

Family Information

Sermon Series Title
Ministry Panel Discussion
Sermon Passage
Matthew 25:31-39

Thoughts to consider:

- 1) Have you ever visited a prison?
- 2) Do you know anyone who has ever been in prison?
- 3) How does the gospel message shape who we talk to?

March Challenge: Visit one place within 2 miles of the Northland church of Christ building.

Sunday Adult Spring Bible Class

This Spring, the adult Bible study in room E41-E42 will be "God Intended It For Good: The Life & Times Of Joseph" (from Genesis 37, 39-50). This study will show us a number of things about how God works both in individual lives as well as on a broader scale, and it can also teach us some things about our own walk with God. Steve Carver, Phil Stafa, Leon Norwood, and Mike Paden will be the teachers. Everyone is welcome to come.

2020 Northland Ladies Retreat

All ladies are invited to attend the Northland 2020 Ladies retreat this year. The theme is "Renewed Vision: Seeing God in 2020". The retreat will be held at the Heartland Retreat Center in Marengo, OH on Friday and Saturday May 1st and 2nd. For details and participation costs, check with the sisters at the table in the Foyer on Sunday.

Northland Work Day

March 28th is Northlands work day. Please plan on coming and help with repairs/improvements to our building

Services

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
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Sunday Spanish Worship 3:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

Minister: Caleb Dillinger
Elders: Roy Estep, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins
Deacons: Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva
Spanish Ministry: Elmer Renderos

Calendar

March

4 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30am
6 Teen Game Night 6:30 pm - 1:00 am
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
8 Single Sisters Lunch
28 Northland Work Day, 9:00 am

Northland Spring Banquet

Sat. April 4th 2020 5:30 pm. This year's Northland Family Spring Banquet will be held at the Der Dutchman 445 S. Jefferson Ave. Plain City Ohio 43064 Doors open 5:30 pm. Buffet Dinner served at 6:00 pm. Seating is first come first serve. Everyone is invited to join in a great evening of fellowship!

\$18.00 for Adults, \$9.00 for Ages 6-10, \$6.99 For Ages 3-5. Pam Estep will accept payments Sunday March 15th and Sunday March 29th.

For The Month of March

Invitation/ Responses:

Foyer Duty: Lynn Champney

Greeters: Mike and Leisha Evans

Announcements: Glenn Culler

Communion Servers

James Allison	Perry Coate
Glenn Culler	David Estep
Tom Johnson	John Lindsay
Art Silva	Isaiah Silva

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5740	\$5274
Designated:	\$120	\$149



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Take Heart, For Jesus Has Overcome...

Take Heart, For Jesus Has Overcome The World

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. - John 16:33

In this world, we face many kinds of troubles and confusion, yet Jesus overcame all of these and much more to reconcile us with our Heavenly Father. In this world, we face sorrows and fears, yet Jesus gives us the lasting peace of knowing that he is near, he understands what we are facing, and that he will walk with us each step.

In this world, our hopes often go unfulfilled, and our questions often go unanswered, yet God gives us a hope in eternal things that transcends human understanding, he meets the deepest needs of our spirits, and he gives us the gift of his Spirit to help us understand his deep truths and all the things Jesus has done for us - *I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. - John 16:12-13*

In her search for truth, Emily Dickinson came to appreciate how patiently God teaches us. In one of her poems, she wrote, "The Truth must dazzle gradually, Or everyone be blind." Human minds are so limited in what we can grasp, and if God told us everything all at once, we indeed would not be able to bear it. Whatever happens in this world, God gives us an anchor for our souls, the hope of eternal life of knowing God and being with him and with his Son - *Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. - John 17:1-3*

John Milton (the author of "Paradise Lost") wrote, "The end of all learning is to know God . . . When we speak of knowing God, it must be understood with reference to man's limited powers of comprehension. God, as He really is, is far beyond man's imagination, let alone understanding. God has revealed only so much of Himself as our minds can conceive and the weakness of our nature can bear."

In this world we can know so little, yet Jesus has overcome the world's futility and its emptiness and its restless ways. In this world we can understand so little of all the wonders God has made and done, yet as philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen. Whatever it be which the great Providence prepares for us, it must be something large and generous, and in the great style of his works."

Jesus' unfailing compassion and his overflowing grace can overcome our weaknesses and doubts and worries, and we have seen just the outer fringes of God's care and splendor.

- Mark Garner

Studying Scriptures With . . .

From time to time, we're talking with some of our brothers and sisters about the scriptures they've been reading. Today, we are talking with **Brenda Allen**.

Q: Hi Brenda, what scriptures have you been reading?

Brenda: Each day, I do devotional studies, and I also review my notes from previous studies and lessons. Recently I read part of Isaiah 40 that talks about how God strengthens the weary, *The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. (Isaiah 40:28-29)*. Thinking about how God renews everything can help me get through a lot of difficulties. And I liked the symbolism of eagles' wings in verse 31.

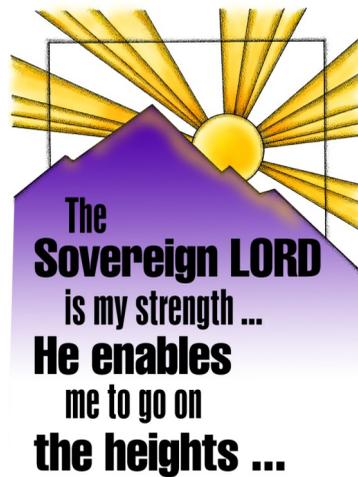
Q: Very true. How did the symbolism encourage you?

Brenda: It's encouraging to think about how God carries us, like it was on the wings of eagles, *Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles (Isaiah 40:31)*. Even during a long day of work, it renews me to think about God carrying me. I also like to pray often, and it is good to think about God always being there listening.

Q: Very good thoughts. Is there another scripture you've read recently that has been especially helpful?

Brenda: I've also recently read this from the Beatitudes, *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled (Matthew 5:6)*. I've been thinking a lot about that verse, since it reminds us to think about God and to appreciate being with him. It's good just to be with other people who believe in Jesus and to talk about God. There are so many good things about God.

Thank you, Brenda!
(Brenda Allen with Mark G.)



Habakkuk 3:19

Give Us The Bread Of Life

You have said, eternal Father, that through the love that you have for your rational creatures, and the prayers and the many virtues and labors of your servants, you would show mercy to the world and thus give us refreshment. Therefore do not delay, but turn the eye of your mercy towards us, for you must first reply to us before we can cry out with the voice of your mercy.

Open the door of your inestimable love which you have given us through the door of your Word. I know indeed that you open before we can even knock. For it is with the affection of love that you have given to your servants, that they knock and cry to you.

Give them then the bread of life, that is to say, the fruit of the blood of your only-begotten Son, which they ask of you for the praise and glory of your name. For more glory and praise will be yours in saving so many creatures . . .

You have created us from nothing. Now, therefore, that we are in existence, show mercy to us, and remake the vessels which you have created in your image and likeness. Re-create them in grace in your mercy and in the blood of your Son, sweet Christ Jesus.

- Catherine of Siena
(1347-1380)

Sing The Savior's Glory

Sing, my tongue, the Savior's glory,
Of His flesh the mystery sing,
Of the blood, all price exceeding,
Shed by our immortal king,
Destined, for the world's redemption,
From a noble womb to spring.

Of a pure and spotless virgin,
Born for us, His love to show,
He, as man, with man conversing,
Stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;
Then He closed in wondrous fashion,
This His life on earth below.

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who made us free,
And the Spirit, God proceeding,
From them each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty.

- Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274)