



May 17, 2020

To the church in Diaspora due to the Corona Virus, greetings from Pastor Jake & Kris Porter, our family and all of the church here in Hudsonville and elsewhere.

May we worship together today, May 17, wherever social distancing finds us.

Please gather on Facebook live or Zoom at 9:30 am to listen to a sermon and to have a time of prayer and then you can follow the rest of this liturgy in your home.

**Pledging our Allegiance:**

Hear O People of God. The Lord is our God! The Lord alone. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. And love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

## Time of Teaching:

Our scripture passage for today is Matthew 26 and 27:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+26-27&version=NIV>

William Eggebeen reciting:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1z8qYtlfmcX3wn\\_lvLlIAV1z8jAY22r3p](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1z8qYtlfmcX3wn_lvLlIAV1z8jAY22r3p)

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If you are on Zoom, stick around to receive the blessing.

## Prayer & Scripture:

Prayer:

Lord, as we gather together, may you be active & present, hearing our cries & prayers.

May we hear you in a new and different way, now that our daily lives are so different.

You are good, Lord and your love endures forever, your faithfulness to all generations.

Bless us and help us be your hands and feet, the very Body of Christ.  
Amen.

## Psalm 129

*A song of ascents.*

- <sup>1</sup> “They have greatly oppressed me from my youth,”  
let Israel say;
- <sup>2</sup> “they have greatly oppressed me from my youth,  
but they have not gained the victory over me.
- <sup>3</sup> Plowmen have plowed my back  
and made their furrows long.
- <sup>4</sup> But the LORD is righteous;  
he has cut me free from the cords of the wicked.”
- <sup>5</sup> May all who hate Zion  
be turned back in shame.
- <sup>6</sup> May they be like grass on the roof,  
which withers before it can grow;
- <sup>7</sup> a reaper cannot fill his hands with it,  
nor one who gathers fill his arms.
- <sup>8</sup> May those who pass by not say to them,  
“The blessing of the LORD be on you;  
we bless you in the name of the LORD.”

### Children’s Worship:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xYUWM4uQ3k&feature=youtu.be>

### Time of Singing & Praise

Please feel free to sing along with the play list that was created or sing some of your favorite hymns or songs. Sing sitting or standing or kneeling. And know that the God who created you is present and rejoices in the praises of His people.

Spotify Playlist:

[https://open.spotify.com/playlist/6UPwHYK29fOBYh1qcD9N7W?si=yGC33WIGShmdiEQHz\\_B34Q](https://open.spotify.com/playlist/6UPwHYK29fOBYh1qcD9N7W?si=yGC33WIGShmdiEQHz_B34Q)

The King is Coming is Keith Meinema Sr.'s favorite song.

Years ago, Keith & Bea would go and see the Gaithers. This was Keith's favorite song that they would sing.

### **Confession + Assurance:**

Take a few moments to confess to God the good and bad of this past week. It was hard and you probably did not respond as God calls us to at points. Tell God, silently or aloud how much you need Him in this time of uncertainty and fear.

### **Assurance in Scripture:**

John 14:15-21 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

## Time of Prayer:

Please also use the prayer prompts from previous weeks if you feel so led.

### *A prayer for those working in healthcare during the COVID-19 crisis*

Compassionate God,  
from the shores of the river Jordan to the steps of the Temple Mount,  
you have cared for the well-being of your people.  
Your healing teaches us your compassion for our frailty.  
Thank you for caring for us no matter our status in this world.  
We ask your blessing on those who emulate you  
as they provide the ministry of healing to all those in need.  
Guide, bless and encourage your faithful health care servants  
who willingly jeopardize their own, and their families', health and safety  
to confront sickness and disease.  
Enable them to relieve suffering and assist in the healing process.  
Lord, you loved us enough to walk in our midst  
on a disease-filled earth.  
Even now, abide in with us  
and surround all engaged in the healing sciences and arts.  
Bless them as they labor for you  
in stressful, anxious and sometimes threatening settings.  
Keep them close in your loving embrace.  
Guide researchers as they seek greater understanding of your universe  
and develop vaccines and treatments that will reduce suffering and death.  
Enable suppliers who ensure materials and equipment are available as  
needed  
using creativity as they sometimes seek to do more with less.  
Encourage the families of health care workers  
as they support them in their call, knowing that through their loved ones,  
lives are saved and your tenderness is known.

Provide your health care servants rest  
during wearisome hours of constant demand.  
Dispense comfort in moments of loss or setback.  
Grant peace that goes beyond human understanding.  
In our present surroundings that tempt us to despair,  
may we all come together as part of your global community  
and embrace the love of Christ for all precious souls.  
Help us overcome our fears  
and unite across all borders of every type  
to share, manufacture, support and supply  
knowledge, equipment and resources.  
Your kingdom is a place of plenty.  
Let us live in your abundance knowing you provide enough for all.  
In your mercy, Lord, grant health.  
Bless those you have called to be your hands and feet in healing and the  
provision of care.  
May they always know how thankful we are for their gifts, service and  
sacrifice.  
Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.  
— Lyman Smith, CAPT, CHC, USN, Retired Director of Presbyterian Federal  
Chaplaincies

### **A Blessing:**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon  
you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and  
give you peace.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nxn6tmVSljU>