

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Psalm 105:1

THANK YOU to those who are serving us during worship today.

MUSICIANS: Jan Johnson & Angie Meester

GREETERS. Today – North Door – Ken & Rhonda Meester

South Door – Marlyn & Marcia Allspach

Next Sunday: North Door – Pat & Deb Prier

South Door – Kevin & Shelly Meester

USHERS. Today – Luke Edeker

Next Sunday – Gerald Haan

VALET PARKING. Today – Kevin Meester

Next Sunday – Mike Stirling

COFFEE SERVERS. This week – Sunday School Kids

Next week – Marlyn & Marcia Allspach

THIS WEEK AT PARKERSBURG CRC

Today 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service (ONLINE)

6:15 p.m. – Life Plus (ONLINE)

Next Sunday 9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship Service (ONLINE)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our sympathy to Francis Van Ellen and Marjorie Aswegen in the loss of a brother-in-law, Mr. Melvern Troutner. The service was held last week Tuesday.

Please remember those of our congregation who live alone and those alone in care facilities through a phone call or a card in these trying days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The bulletin has the songs and all the "normal" stuff listed for worship so you can consider the songs chosen for the worship.

The second offering next Sunday will be for World Renew.

Life Plus lessons are being posted online for anyone who wishes to tune in on Wednesday nights!

The Men's Prayer Breakfast at Hope Reformed Church has been postponed until a later date.

News from Mike and Victoria Van Der Dyke: They are back in the US in Woodridge, IL. Victoria arrived on March 8 and Mike joined her March 17. They are still hoping to be at our church on April 26. Please pray for them as they adjust to their new living arrangements. Also continue to pray for all our Resonate missionaries.

Timothy Christian School, a Kindergarten - 8th grade Christian Schools International accredited school, located near Wellsburg, is in search of a part-time fifth/sixth grade combination teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. This position will be between 60% and 90% time. Please contact Rebecca Johnson, Administrator, at rjohnson@timothychristianschool.net or call 641-869-3679 for a job description and application.

There is now another way to give offering! You can now give your offering electronically on the church website. It can be set up on a one-time, weekly or monthly basis, using your credit card or from your bank account. You can give to special or faith promise offerings as well. There is also an option to add extra to the offering to cover the transaction fees that are involved. Giving is confidential, no one else on the website will see what you are giving or who is giving. To get started, go to: <http://www.parkersburg-crc.org/give>

The General Fund Collection for March 8 was \$1,216.50. The target amount for each week is \$2,072.00. The offering for Home Missions totaled \$97.00.

Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church

Morning Service

March 29, 2020 – 9:30 AM

WE COME NEAR TO GOD

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:6-7

*Song: TCH 702 **Fill My Cup**

*God's Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

Lenten Reading

Special Music: I Thirst

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 69:1-21, 29

Hymn of Response: **Ten Thousand Angels** (screen only)

Morning Prayer

Offertory and Offering for the General Fund

*Hymn: TCH 325 **Why Should He Love Me So**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Scripture: **John 19:28-37**

Message: **I THIRST**

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSE OF LOVE, GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

*Hymn: TCH 314 **What Wondrous Love Is This**

*God's Blessing

*Closing Song: **For God So Loved the World**

*Postlude

MESSAGE NOTES

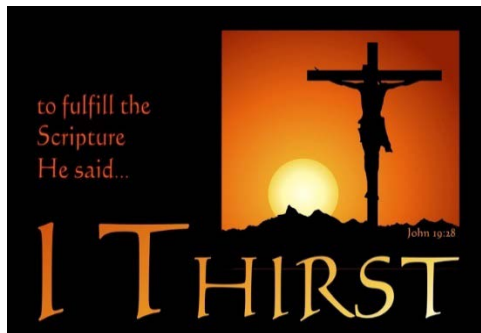
IT IS FINISHED

SUFFERING

All of us know something of what it's like to be thirsty. You might also know that roughly 60% of the human body is made up of water. Our organs are especially well-hydrated and even our bones are 30% water. Obviously, water is life and we need it to survive. Depending upon each individual person, we need 2-3 liters of water every day.

Jesus said, **"I thirst."** But why? Certainly he was not at that point concerned about optimal organ function. Survival was not at issue. Death was certain.

Jesus knew he was nearing physical death and he no longer needed water to sustain his body. All was now finished, John tells us. The Lord's words echo a prophecy from Psalm 69:21 – **They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.**



Jesus spoke these words to fulfill the Scripture. He experienced the desperation the psalmist describes – in full measure. He did so while at the same time bringing salvation. **"I thirst"** is an expression of suffering and by uttering these words, Jesus indicated his full participation in human suffering.

His experience on the cross was not just *like* our suffering, it *was* our suffering and of all humanity in the extreme. Jesus was tortured. He was stripped of his dignity. He was degraded, mocked, disregarded, dismissed. He endured multiple layers of suffering. The crown of thorns. The nails. The beatings. The derision of the crowd, the soldiers, and the religious leaders. It was more than physical pain, it was a blow to his very person. The beloved Son of God was treated like an animal at the slaughter by the human beings he created!

Why did he do this? Why did he embrace such unjust suffering?

Isaiah 53:4 states, **"Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows...stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted"** for our transgressions. To fulfill Scripture, Jesus suffered our suffering and we are given permission to admit our own needs, our own longings. What distresses you today? What are you suffering? Cry out to God. He knows and hears.

The suffering man who hung on the cross is now your risen King. He thirsts no more. Praise the Savior who suffered for us, who thirsted that we may thirst no more!

As you prepare for next week's message of "Trust," please take a few moments to read the suggested daily scriptures.

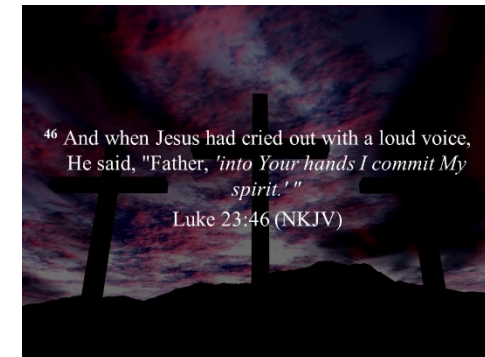
TRUST

Father, into your hands I commit my spirit. Luke 23:46

In his time of deepest agony, Jesus trusts God the Father completely.

Jesus' dying statement, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit," is a word of committal, a word of trust.

How hard it is for us to yield our lives to someone else. Any time we entrust ourselves to another, we risk getting hurt and feeling abandoned. At the most critical moment, Jesus committed his spirit to God the Father. In doing so, he proves faithful and he proves that the Father is faithful. This Lord is worthy of our trust. In the darkest night, he will not leave us. On the worst of days, his mercy will never cease.



List the most valuable things in your life. Commit them one by one into God's hands today.



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| Monday, March 30 | Worthy of All My Trust..... 1 Chronicles 28:20 |
| Tuesday, March 31 | Fear Not!..... Psalm 56:1-13 |
| Wednesday, April 1 | Blessing or Crutch? Deut. 30:15-20 |
| Thursday, April 2 | He's Proved It 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 |
| Friday, April 3 | My Works Are His Works Ephesians 2:1-10 |
| Saturday, April 4 | Seeing Differently..... 2 Corinthians 4:8-18 |

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