



THE CHRISTIAN ALERT
March 8, 2021

The Gospel of Matthew tells us that Jesus chose to elaborate on only one of the petitions in the Lord's Prayer. Do you know which one? If you have been following our sermon series this Lent, you can probably guess it: "forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors."

Admitting our mistakes and seeking forgiveness is a difficult thing for many of us to do. But to extend heart-felt forgiveness to someone we believe "owes" us is even harder.

If we give this petition a moment's thought, we may hope that God does not take our request seriously! It is in essence a prayer for mercy to take the place of a desire for justice. It suggests that the expectation of restitution, for emotional debts to be paid, kills us.

As followers of Christ, the Lord's Prayer reminds us of our call to a goal that is beyond justice ... a divine compassion which does not treat us as we deserve but more mercifully than we have any right to expect. So a sensitive person is led to ask, "What is the appropriate response to God's generosity and mercy toward me?"

Christians are people who feel it is a privilege to offer others the same experience of relief and worth they have known from the hands of God. This week we will be taking the next step on our Lenten journey as we consider the forgiveness we have received and how to extend that forgiveness to others. See you on-line for worship!

10:30 am WORSHIP Online –
www.championchristianchurch.org

March 14, 2021- Pastor Ken
 Sermon Series: "As Jesus Taught Us to Pray"
 Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35
 Sermon: "Beyond Justice to Mercy"



REMINDER- Daylight Savings begins on March 14th. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead and Spring Forward ☺

CHURCH FAMILY

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

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



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: _____

EGG MY YARD

TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE YOUTH'S SUMMER MISSION TRIP, THE YOUTH WILL FILL AND HIDE YOUR EGGS (WHEREVER YOU WANT) THE EVENING BEFORE YOUR EGG HUNT!

\$10 FOR 25 EGGS
\$20 FOR 50 EGGS

Email Casey @ championyc@championchristianchurch.org to signup!

Hop in line its Easter time

Drive Thru pancake breakfast featuring 2 buttermilk pancakes, 2 sausage links, syrup and butter pats. The Easter Bunny is going to be hoppy to see you and will be available for socially distanced photos.

**MARCH 27 • SATURDAY •
8:30 - 10:00 AM
CHAMPION CHRISTIAN CHURCH**