



**Transformation**  
*in isolation*  
*John 13-17*

**Sunday, May 31, 2020**

**SOUTH**  **PARK**  
CHURCH

**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 [click here to fill out our Connect form](#) and a staff member will be in touch!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Congregational Meeting - Today, 11:30 a.m.***

We hope you join us today for our virtual Congregational Meeting live on YouTube. This will be a chance to hear more about what is happening in our ministries, and hear from our Wellness Team and Trustees. [Click here to join in!](#)

### ***Virtual Sunday Morning Prayer - Sundays from 9-9:55 a.m.***

As we continue in this season of focused prayer, you are invited to join us each Sunday in May at our virtual Prayer Room using Zoom. We will gather from 9-9:55 a.m, just prior to Sunday Worship. Interested in joining? Please email [info@southparkchurch.org](mailto:info@southparkchurch.org)

## ***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. [Click here](#) for details on how to participate!

## ***Women's THRIVE Summer Series - Thursdays, June 25 - Aug 6, 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. or 7-9 p.m.***

We hope you join us for the Summer Series: Pierced & Embraced, exploring how Jesus uniquely pursued women in the Gospels, and how He still does today—often tenderly, sometimes painfully, but always powerfully. Kelli Worrall (author of “Pierced & Embraced”) will cast fresh light on the love of Christ as she examines 7 life-changing encounters women had with Christ. Cost is \$15 which includes the study guide. This study will meet online weekly on Zoom. [Click here to register!](#)

*The series will kick off on Thursday, June 25, 7-9 p.m. with Kelli Worrall and continues on Thursdays, July 2 - Aug 6, 9:15-11:15 a.m. or 7-9 p.m.*

## ***Safe Families Virtual Training in June***

Interested in serving with Safe Families as a Family Friend or Host Family? Attend virtual training sessions on Tuesday nights in June to get started! New volunteers wishing to become a Family Friend need to attend the first two Tuesday nights, and those wishing to become Host Families need to attend the first three Tuesday nights. [Click here to register.](#)

## ***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](mailto: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 [please fill out this form](#).

## **WEEKLY GIVING**

### ***Week ending May 17, 2020***

YTD 2020	\$	689,999
YTD Prior Year	\$	676,284
YTD Surplus	\$	13,715
YTD % change		2.0%

## **PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER**

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:4-70*

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.

Pray that in a place and time where division is the norm, that the Church would be united as sons and daughters of the King of Kings.

Pray that the body of Christ would actively and boldly lead the way in proclaiming to the world that every human is created equally in God's image regardless of their nationality, ethnicity, or skin color. Pray that God's Spirit would strengthen God's people to stand up against the racism, prejudice, and inequality around us and in our midst.

***Continue to pray for:***

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

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

**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.

**Greg Schimmel** as he continues undergoing tests and awaiting results so he can begin treatments. Pray for faith, healing, strength and comfort that comes from walking through this with Christ at his side.

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

# SERMON NOTES

## *Spirit Filled - John 14:15-31*

15 “If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 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[a] in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 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.”

22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

23 Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

25 “All this I have spoken while still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of

everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

28 “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. 30 I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, 31 but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

“Come now; let us leave.

John 14:15-31, NIV

Jesus sends people filled with the Holy Spirit.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

- Another Advocate (14:16)
- The Spirit of Truth (14:17, 26)
- Sent by the Father (14:26)

What does the Holy Spirit do? Wherever...

- Scripture is Alive
- Jesus is Adored
- Obedience is Attractive... the Spirit is at work.

“Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, ‘Jesus be cursed,’ and no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 12:3

“Think often on God, by day, by night, in your business and even in your diversions. He is always near you and with you; leave him not alone.”

Brother Lawrence

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with the love of Christ.*

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

For an overview of what the Bible teaches about the Holy Spirit go to [YouTube.com/thebibleproject](https://www.youtube.com/thebibleproject) and search “Holy Spirit.”

Read John 14:15-31, 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?