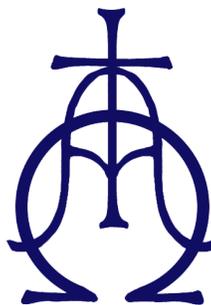


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A note from Reverend Jennifer

Stewardship during Covid-19 and other maladies

Thinking of stewardship amidst a health pandemic, civil unrest, and raging wild fires for me includes the reflection of how it all affects me, those around me, or those individuals that I have heard or read about. How am I to steward resources at this time? I believe that stewardship is my response to God's provision in my life. On a personal level, three biblical themes come to mind: 1) Give thanks in all situations (I Thessalonians 5:18); Love others as I love myself (Mark 12:31); and Watch and pray (Matthew 26:41). These general beliefs help guide me in stewarding my time, talent and resources. As I have ability to rise in the morning and go about my day, I should give thanks—I am grateful to sense and understand my world. As I have opportunity to be aware and sensitive to others and myself, I should love myself and them. Finally, as I have opportunity to be knowledgeable and informed of the plights of life and all that means to me and my neighbor, I should seek to support and help, but whether I do or don't; can or can't, I am reminded and know that ultimately I can go to God in prayer.

Debbie Gillespie
Stewardship 2020

A note from Rev. Jen:

I feel like I'm in the ocean, trying to ride the waves that are coming in (did you know I grew up next to the beach in San Diego?). This Sunday is our Patronal Feast Sunday--Christ the King--we must remember that Jesus was a king probably more attuned to the challenges and woes of our day than with the pomp with which we love to celebrate Christ the King in times of health and ease.

With the **governor, the Greene County Coroner, and our bishop all stressing caution**--and with a growing number of people I know personally infected with COVID and suffering a great deal--**we will return to remote worship this Sunday and until this upsurge is over.** We are anticipating Fr. Mike Kreutzer to give the sermon and lead the liturgy--and we also anticipate the fellowship we've been able to enjoy on Zoom and not in person!

This means that our Stewardship Drive will also be remote this year. You will be hearing from Senior Warden Barbara Bonham and receiving a pledge card--please do fill it out and return it. I have been talking to our staff and to clergy around the area--there is deep exhaustion over riding these very choppy waves. It continues to take time, treasure and talent to run church on-line, and in some ways, even more resources than in person.

I hope you are moved by the meditation from fellow parishioner Debbie Gillespie. I would welcome sharing your reflection--and will write it up for you if you'd like to tell me by phone.

Peace--

--Rev Jennifer

November 22, 2020 Proper 29
Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2020 is Fourth Sunday

Scripture Readings for November 22

Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

*you can find copies of the scripture on our weekly devotional
at the bottom of this note*

Worship this Sunday

Liturgy of the Word 9.30 am on Zoom and streaming on FaceBook

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your Guide to Worship at Christ Episcopal and COVID-19

Here is a copy of the new **diocesan guidelines** (click on the bolded and underlined words) for worship during COVID. When Greene County is **purple** we are always on-line worship.

Click on the button below to check on Greene County's status

Ohio Dept of Health Map

Stewardship and Pledges

Please keep up with your pledges for 2020, and please prayerfully consider what you can offer in 2021. We need talent and time as well as treasure: would you be a lector? help with writing a piece of devotional thought for the newsletter? We have many things we are doing while on line--and many more we could do!

Click on the button below if you'd like to give your pledge via the Diocese of Southern Ohio (this is set up especially for churches like ours). Or mail or deliver your pledge to Becky at Nickell House.

Give pledge online

CALLING ALL LECTORS AND INTERCESSORS

We need lectors and intercessors for Sunday worship--live and via Zoom.

++Parish Prayer List++

We ask God's blessing and healing: For Rick, Karen, Jenny, Sayre, and Chris H, Keith and Susan, John N, Cynda, baby Amelia, Diana, Peter, Heather, David, John R, Rob H, Carol H, Tawn, Bishop Breidenthal, John G, Dave W and family, Autumn, Rev John T, Woody W, Spears family, and for all who suffer because of COVID-19.

In God's Nearer Presence: Dr. Mukul Chandra, Robert Kimmet

++Last Week's Sermon++

For last week's sermon, click here: [Honesty and Kingdom](#)

++Christian Formation++

Weekly Devotional

Our readings this week include exploration of hunger--spiritual and physical hunger. Suzanne Guthrie's weekly devotional is found at the button below. At the top left hand corner you will find the readings of the week.

Here is the link for the weeks readings as well as the devotional [Edge of the Enclosure](#)

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