

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Maundy Thursday** service and Fellowship Meal will be next Thursday, March 28, at 6:30P.
- **Easter Morning Sunrise Service** will be at 7:15A at King Park, with a light breakfast following the service.
- **SafeHope** is our mission focus through May. This month we are collecting toiletry items/personal hygiene products and small tote bags/backpacks.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is in need of some additional items. If you knit or crochet and would like to help out, it would be greatly appreciated.
- **Please be checking your church mailbox.** There are items in some that are several months old.

Current Prayer list:

Family of Philomena Carle on her passing (Katherine Cooper's grandmother), Kenny Welsh (friend of Stan's; heart issue), Dennis Johnson (health)

Continue to pray for: (Please let me know of any updates/additions/deletions)

Chuck Arens (health), Cynthia Hansen (Pastor Bryce's mom, thyroid cancer), Bob Diehl (LeAnn's brother; hospice), Bonnie and Jan (friends of LeAnn), David Clark (Chuck Buechman's nephew; cancer), Paul Hart (friend of Ray Novak; medical issues), Kennedy (from Raelene Kite; health), Robert Kinsley (Marge Hamilton's brother; improving but still needs prayer), Lee (Pam Arens' brother; health), Marilyn (Pam Arens' sister; cancer), Tom McClain (Buck & Helen's son; health), Thomas/Trail family (friend of Keather's; serious health issues), Celia Venable (chronic headaches)

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Sunday School 9:00A and 11:15A
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Order of Worship

Prelude	"Return To You" (FAPC Chapel Church Music)	
Call to Worship		
Song	Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands	UMH 273
Unison Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Matthew 18:15-22	Hanneke van Bergeijk
Young Disciples		Michelle Coffman
Song	Come Thou Fount	UMH 400
Sermon	Teach Me	Rev. Bryce Hansen
Prayer of Confession		
Silent Prayer with The Lord's Prayer		
Lenten Poetry Reading	Teach Me	Celia Venable
Announcements		
Offertory Prayer with Doxology		
Song	They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love	UMH 269
Benediction		
Postlude		

Accompaniment: A/V

Call to Worship

L: Why are you here?

P: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

L: I see it! You're in the right place! This is God's house. The door is open to you.

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L: Let us worship God.

P: Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!

Unison Prayer

Teaching God, We want to learn your ways. We want to learn the ways of forgiveness. We want to learn the ways of grace. We want to learn your ways of love. That is why we return to the Bible week after week, because we are hungry to be more like you. So as we prepare to listen to your good Word, calm the noise in our minds. Center our spirits to focus on you so that we might learn and hear what we have missed in this story before. God, we want to learn your ways. Meet us here. Speak your truth. Help us listen. **Amen.**

Matthew 18:15-22 Common English Bible

¹⁵"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you've won over your brother or sister. ¹⁶But if they won't listen, take with you one or two others so that every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷But if they still won't pay attention, report it to the church. If they won't pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector. ¹⁸I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. ¹⁹Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them." ²¹Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said, "Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times."

Call to Confession

Friends, when you study Peter's story in scripture it's almost impossible to ignore how much he loved to ask questions. He asks Jesus:

"What does the parable mean?"

"Where are you going?"

"How many times should we forgive?"

Like a tenacious toddler, Peter was *full* of questions, because Peter was eager to learn. I wish I was more like that. I still have so much to learn.

So friends, let's be like Peter. Let's return to Christ with the humility of a student as we pray together the prayer of confession. Let this be a moment of learning. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

We long to be lifelong learners.

We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind.

Instead, we often live as if we know best.

We forget that the disciples called you "Rabbi, Teacher."

Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious.

Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best.

Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers.

Like Peter—who was brave enough to ask, "How many times should we forgive?"—make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith,

When Peter asked Jesus, "How many times should I forgive?"

Jesus responded with abundance.

That abundance exists for you as well.

No matter what you have done or left undone,

no matter what lessons you have learned or are still learning,

God's abundant grace exists for you. God's love will never run out.

So hear and rest in this good news:

You are forgiven.

You are loved.

You are invited to serve.

Thanks be to God! Amen.