



**VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
ON
FACEBOOK/FPCOFVICTORIA:
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020**

Our Scripture readings for next Sunday (the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost), August 2, 2020, are: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-24; and Matthew 14:13-21. The sermon title is "Compassion," and the Bulletin is available here: https://fpcovictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2020-08-02-Bulletin-PDF.pub_.pdf

Being the first Sunday in August, we will also celebrate the Lord's Supper. Please be prepared to take communion from wherever you may be watching us on

the FPC Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/fpcovictoria/>). As we have mentioned before, bread of any sort is suitable, including crackers, tortillas, etc.; any sort of fruit juice would be appropriate, as would wine or even water.

Howsoever we take communion, the central theological message is that we do these things “in remembrance of” the One who lived, died, was resurrected, and will come again in glory. In ceremonially sharing with one another the Last Supper that Christ served his disciples, Christians around the world remember that Christ died so that we might be in eternal communion with our God and Creator.



**Our Special thanks to
Dr. David Means,
GUEST ORGANIST AND SOLOIST**

On behalf of FPC-Victoria, I once again express our deep appreciation to Dr. David Means who lead us in our ministry of music during our worship service for July 26, 2020.

Happily, we appear to have solved the technical difficulties we had been having with our sound on several prior Sundays, and thus Dr. Means' arrangements on our beautiful new organ, as well as his moving a cappella solo of the Lord's Prayer, could be appreciated by all who were participating in worship with us.

We look forward to inviting Dr. Means to join us again soon.



August 4 - Roxanna Hauschild

If you or someone you know, has a birthday this week please contact the church

office:

361.575.2441

or

info@fpcovictoria.org



MID-YEAR PLEDGE REPORTS

Just to be sure that everyone is aware, we are repeating an announcement that was included in our Newsletter last week. Specifically, Jim Stokes, our Treasurer, and Tasha Wolf, our Office Administrator, have prepared and mailed an individualized report to each person or family in our congregation who submitted a pledge card regarding their intended giving for calendar year 2020. The report contains a record of the gifts the church office has received with respect to each such pledge through the first six months of this year (June 30, 2020).

Please review the report you received to verify that it matches your personal records regarding your giving during this six-month period. If you have not received your report by now, or if you have questions or concerns, please discuss them with Jim Stokes or Tasha Wolf. They, not your Pastor, are the ones who keep track of these matters.

Finally, by way of clarification, if you have made contributions to the church this year but did not complete a pledge card, then, unless you request otherwise, you will not receive a report concerning your giving until year-end. It is not that the church does not appreciate your gifts (quite the contrary, please continue to be generous!), it is simply that our financial software can more easily generate reports with respect to pledged income. Similar reports for spontaneous or unanticipated income are more difficult to prepare, and thus we wait until the end of the year to do them unless there is a special need.

CARES AND CONCERNS

Jack Kleinecke, our Clerk of Session, had his long-scheduled knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. Jack's family reports that the operation was successful and that Jack is recuperating nicely. Jack has a rigorous rehabilitation program ahead of him, but he is ready to meet the challenge. Let us pray for Jack's speedy recovery and for his return to his normal activities as the doctors and the physical therapists help him meet that goal.

Your Pastor is aware of at least two non-life-threatening instances of COVID-19 illness among our members. Dawn Neel tested positive for the virus and experienced some symptomatic discomfort-- none of which required hospitalization, however. Dawn reports that she is now fully recovered and that, so far, Chris (her husband) has tested negative twice and appears not to have been infected.

Suzanne Salinas, now in her sixth day of isolation, is currently suffering from

COVID-19. She is experiencing flu-like discomfort, but none of the more serious symptoms that might require hospitalization. She reports the loss of taste and smell that we have read about in the paper, but she believes she has been spared the more distressing symptoms of the disease.

Please pray for these dear members of our congregation that they may experience, through the attention of talented medical specialists and the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ, a full and lasting recovery.

For ourselves, our families and loved ones, the members and friends of our congregation, and for all our neighbors known and unknown, let us pray that all may be spared the ravages of this disease and that the means to end this pandemic may soon be discovered. And as we do, let us take comfort from the psalmist:

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

...

“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 45:1-3, 10-11



**IMPROVING THE “PRODUCTION VALUES”
OF OUR
VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES
(HELP WANTED!)**

We are still searching for a camera person to help us operate our new camera equipment which we obtained with a grant from Mission Presbytery. We need someone to be available for two hours on the Saturdays when we record our worship services and, once the pandemic has passed, for two hours on the Sundays when we gather again in the Sanctuary. Additionally, a few additional hours are necessary to process and upload each video from our new equipment to the Internet.

Do you know of someone who might be interested in working for the church in this manner? Do you know a student, family member, or friend who could use some extra cash and would enjoy helping our congregation with this task? If so, please ask them to call (361.575.2441) or email (info@fpcovictoria.org) the church office. We would love to speak with them!

Peace, grace, and mercy,
Pastor Jim

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