

September 2022 Worship Guide

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This booklet contains the outline for each worship service during the month of September 2022.

As of the time of going to print, Sunday worship is in person, online and broadcast on the radio (you can listen in your car on FM 87.9, in the church parking lot). If you are not able to attend in person, you can watch online on our website and YouTube channel. Even if we are not worshipping in the same building, we are still one body, one family, we are brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. Look up the scriptures referenced in the following pages; pray the words, and claim the promises for you and your family. - Pastor Jonathan

Trust In The Lord

Like most Hebrew and Greek words, the term translated as “trust” has multiple meanings and applications. *Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Psalm 37:3.* The Hebrew word for trust here is batah, which means “confident, secure, bold, carefree, hopeful”.

For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us. 2 Corinthians 1:8-10

There are two different Greek words translated as “trust” in this passage. The first is peitho, which means “to rely on inward certainty, self confidence”. This is what is in view when Paul says we should not trust, peitho, in ourselves. However, the word used by Paul in the verse 10 phrase “in whom we trust” is elpizo. This word means “to have hope” or, even, “hopeful expectation”.

Whether you are reading from the Old or New Testament - from Hebrew or Greek texts - the trust that produces confident, secure, bold, and hopeful expectation is that which is placed in the Lord and not in self. In fact, living with confident, secure, bold, and hopeful expectation would be a fitting description of living by faith. While the two attributes, trust and faith, are clearly distinct in their definitions, they are inseparable companions. You will not have faith in someone you don't trust, and you cannot say you trust someone but not put your faith in them.

Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, “Let us cross over to the other side of the lake.” And they launched out. But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. But He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, “Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!” Luke 8:22-25

When Jesus got in the boat with His disciples He gave them their final destination, the other side. Before they reached their destination, one of the windstorms common to the Sea of Galilee arose and the boat started filling with water. Yet none of them said, “The Lord told us we're going to the other side and that is exactly what is going to happen.” Instead they woke Him up and told Him they were all going to die. They didn't trust in what Jesus told them, and an absence of faith in Him was the end result.

This was quite an indictment by Jesus of the Twelve. But we need to realize that by this time the men in the boat had seen Him heal the sick, raise the dead, and cast out demons. He had even healed a centurion's servant without so much as seeing him. And, by this point, the disciples had already heard Jesus teach the Sermon on the Mount. In other words, there was ample reason for them to trust in Jesus' words and to face the storm with faith. Yet, after all they had seen Him do and heard Him say, their response after He calmed the wind and the water was, “Who can this be?”

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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

Worship Sept 4

Scriptures to read and meditate on

Jer 18:1-11; Ps 139; Philem 1-21; Lk 14:25-33

Call to Worship

Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry. We come, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone. Come, all you who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service, into a meaningful whole. We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out our commitments. Come, sinner and saint, with your hatreds and loves, your failures and successes, your sorrows, and joys. We respond to the Spirit's leading and open ourselves to receive God's gracious gifts.

Prayer of Confession

God in Christ, who endured the cross in your own flesh for our sakes, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be your bold disciples, but we fear suffering; we would carry our cross, but it weighs too heavily. We count the cost of following you—as long as there are benefits; but to renounce all we have is a devastating prospect. Forgive the conditions we make when we try to obey, and free us by your grace to forsake all and follow you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God who calls us and sends us: As we offer our gifts this morning, remind us that what we place in the plate is only the beginning of what you ask from us. You've asked for our hearts, our passion for the work of compassion, love, and grace. You rely on our talents and abilities to advance your Kingdom here on Earth. We long to be useful to you. Help us to have the confidence in ourselves that you have in us, and help us to be listening when you call. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

Worship Sept 11

Scriptures to read and meditate on

Jer 4:11-12, 22-28; Ps 14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-10

Call to Worship

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of melody. Let us sing in praise and thanksgiving of what God has done for us, upon the Old Rugged Cross of Calvary.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have loved us enough to not leave us the way we are but to make us more. To those who are perishing the cross is foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. We confess our sins to you and to one another not to be condemned by you but to be saved by you. For the times we have failed to live into your Kingdom, for breaking your commandments, for failing to love as you have loved us, and for not growing in your love; Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Free us for joyful obedience, through Christ our Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord our God, we thank you that you have loved us to death, even death upon a cross. We thank you that you bring the power of love into our hearts and lives so that our brokenness can be healed, and transformed. We lift high your cross of salvation and ask that you take these gifts that we lift up to you now and use them to spread your great love to all the world.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

Worship Sept 18

Scriptures to read and meditate on

Jer 8:18-9:1; Ps 79; Ps 4; 1 Tim 2:1-7; Lk 16:1-13

Call to Worship

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us. Forgive us, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy giver of all good blessings, we find ourselves under a debt we can never overcome. Every blessing we have received or hope to receive comes from your generosity. The gifts we bring to you this morning pale in comparison to the bottom line of our ledger. Yet you manage your kingdom on a different economic model – one where the equity is grace, forgiveness, compassion, mercy, and justice. You encourage us to be shrewd in the world's money, knowing it is not the currency that matters in the end. And so, we pray in the name of Jesus, whose life and death paid our debt. Amen.

