



Sunday, November 15, 2020
Live Stream



Prayer of Relinquishment
Luke 22:39-46; Galatians 2:20
Series: The Power of Prayer

Welcome

News of the Church

1. Weekly Prayer Guides are available for you by email and on line at cpcmerced.org
2. Join us for prayer at 8:45 in the Conference room (*inside the church office*)
3. Please do not stack chairs following the service.

Call to Worship: Psalm 111:1,2

Praise the Lord!

*I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

Great are the works of the Lord

Opening Prayer

Opening Praise

Build My life

Follow You

Called Me Higher

Young Disciples followed by Children's Church

Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and mercy,

You are the One who leads us from darkness into light, from captivity into freedom, from anxiety into peace, from despair into joy. Yet we long to break free, choosing independence, convinced of our own wisdom, forgetting Your love and grace. Forgive us, draw close to us, embrace us once again in Your loving arms, and enable us to follow you in worship and grateful service each day of our lives. In the mighty name of Jesus, Amen

Assurance of Pardon from Romans 5:1-2a

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace.

Hear the Good News, in Jesus Christ, you are Forgiven!



Offering

We, at CPC want to thank you for your continued support during this stressful season of coronavirus. Though our financial support has waned over the last 6 months and we are experiencing a budget shortfall, the Lord has blessed us in many, many ways: we have been able to maintain our staff, assist our covenant partners and support our community. We thank those who are continuing to provide your tithes and offerings by mail or online (cpcmerced.org/give). We are asking those who are able to do so to give generously and regularly during this crisis.

Prayers of the Church

Our Gracious and merciful Father,

You want to hear from us, of that we are certain. You want to hear our cries, whether they are cries of anguish or cries of joy. You want us to approach you with all of our life – every scene flashing through our mind, all the actions of our days. But so often we want to hide portions of who we are from You. We think if we don't mention them, they don't exist to you. But you are our Creator and You know everything about us – everything. So we bring our whole selves to You this day, to do with us as You will. Free us, forgive us, set us right on the path, strengthen us for days ahead...whatever it is You have for us.

We think of folks in our congregation who are in special need this day. We pray for Robert Cooper and Doug Stocking's heart issues would be resolved. For Les Van Someren that the doctors would diagnosis what is happening with him and that he would have more strength. We thank you that Brenda Bogard's results are good following her surgery. And we continue to pray for D'onna Huber at UCSF and Kenneth Sorenson as he is doing dialysis and awaits a kidney transplant. And we pray for our PNC as they continue to do their work to find a new Head of Staff for us all.

Father, we look out beyond ourselves to Your world and we see so much hurt. We pray today Your protection for Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith. Give to them both strength and comfort. Lift them up to see Your face in the midst of all with which they live. We don't experience what they do and we thank You for that, but we do want to come alongside them with our prayers and care, in Jesus' name. Amen



Scriptures:

Luke 22:39-46

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." ⁴¹ And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." ⁴³ And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴ And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵ And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

Galatians 2:20 ESV

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 TM

Christ's life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with him. Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central. It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not "mine," but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



Sermon:

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Praise Response:

I Surrender All

Benediction: 1 Thessalonians 3:13 TM

May you be infused with strength and purity, filled with confidence in the presence of God our Father.

Church News

Sunday Worship

8:45 AM – Prayer in the Conference Room

9:30 AM – Modern Worship/Live Stream Service and Children's Church

11:00 AM – Classic Worship Service

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse collects shoeboxes filled with toys and other fun items and delivers them to children in need around the world. We are partnering with them again this year and would love for you to pack a shoebox. For more information, please call the church office at 723-0491 or visit our website at cpcfamilies.org. Collection will conclude on Nov. 16th.

Annual Deacons' Thanksgiving Baskets.

Due to Covid-19, the Deacons will be providing \$40 grocery gift cards to 70 needy families. If you would like to contribute, you can send a check made out to the "Deacon's Fund" and indicated Thanksgiving on your check. You may also donate on line.

Financial Update as of October 31, 2020

Income Received: \$717,909

Expenses Paid \$784,456

Deficit: \$64,090

Prayer List:

- Les Van Someren – ongoing health concerns
- Sherry Hawker – ongoing health issues and ease of transition as she and Tom move to Sonoma.
- PNC as they continue to prayerfully seek the person for our new Sr. Pastor
- D'onna Huber – Receiving treatment at UCSF