

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Humble yourselves, therefore,  
under God's mighty hand, that  
he may lift you up in due time."

1 Peter 5:6

Lent is a time to humble  
ourselves and not only focus  
on the disciplines of Lent but on  
who God wants us to become  
on this journey we are on  
together as children of God.

## WEEKLY DEVOTION

March 9

[Grieving Our Losses](#)



## WORSHIP SERVICES

[Wednesday 4:00pm](#)

[Saturday 4:00 pm](#)

[Sunday 8:30 am](#)

[Sunday 10:30 am](#)

## GROUP STUDIES

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesdays 10 am

Conference Call 339.209.5700

Men's Bible Study

Thursdays 8:00 am

**Education A/B &**

Conference Call 339.209.5700

Women's Book Study

Fridays 9:00 am

Fellowship Hall

## SCRIPTURE FOR WEEKEND SERVICE

Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-12

Gospel: John 12:20-33

# MIDWEEK MESSAGES

March 17, 2021

## MOMENTUM:

### "FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST URGES US ON"

During this Lenten season, we took steps to regain ministry momentum including:

- returning to in-person worship, first in the Courtyard and now in the Sanctuary
- increasing worship capacity to 125 people per service
- returning to 3 weekend worship services on Saturday at 4 pm & Sundays at 8:30/10:30 am
- New Member Sessions coming up the next 2 weekends on Saturday at 10 am
- And so many more activities of faithful living such as Bible studies, Prayer groups and Stephen Ministry.

Why do we do this? For the sake of our mission!

**To proclaim the love of Jesus Christ, invite others into this faith community and be a blessing in our words and deeds.**

And what gives us the enthusiasm to engage in ministry? The love of Christ!

In this week's Bible study, we read several Chapters of 2 Corinthians including this verse from chapter 5, verses 14-15:

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*"For the love of Christ urges us on because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who died and was raised for them."*

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The beautiful truth is that the greatest builder of ministry momentum is the love of Jesus Christ, urging us on. May God bless us with the love of Christ, compelling us forward in our God-given mission.

Love,

*Pastor Lowell*

Pastor Lowell



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers are needed for all Worship Services for the Usher, Greeter and Registration Teams. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Church Office at 623-974-2512 or via email at [t.molck@alcsuncity.org](mailto:t.molck@alcsuncity.org).

### HELPING HANDS!

I am working on restarting Helping Hands and looking for volunteers to provide assistance for our members who are looking for small household chores and rides to medical appointments. If you are interested, please let me know.

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Wellness Ministry  
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### HIKING GROUP

The Hiking Group for Fridays led by Pastor Judith Rainforth is canceled for March 19<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup>, and Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will resume on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am as we gather in the Courtyard for devotions and prayer. Our departure will be at 10:00 am to caravan to our hiking location.



## PAUSING IN THE EVENING HOURS

There is something about “pausing” throughout the day that helps me focus my day on God. I spoke about what I do to pause in the morning:

**PAUSE 1:** the importance to start my day with **PRAYER** which provides me with a sense of Peace.

**PAUSE 2:** the pause that allows me to **CENTER** myself.

**PAUSE 3:** the pause that allows me to **ENERGIZE**.

During the daytime hours, because I am so busy and try to check-off all the items I have on my list, I find:

**PAUSE 4:** the need to build in **TRANSITION** times between activities.

**PAUSE 5:** **PRAY** before each meal.

But what do I do in the evening hours? For me, evening hours include watching the evening news, cleaning up after a late lunch/early dinner, reading the newspaper and all the “puzzles” that I like, light reading, making “lists” for tomorrow ...but also:

**PAUSE 6:** times for **REFLECTION and EVALUATION**.

I ask myself these questions: “How did this day go? Did my behavior reflect qualities that God has modeled? Did I provide any service to anyone? Was there anything I did to ‘pay it back’? Did I mistreat anyone? Did I gossip? Did I break any of the 10 Commandments?”

And then, for me, the most important is:

**PAUSE 7: *THANKSGIVING for this beautiful day, for family and friends, for health and for all that God has given to me, whether it be happiness or sadness, for GOD being there for Me, for HIS Presence, for HIS holding my hand and guiding me through this day. I AM SO THANKFUL.***

**As Pastor Lowell mentioned in his sermon: I do not express, “Aw, God.” I express AWE in God.**

With ZEAL and AWE,  
Terri Polk, ALC member

## BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

Please read the exciting message received by the Benevolence Committee:

*“We’re flooded but joyful. Water samples are being rushed to two different test sites for certification. Preliminary tests indicate excellent water quality and nearly 200 gallons per minute. All is stopped now while the campus dries up and water quality is verified. Please communicate our gratitude - wish you all could be here to witness what started with the Walk for Navajo Water over a year ago. We didn’t realize we’d need boats, fishing gear and boots! We’re calling the parking lot ‘Lake Patterson!’*

*Blessings, Pastor Kate”*