Worship Sept 25

Scriptures to read and meditate on

Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15; Ps 91; 1 Tim 6:6-19; Lk 16:19-31

Call to Worship

Come and worship! We will praise the One between, within, and over. Trust in the One who creates the was, the now, and the will-be. Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love calling us to do the same. Follow the One who never breaks covenant. We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to give justice for the oppressed, feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows. Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive. We praise the God who spans the ages

Prayer of Confession

We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and life you offer. Tempted by everything, we have become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we do not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us. Forgive us, merciful God. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks Merciful God, for all the blessings you have gifted us with. You give to us overflowing blessings, so that we may share with those who are in need. You give to us your love, so that we may love those need loved. You give to us your Son, so that we may give ourselves for others. Use these gifts we offer now. Bless and multiply them, so that your goodness and gracious bounty will flow from our hands into our communities and lives of others. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Old Rugged Cross Word Search

Just for fun, or use as a teaching aide with your younger family members.

NOEPEOUPSYNHPLGXWRFHPWSKGEWST
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Find the **33 bold** words or phrases from The Old Rugged Cross

On a *hill* far away *stood* an *old rugged cross*,
the *emblem* of *suffering* and *shame*; and I love
that old cross where the *dearest* and best for a
world of *lost sinners* was *slain*.

O that old rugged cross, so *despised* by the
world, has a *wondrous attraction* for me; for
the dear *Lamb of God* left his *glory above* to
bear it to *dark Calvary*.

In that old rugged cross, *stained* with *blood*
so *divine*, a wondrous beauty I see, for 'twas on
that old cross *Jesus* suffered and died,
to *pardon* and *sanctify me*.

To that old rugged cross I will *ever be true*,
its shame and *reproach* gladly *bear*; then he'll
call me some day to *my home far away*,
where his glory *forever* I'll *share*.

So I'll *cherish* the old rugged cross,
till my *trophies* at last I *lay down*;
I will *cling* to the old rugged cross,
and *exchange* it some day for a *crown*.

Trust In The Lord - continued from front cover

Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the man who was paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!" Luke 5:18-26

The men in the boat with Jesus had been eyewitness of this amazing healing as well. Thus, the answer to their question after the calming of the storm had already been answered. "Who can this be?" they asked. Jesus forgave sins, which only God can do. Therefore, the answer was that Jesus is, indeed, Immanuel - God with us. Whatever the storm may be, either in our lives or in the world, we can be sure that satan is behind it just as he was behind the storm on the Sea of Galilee. We, like the men in the boat with Jesus, have been promised a final destination - the Father's house.

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:1-6

Jesus told Thomas, if you know Me, you know the way to the Father's house. The same is true for you today. If you know Jesus, then what awaits you on the other side of the storms of life is a place prepared for you by Jesus. So until we get there, Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness - even when the storms of life are raging around us.

Verona Food Pantry

This list is a guide line, any item you can give is welcomed. Drop off at the office before the end of the month.

September - peanut butter

October - canned veggies

November - canned 'thanksgiving'

December - Pot Luck

The food pantry is always looking for paper products; household, babies, ladies etc
These items can be donated any time, we will get them to the food pantry for you.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to the food pantry, note your check 'food pantry'
and we will take care of getting it to them for you.

CHERRY BERRY CHRISTMAS SHOPPE & CRAFT FAIR

DECEMBER 3, 2022

Time to clean out those closets, dust off what you have not used in years and donate Christmas & holiday items to our Cherry Berry Christmas Shoppe.

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

Artificial Christmas Trees

Ornaments

Full rolls of gift wrap

Full rolls of ribbon

Nut Crackers

Gift Boxes

Wreaths

Candles

Stocking Hangers

Tree Skirts

Tree Toppers

String Lights

Decorator Pillows

Holiday Bakeware

Velvet Bows

Scented Pine Cones

Outdoor inflatables

Table Decorations &

Centerpieces

Table cloths & Napkins

Christmas Linens

Christmas Mugs & Glasses

Christmas Plates

Holiday Dinnerware

Stockings

Serving Platters

Garland & Tinsel

Reindeer & Santas

Nativity Sets

Artificial Poinsettias, Holly

& Mistletoe

Advent Calendars

Train & Track Sets

Lighted Villages

This list is not exhaustive and there are probably lots more items you have in mind.

All items donated need to be in full working order, no chips, dings, stains, broken tree limbs, or missing parts. New or excellent used condition only. If you are in doubt, think “would I buy this item?” before donating to the Cherry Berry Christmas Shoppe.

Please share this request with your friends and neighbors. Drop off times will be announced during service and collection will also be available by calling the office.

You can now manage your membership account details in our Engage' portal.

Use this QR code to be directed to our site, and follow the online prompts.

Or visit <https://engage.suran.com/cherryvaleumc>



save the date!

Cornhole
TOURNAMENT

Cook-out
& REFRESHMENTS

Yard Games
& FAMILY FUN

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE CHERRYVALE
NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

SEPTEMBER 23RD @ 5 P.M.

Kids
ACTIVITIES

Face
PAINTING

Bounce
HOUSE

Trunk
or
Treat



**& FACE
PAINTING**



October 31st @ 5pm

CHERRY BERRY CHRISTMAS SHOPPE & CRAFT FAIR

FAMILY FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT CHERRYVALE CHURCH

ARTS & CRAFT VENDORS | CHRISTMAS TREES
DECORATIONS | BAKE SALE | BREAKFAST FOOD

KIDS CRAFTS & FACE PAINTING

HAND-MADE GOODS | ARTISAN JEWELRY |

HOLIDAY TREATS

DECEMBER 3, 2022  8AM-5PM



See back page for how you can help with the Cherry Berry Christmas Shoppe