

CYPRESS CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

Putting Love First In All Things

August 20, 2017 - 8:15am

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE Dr. Ann Frohbieter
Tuba Magnum ~Madden

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The graciousness of God seeking to guide us this day.

ALL: Let us be nudged by the movement of the Holy Spirit.

ONE: People of God, are you open to God's counsel and direction?

ALL: With humility and discernment, we shall allow ourselves to be led by the One whose blessings abound.

ONE: The graciousness of God is seeking to guide us this day.

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 545 (vs. 1-3)
He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE No. 559 (vs. 1)
All the Way My Savior Leads Me

ENGAGING THE FAITH

SCRIPTURE Psalm 48:14

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE No. 326
Thy Word (Sung Twice)

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Bruce Frogge
Where Love Leads

COMMUNITY RESPONSE No. 565 (vs. 1)
If You Will Trust In God to Guide You

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

SONG FOR COMMUNION No. 346 (vs. 1,3)
Where He Leads Me

COMMUNION & LORD'S PRAYER
Jesus Loves Me ~Shannon Jacobson

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING No. 46
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

SENDING FORTH TO LIVE THE FAITH

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP No. 622 (vs. 1-3)
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UNISON BENEDICTION

Gracious God, may your love and our lives come together in a life lived in love - may Jesus be our mentor and our model - and may the world see in us a life that is willing to put love first in all things. Amen.

POSTLUDE Dr. Ann Frohbieter
Carillon ~Murrill

SERMON NOTES

Ancient people would practice their religion by T_____ their story, R_____ their story, L_____ their story, B_____ their story.

Psalm 48 was shared during:

The F_____ of T_____

Psalm 48:9

We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

In times of crisis, God led, guided, directed the people into:

T_____

J_____

T_____

into spaces where they could R_____ on and R_____ with God's unceasing love.

Psalm 48:14

"This is God, our God, forever and always! God is the one who will guide us even to the very end."

John's Gospel describes the Word (*Jesus*) taking on Flesh and Dwelling among us. In the Greek, the word dwell is actually the word for T_____.

Hebrew word for Ponder/reflect = Damah

Can also mean to M_____ oneself L_____ or to R_____

Isaiah 14:13-14

...I'll be like the Most High!

God G_____ us I_____ so that we can be G_____ O_____.

A Thought from our Youth Director

WELCOME TO WORSHIP – The Basics

My name is Bruce Frogge, and as lead pastor of this community, I want to welcome you to Cypress Creek Christian Church and express how wonderful it is that you have chosen to be here this morning. If you are new, we want to make you feel comfortable in the experience of worship. Feel free to visit the Guest Center in the lobby for information or with questions you might have. Here are a few basics that may help your experience:

COMMUNION is a central part of our weekly worship. It is a time when we remember and reenact the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples. Toward the end of the service, we extend an invitation for everyone who feels called to share together by taking a piece of bread, dipping it in the cup of juice and partaking of the elements. You do not need to be a member of the church to participate. Gluten Free bread is found in the tray on the right hand side of the steps.

OFFERING is accepted every Sunday to support the mission and ministries of the church, though if your new to Cypress Creek, we simply celebrate your presence and consider that your gift to God this day.

CHILDREN & YOUTH during the 9:30 & 11:00 hours - children (3 years – 5th grade) are in the Youth Building for Christian Education. During the 9:30 hour, Youth (6th – 12th grade) sit in the front rows on the right hand side of the sanctuary. At 11:00 the Youth are in the Youth Building for Christian Education. Please stop by the Guest Center for more information or to have someone walk you over to the Youth Building.

NURSERY is available during all three services for children up to 3 years old. The nursery is found in the Forum building, just outside the main entrance to the Centrum.

Even though I may not know your name today, I prayed for you this morning as I pray every Sunday morning for all who will be joining us for the first time.

Bruce Frogge

The Freedom of Choice

School is coming! Backpacks are being packed, clothes are being bought, and young minds are preparing for the routine of school. While we, as adults, might be excited for a more normal and predictable schedule, our youth can sometimes be afraid. They are losing some of their freedom. We may have this idea that all of the youth of this next generation are entitled. However, I don't think we are really giving our kids enough credit.

Our youth have to choose their career path at fourteen years old here in the Klein School District. The standard on how much our kids need to know has grown exponentially with the introduction of the internet. Plus, our kids not only know what is 'cool' in their school, but they worry about what is 'cool' according to the world of social media. Their time is so scheduled with activities, homework, and sometimes family that there isn't much time left to let loose. I am amazed at times with the amount of pressure I see these teens going through.

Going into the new school year, as a person who truly thrives off of order, I am challenging myself to figure out how I can give the youth here at church more choice. Letting them pick games and truly listening to what they want and like. As parents there are of course always things your children will not be able to have a choice on, like doing their homework, but I believe we can all find some wiggle room. Maybe we even allow our kids to make the wrong choice to give them the chance to learn how to recover from failure in a safe space. We all want the best for our youth. We want them to grow up to be caring, contributing, faith-filled members of society. So my challenge is that we all take a minute to pause and truly think about the growing pressure our kids are under. Then we make a choice. A choice to hear our youth and give them the freedom to make more decisions and to take the time to guide them in those choices as needed.

~ Mariah



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