

## August 30, 2020 Bulletin

### Important Note to the Congregation

Welcome back! It is good to be together again, isn't it? While it feels good to worship alongside friends once again, it is important to remember that things will not be "normal" for quite some time. Until then, we appreciate your patience and willingness to "roll with the punches." Because your well-being is our #1 commitment, the following COVID-19 safety protocols have been implemented for our Sunday worship.

1. Attendance is limited to a maximum of 50 worshipers at any given service. If we find we need to add another service, we will do so.
2. Worshipers are required to "Savior Seat" (save your seat) during the week leading up to the service. This can be done either online ([www.phfumc.org](http://www.phfumc.org)) or by calling the church office.
3. Every person attending the indoors in-person worship is required to wear a face covering/mask. The church will provide a disposable facemask for anyone who does not have one.
4. Upon entering the building, everyone will be asked to sanitize their hands, after which they will be directed to one of the outside aisles for immediate seating.
5. Seating is in every third pew (2 empty pews between). Ushers will direct worshipers to their pew, beginning at the front and working their way towards the rear of sanctuary. You may or may not end up in your 'usual' pew 😊.
6. Non-family members are asked to keep at least 6 feet of distance from others in the same pew.
7. Until group singing is considered safe, worship will not include congregational singing.
8. The narthex restrooms are open and may be utilized by one person at a time. The sign on the door will indicate if the restroom is available or in use.
9. At the close of worship, worshipers will be guided out of the sanctuary beginning in the back and working forward.
10. Upon dismissal, worshipers are asked to immediately exit the building. Socializing (wearing masks, of course!) is encouraged to take place in the parking lot!

Prelude

Praise to the Lord

arranged by Edward Broughton

Call to Worship

Richard Chapman

Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## Gathering Prayer

Richard Chapman

**God, you reveal yourself to us in the rustling wind that blows, in the blazing fire that does not consume, in the face of the good, in the deep of the unknown. We meet you here. We accept your greeting. We welcome your inspiration. We await the change you have in store for us. Draw us in to you. Inhabit our spirits. Focus our attention. Bring us to you – you who are already with us. Help us to be as you would have us be. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, here and everywhere, now and always. Amen.**

## Welcome and Announcements

### Special Music

"Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor/Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Berlin/Jackson & Miller      Duet - Ann Jacobs and Tom Norager

## Scripture Readings

Romans 12:9-21

Richard Chapman

<sup>9</sup> Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. <sup>11</sup> Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! <sup>12</sup> Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. <sup>14</sup> Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. <sup>15</sup> Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. <sup>16</sup> Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. <sup>17</sup> Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

<sup>18</sup> If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. <sup>19</sup> Don't try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. It is written, *Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back, says the Lord.*<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>20</sup> Instead, *If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head.*<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>21</sup> Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-28

<sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and legal experts, and that he had to be killed and raised on the third day. <sup>22</sup> Then Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him: "God forbid, Lord! This won't happen to you." <sup>23</sup> But he turned to Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are a stone that could make me stumble, for you are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts."

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. <sup>25</sup> All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will find them. <sup>26</sup> Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? <sup>27</sup> For the Human One<sup>[a]</sup> is about to come with the majesty of his Father with his angels. And then he will repay each one for what that person has done. <sup>28</sup> I assure you that some standing here won't die before they see the Human One<sup>[b]</sup> coming in his kingdom."

## Message

"Working From the Inside Out"

## Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

## Invitation to Give & Offertory

“The Gift of Love” Duet -  
American Folk Tune, arranged by Hal Hopson

## Duet - Ann Jacobs and Tom Norager

## Hymn

## “The Servant Song”

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1. Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
  2. We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on this road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
  3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
  4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey thro'.
  5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.
  6. Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

### \*Benediction

## \*Postlude

## I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

arranged by Lani Smith