

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

-Hebrews 11:1-3

Allow me to be perfectly honest with you: In my tired moments of depleted energy, I find myself wishing that I had concrete answers to give you about...everything, really. As these weeks of pandemic continue, I find myself in these moments with increasing frequency. I very much wish that I could tell you, definitively and without hesitation or uncertainty, when we will be back together in person for worship, as we have known it for all of our lives prior to this global event. I would love to be able to tell you exactly what we will do when we come back together to renew our ministries. I wish I could give you a reason for all of this.

I can't. And in honesty, I don't know anyone who truly can (and if they claim to be able to, beware of snake oil). What I can offer is this, which I offer to myself on a regular basis, as well: We are a people of faith; first, foremost, and always. And our faith is not rooted and grounded in things of this world, things which we only know because we have tangibly seen them. Our faith – in an amazing and wonderfully astounding way – is founded in what none of us have personally or tangibly seen: The Jesus the Christ, the man referred to in brief historical documents outside the Church, was not only put to death for insurrection and blasphemy but that he was raised as well, resurrected into Life Everlasting for the benefit of the world. This is the width and breadth, the depth of our faith, that in Christ's resurrection is now something, some Life so much more than whatever we may know and experience in this world.

In this is hope, and reassurance. In this is comfort to rest at peace, and exhortation to go beyond. In this is the calling into the unknown, and the promise that what truly matters is known and unshakeable. In this, Saints, is our

very life, in this world and in the next. I offer you my faith, in humble service, and while I may not have definitive answers, I offer you what I do have, in faith and honesty.

> The current consensus of Session is to remain a “church dispersed” through at least June 10. After that, discussion and guidance will be offered on whether/how to gather in a way that loves and protects all of our congregation, especially the most vulnerable. Data is still changing on an almost daily basis; we seek to make our decisions on the most current information available.

> In-person worship will likely look very different than it did pre-Covid-19. This is lamentable, and our grief at such loss is understandable and to be honored. But different worship will not lessen the impact of worship upon our lives or our community. God is greater.

> Crisis situations accelerate whatever trend or trajectory an organization was in. This is true for us, as well, and conversations we hoped to approach at a later date (and work to avoid altogether), will now likely need to happen much sooner. We must be prepared for difficult discussions and decisions.

> Know that you are loved, now and always, deeply and profoundly. Nothing will change this.

With you on the journey,
Pastor Jason



WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR JUNE, 2020

Sunday, 7 June 2020 – Holy Communion

“Trinity Sunday” - Liturgical Color: White

1st Reading: Psalm 78:1-4 * 2nd Reading: Luke 15:8-10

Sermon Title: "Community"

Sunday, 14 June 2020

“2nd Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green

1st Reading: Psalm 78:1-4 * 2nd Reading: Luke 15:8-10

Sermon Title: "Community"

Sunday, 21 June 2020 – "Father's Day"

“3rd Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green

1st Reading: Psalm 139:1-18 * 2nd Reading: Luke 22:54-62

Sermon Title: "Honesty"

Sunday, 28 June 2020

“4th Sunday after Pentecost” - Liturgical Color: Green

1st Reading: Psalm 104:1-35 * 2nd Reading: Luke 20:34-40

Sermon Title: "Life"



OUR PRAYER IN TIMES OF JOY AND CONCERN...One of our great joys and responsibilities to each other and to God here at Gregory Memorial is the regular practice of praying for each other and our community.

<p>Amy Townson, Josh Ingram’s sister Mary Chadwick & Adelaide "Shorty" Smith, "Dink" Armstrong’s sisters (health issues) Evelyn Lichvar, her brother, Martin, and her son, Rick (health issues) Becky Scott Smith Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix’s grandson (health issues) Kenneth Andrews, Childress family’s friend Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew’s brother Steve “Dee” Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt’s husband (health issue) Verne & Clara Smith Peggy Allen Eddie Frankenstein Grace Cibula Etta Holc Jerry Hasky (health issue) Kay Recher, daughter-in-law of Ron and Judy Recher (head-on crash in Oklahoma) Melvin Huff, Marguerite Bishop’s friend (health issues) Pam Henry, Mary Holc’s family member Sandra Elder, Kelly Knupp’s mother (health issues)</p>	<p>Velma Allen (health issues) Adele Linkenhoker, Barbara Taliaferro's friend (health concerns) Jane & Bob Jones (health issues) Junie "Bug" Treaster (recovering from surgery) Lee Harsh, Valerie Harsh's brother-in-law (health issue) Rev. Paul Luthman, previously our pastor (recovering from surgery) Sharon Reed and family, Susan Shockley's co-worker (health issue) Jennifer Caldwell, friend of Grace Cibula (health issue) Reese Etheridge, Wayne Powers' uncle (health issue) Randy Warthan (health issue) Chris Harvey (MCV, burns accident) Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (health issue, rehab) Ron Recher (recov. from surgery) Floyd Brown, Sr. (SRMC, health issues) Pam Landrum, Doris Harmison's daughter (orthopedic issue) Trevor Fine, Susan Shockley's neighbor's son (health issue) Traci Wells, Glenda Mayhew's friend (health issue) Family/friends of David Minor (d. 3/28) Family/friends of Doris Harmison (d. 5/5)</p>
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AS WE CONTINUE OUR SOCIAL DISTANCING

Worship Options/Access And Tips

Though it looks vastly different, we will continue to gather our hearts for worship on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. There are now multiple ways to join together in this time (from afar):

- Join us on the GMPC FaceBook page for the live-stream worship;
- Join us on Zoom (www.zoom.us) for the same live-stream worship:
Meeting ID# 756-330-772
- If you have unreliable internet, you can join us by telephone by dialing
1-253-215-8782 and entering. Meeting ID# 756-330-772

A Few Tips To Enhance Your Virtual Worship Experience

- Turn off all other electronics and devices;
- Have your Bible ready to read along with the morning's scripture;
- Light a candle to represent Christ's Light during the service.

