Click here</u> for details on how to participate!

New Small Group Leader Training - Monday, May 18, 8-9 p.m.

Could you help lead a group during this time of isolation? Unsure you'll be able to jump in, but interested in learning more? Join us for virtual Small Group Leader Training on Monday, May 18 from 8-9 p.m. via Zoom to learn more and be equipped to care for those in need of community in this time. <u>Click here to register!</u>

Caring for Each Other

If you or someone in our church family are experiencing hardship and have a need or would like to receive prayer, please reach out to Jesse at jesse@southparkchurch.org or give him a call at 847-825-5507 and press 1 to leave a message. If you would like to help with needs as they arrive or donate to the Care Fund <u>please fill out this form</u>.

WEEKLY GIVING

Week ending April 26, 2020

YTD 2020\$ 558,926YTD Prior Year\$ 584,302YTD Shortfall\$ (25,376)YTD % change-4.3%

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Pray that in this season, God would be working in each of us, teaching us more about himself, and transforming us by the renewing of our minds. Please pray for **Greg Schimmel** as recent tests have found a tumor on his lungs and masses in other parts of the body. A biopsy last week should bring additional information this upcoming week. Pray for Greg and his family as they navigate this very difficult season. Pray for healing for Greg and for the strength and comfort that comes from walking through this with Christ at his side.

Pray for our outreach partner, **Caris**. Specifically, 1) that women would seek out Caris during this time as a trusted resource, 2) that Caris' staff would remain encouraged and resolved to serve these families with Godly excellence, and 3) that God would continue to provide for the needs of the ministry.

Continue to pray for:

Kay Stecher - Ongoing health complications including congestive heart failure and CLL cancer.

Gregg Talley's mother Lela - For comfort through her health conditions though she is not able to take pain meds. Also for Gregg to continue maintaining Lela's quality of life high enough to keep her at home.

Rich Schreiber - Continuing recovery and rehab. The pandemic is delaying helpful procedures he should be having, however.

Paul Barthel - On the long road to recovery from the effects of his stroke in December

SERMON NOTES

Beloved Community - John 13:18-38

John 13:18-38, NIV

18 "I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill this passage of Scripture: 'He who shared my bread has turned against me.'

19 "I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am who I am. 20 Very truly I tell you, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me."

21 After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me."

22 His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. 23 One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. 24 Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means."

25 Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

26 Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. 27 As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly." 28 But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. 29 Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the festival, or to give something to the poor. 30 As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

31 When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him,[c] God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

33 "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

36 Simon Peter asked him, "Lord, where are you going?"

Jesus replied, "Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later."

37 Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

38 Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times! What is forgiveness? Forgiveness is to allow the other person not to be God. Forgiveness says, "I know you love me, but you don't have to love me unconditionally, because no human being can do that."

> Henri Nouwen, "From Solitude to Community to Ministry"

Jesus sends people who share in his beloved community.

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:23-24

DIGGING DEEPER

Read John 13:18-38, then discuss the following:

- 1. What does this passage tell you about God?
- 2. What does it tell you about people in general?
- 3. What is it saying to you?
- 4. What are you going to do about it?
- 5. Who are you going to share it with?