



THE CHRISTIAN ALERT
March 1, 2021

10:30 am WORSHIP Online –
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March 7, 2021- Pastor Ken
 Sermon Series: “As Jesus Taught Us to Pray”
 Scripture: John 6:25-35, 48-58
 Sermon: “The Bread of Life”

CHURCH FAMILY

Please continue to pray for those recovering in their health and our homebound.

Please keep the Urey family in your prayers upon the passing of Esther Urey.

Prayers are requested for Jan Emerine, who had pacemaker procedure at Cleveland Clinic. Please keep Jan (and her family) in your prayers.

GOOD NEWS

At the February Visionary Council meeting council members approved by unanimous census a return to an in-person worship option starting Palm Sunday, March 28th. Although council recognizes there is still considerable risk of disease within our county, many folks are completing their vaccination process, our schools are returning to in-person learning with appropriate precautions, and community groups are again utilizing our building for their meetings and activities. We are asking worshippers to follow the safety and social distancing procedures used last year (see below) to minimize infection risks. However, if you feel comfortable participating in sanctuary worship we look forward to seeing you soon!

Safety and Social Distancing Procedures for
Worship

Please do any socializing before or after worship in the parking lot or fellowship hall
 Remember to wear a mask and refrain from physical contact
 Communion packets and worship bulletins will be provided upon entrance
 A hand sanitizing station will be just inside the door for your use
 Seating will be limited to every other pew in family groups
 Please sit beginning at the front of the sanctuary and fill towards the rear
 An offering tray will be placed at the exit of the sanctuary for tithes and offerings
 If using the bathroom, please knock before entering to see if it is available

Has it ever struck you as somewhat strange that in the very center of the Lord’s greatest prayer, the emphasis suddenly shifts from the majesty of God’s will being done on the earth to a request for food? As examination of the pronouns shows there is a distinct division in the middle of the Lord’s Prayer. The focus moves from God and God’s kingdom to the needs of the person doing the praying. But why a request for bread?

One human tendency is to tuck things away into meat, little compartments. Some things we deem to be secular while others are sacred. We determine some parts of life to be spiritual, while other parts are considered devoid of spiritual significance. Actually everything has been touched by the presence of God. And does this insight not suggest what we admire most about Jesus’ life among us? Unlike ours, his relationship with God was such that the spiritual dimension of life was apparent to him even within the most common of human experiences.

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray saying, “give us this day our daily bread.” This petition reflects an approach to life that understands God to be the very basis of our existence. Our Lord would have us see that the availability of bread day after day is of spiritual significance. And recognizing that spiritual truth perhaps prepares us for receiving the Bread which goes beyond the temporal realm that feeds our hungry hearts.

This week we will be taking the next step on our Lenten journey by considering the daily bread God continues to provide his children. See you for worship so we might commune with our Lord.



EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinth are available for purchase. The deadline to order is Sunday, March 14, 2021. Complete the form below and return to the church office with your payment. Please remember to mark your envelope "Easter Flowers." Each plant will be a 6" foil covered pot with a bow and cost \$12.00.

Tulips and Hyacinth's will be mixed colors.

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Lilies: _____ Quantity
Tulips _____ Quantity (Mixed Colors)
Hyacinth _____ Quantity (Mixed Colors)

Total flowers: _____

Total Amount Due: _____



Lenten Devotional Booklet 2021

DAILY LENTON DEVOTION BOOKLET

The Christian Church in Ohio 2021 Lenten Devotional Booklet is now available!

The complete booklet is available for download on our website at :

<http://www.ccinoh.com/about-us/regional-publications.aspx>.

This year's booklet is filled with devotions written by amazing people from around the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ,) as well as Scripture and Hymn reflections, poems, and guided meditation and prayer.

We've also included links to several video devotions like we did over Advent. We hope that you enjoy these videos and also subscribe to the [CCIO YouTube Channel](#).

May you all have a blessed Lenten Season!