



THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM  
MATTHEW 5-7

Community of Faith  
United Methodist Church

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Guide for Online Worship

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THOUGHT FOR THE MORNING

*Thought Christian faith refuses to accept that violence, greed, and pride are unassailable and unchallengeable... It is faith that looks up at the creator God and knows God to be the God of love. And it is faith that looks out at the world with the longing to bring that love to bear in healing, reconciliation, and hope.*

N.T. Wright,

*For All God's Worth: True Worship and the Calling of the Church*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*My Peace I Give Unto You*

Keith Routledge

Dr. Kelli Nam, piano

OPENING PRAYER

Deuteronomy 30, Psalm 119

Come, Holy One: teach us your ways, lead us in your paths, guide us on our journey. Speak to us your words of life, for you offer us direction and wholeness when we hear your voice and follow.

You bless us with your love, shower us with your grace, and help us grow in faith. We seek you, O God, with all our hearts. Be near us this day. Amen.

HYMN

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

*Words are captioned on screen*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*We Are*

Kari Jobe

MaryAnn McKavitt East

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:17-48

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you; you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right

eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

<sup>38</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup>and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup>and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*In addition to these prayers, you are encouraged to  
join in prayers at 10AM and/or 11AM – [click here](#) for Zoom*

HYMN

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

*Words are captioned on screen*

BLESSING

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

The Alter of Praise Choir



**INVITATION TO PRAYING TOGETHER USING ZOOM**

We will open a Zoom room for prayers at **10AM & 11AM**. Just click:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9072600313?pwd=T0xxdHNFVmJmVWZHUE4vaEtVSFF2QT09>

Sunday worship is posted online to Community of Faith's Vimeo page at

<https://vimeo.com/user87801901> A Sunday early morning email will

also offer a link to the worship bulletin, Zoom and announcements.

## WELCOME

*Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. (Matthew 10:40)*

At Community of Faith we believe each individual is of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the beautiful diversity of all races, nationalities, and ethnicities. We welcome and affirm you whether you are rich or poor; love the Church, have never been to Church, or have been wounded by spiritual communities; gay, straight, or whatever your gender identity, expression, and sexual orientation may be; married or single; a person with children or without children; able-bodied, differently-abled, or challenged with mental or emotional health issues; certain of many things or full of questions. We vow to be a safe community truly open to everyone to grow in faith - God's love has no bounds.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Financial Contributions**

Offerings may be made online at the church website [www.cofumc.org](http://www.cofumc.org), by texting to 73256 and in the message, enter COFUMC, or check can be mailed to 13224 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon, VA 20171-4034.

### **Outside Communion for October on Sundays at Noon**

Outdoor Communion continues this Sunday at Noon. Participants need to bring their own chairs and communion elements - bread and wine or grape juice. Everyone must wear masks. To participate, just complete a [CoVid Health Form here](#).

### **Food Ministry needs back-up drivers**

Volunteers are needed to substitute for drivers that pickup food donations on weekday mornings. Please contact Cathy Spaine at [cfspaine@gmail.com](mailto:cfspaine@gmail.com) On Thursdays, volunteers are also needed to put food donations away on from 10:30-noon. Please contact Sally Savas at [savas.sally@gmail.com](mailto:savas.sally@gmail.com) if you are available.

## ***The Sermon on the Mount***

### **A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven**

*Continues on Sundays from 5PM – 6:15PM*

Hearing the sermon on the Mount within the Jewishness of Jesus' words gives us a foundation to understand how Jesus' message speaks to us today. Based on the book by Amy-Jill Levine (Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School) and taught by Rob Vaughn, this 6-week study begins next Sunday. Each week will review Dr. Levin's teaching video and dive into the scriptures of Matthew. Each class will be over Zoom and last a75 minutes. To register, drop an email to Rev. Rob or register over OnRealm by [clicking here](#).



Are you ready to let loose your inner artist by decorating a parking space or two in our parking lot? We want to have fun and decorate a space with happy images and encouraging words for the people in our community and

the Community of Faith Food Pantry workers and clients. Of course, you can fill your spot with pumpkin pictures too!

We will be chalking the lot at COF on **October 31 between 11am-2 pm**, weather permitting. Come and decorate a parking spot or sidewalk section with messages of love, kindness, and positivity. Masks will be required, and we will be physically distancing to make this a safe activity for everyone. We have a limited number of prewrapped chinks – please bring your own chinks if possible. Each child participating will receive a treat bag to take home.

FREE – but you need to sign up by [clicking here](#). Open to everyone ages 3-18!



**Scouting for Food is coming**

**November 14 at CoF**

*Hold the date – details coming*

## **Adult Church School @ 9am Sunday**

Adult church school continues. Connect at 9AM via Zoom – connect by [clicking here](#).

## **What's Happening This Week**

SUNDAY (October 18) Adult Church School @ 9AM by Zoom

SUNDAY (October 18) Holy Communion Service 12PM Outside

SUNDAY (October 18) Youth Activity Halloween Bags 12:45PM

SUNDAY (October 18) Boy Scout Office Hours 2-3:30PM outside

SUNDAY (October 18) Sermon on The Mount Bible Study 5PM Zoom

MONDAY (October 19) Charge Conference 7PM Zoom

MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNINGS – Food Distribution Prep @11AM

TUESDAY (October 20) Food Distribution 4-5:30PM

TUESDAY (October 20) Vespers with Pastor Rob

SUNDAY (October 25) Confirmation Class 11AM

SUNDAY (October 25) Cub Scouts 3:45-5:30PM outside

FRIDAY (October 30) Boy Scouts 3-8PM outside

SATURDAY (October 31) Sunday School Chalk Activity 11AM-2PM

SATURDAY (October 31) Annual Conference 11AM

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## **PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY**

For the marriage of Robinson Lee & Okako Omadjela

Prayers for health Betty Duddey, Gail Harman

Congratulations to Chad Gabriel for obtaining his USA citizenship

### ***For our parents and families***

Steve Greenberg's brother Rich

Jess, Jocelyn Gabriel's brother-in-law

Parents of Laura Babbitt (Nancy), Bane Vaughn (Betty Shamburger),

Jeannine Maynard (Jim), Jeff Mowery (Fred), Chris Gohrband

(Virginia), Mary Ann East (Jackie), Winnie Rosenberger's mom

### ***For our friends and neighbor***

Hilda and her son Jonathan

David Parazinno (hospitalized) & Tracy Shelton

***For our educators***

Kristi Bohn, Song & Kelly Nam, Mary Ann East, Lee & Carol Larson,  
Laura Primrose, Alicia Greenberg and all our parents

***For the nation and world***

West coast fires

US elections

Leadership for racial justice

***Ministers - The Entire Congregation***

*Lay Leaders* – Greg Carter, Jocelyn Gabriel

*Music Director*: Mary Ann East; *Music Accompanist*: Kelly Nam

*Children's Coordinator* – Kelli Timanus; *Youth Director*: Hannah Godfrey

*Nursery Care* – Miyo Shimoda; *Office Manager* – Di Hannum Beatty

*District Superintendent* – Sara Calvert; *Bishop* – Sharma Lewis