Holy Communion

Though we are apart, we will be celebrating "Communion Together, Individually" on **Sunday, June 7.** You are invited and encouraged, as you join us in digital worship, to have ready some bread and some juice, so that we might virtually commune together and celebrate the presence of our Lord's Table.

"SUNDAY IN THE PARK" – JUNE 21

At this time, we are tentatively scheduled for worship at Scott Park on Sunday, June 21. Please bear in mind that this may be subject to change, and if so, notification will be made.

Should we be gathered in worship on the 21^s at Scott Park, please bear in mind a few important safety features:

- > It may not be prudent for food to be provided, nor for a "dish to share" to be encouraged. Should you wish to bring a picnic lunch for your immediate family, doing so is at your discretion; however food should not be shared with those outside of your own household.
- > Those in attendance are encouraged to wear masks for their sake and for the sake of those around you. If you are uncomfortable with this, please consider worshipping with us digitally.
- > Worship will look different. Please be ready for this reality, and understand we are all trying our best in difficult times.
- > Your pastor and Worship Committee are in discussion and working on details. Please be patient as we figure this out, and stay tuned for updates. We're all figuring this out as we go along, day by day.

Thank you!

During this period of social distancing and while large groups are discouraged, Jason's daily schedule will be as follows: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the church, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. home as a parent, and then working from home from 1:30 p.m. on. Should the governor issue a state lockdown, the hours will remain the same but all work will be done from home.

THOSE WHO SERVE – JUNE, 2020

GATEKEEPER: TBA	JUN. 7 + Trinity Sunday Holy Communion	JUN. 14	JUN. 21 "Father's Day" "Sunday in the Park"	JUN. 28 **
Ushers	John Carl Allen Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Larry Johnson	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
Announcements	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
Nursery	Sheila Field Mary Kay Schroeter*	Jennifer Smyth Charles Smyth	SCOTT PARK	Brenda Bond Donald Hunter*
Counting	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing	Sandy Hunter Patsy Johnson	David Johnson Glenda Mayhew	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher

+ Communion Sunday

* Member of Choir who serves in Nursery (if needed) will leave after choral anthem

** 5 Cents a Meal Offering

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

LET'S HEAR IT FOR FATHERS EVERYWHERE!

The comedians...

[Daughter:] "When I was a little kid, I said to my father one afternoon...I'll never forget it...'Daddy, will you take me to the Zoo?' He answered, 'If the Zoo wants, you, let them come and get you.' "

The diplomats and peacemakers...

[Son:] "I gave my father \$100 and told him, 'Buy yourself something that will make your life easier.' So he went out and bought a present for my mother."



The fashionistas...

[Dad:] "I have mixed emotions when I receive my Father's Day gifts. On the one hand, I'm glad my kids remember me. On the other hand, I am disappointed that they think I dress like that."

And who could forget these pearls of wisdom...

10. "When I was your age..."
9. "A little dirt never hurt anyone."
8. "What, were you raised in a barn?"
7. "Go ask your mother."
6. "It builds character!"
5. "You don't know what hard work is."
4. "Don't make me stop this car!"
3. "You're grounded 'til you're 30!"
2. "Money doesn't grow on trees!"
1. "Because I said so!"

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

"This may not be the party we wished for, but while we are here, let's dance." Anonymous

JUNE, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>May be rescheduled:</u></p> <p>- "Sunday in the Park" on 6/21</p> <p>- Choir practices</p> <p>- In-person Sunday school & worship services</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1p Worship Com.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6p Cong. Care Com.</p> <p>7p Christian Ed Com.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7p Choir practice</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2p Church Cleaning</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>TRINITY SUNDAY</p> <p>9:45a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship service & Holy Communion</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7p Missions Com.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7p Choir practice</p>	<p>11</p> <p>2p Church Cleaning</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:45a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship service</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7p Choir practice</p>	<p>18</p> <p>2p News articles due in office</p> <p>2p Church Cleaning</p> <p>7p Stewardship & Finance Com.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>> FATHER'S DAY > "SUNDAY IN THE PARK"</p> <p>9:45a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship service</p> <p>12:30p Session meeting</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7p Choir practice</p>	<p>25</p> <p>2p Newsletter out</p> <p>2p Church Cleaning</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:45a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship service</p> <p>11a 5 Cents a Meal Offering</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>2p Committee reports due in office</p>				

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JUNE NEWSLETTER



COME AND JOIN US!
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
WWW.GREGORYMEMORIAL.ORG

*We're on: [Facebook.com/gmpcva](https://www.facebook.com/gmpcva)
Worship 11:00 A.M.*