THE CHAPEL of CYPRESS COVE

Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost
September 26, 2021
Roy St Onge, Music Director – Jim Wert, Pianist – Bill Dawson, Organist

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THE PRELUDE "All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name"
Westminister Church (Video)

THE WELCOME, GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, RESPONSE, PRESENTATION
"Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings. I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place."
THE CALL TO WORSHIP Gloria St Onge, Reader
Pastor: Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day.
PEOPLE: REJOICE, FRIENDS IN CHRIST: THIS IS OUR TIME FOR WORSHIP.
Pastor: God ordained the Sabbath for rest and restoration.
EVERYONE: GOD OUR CREATOR, HEALER, AND INSPIRATION IS WORTHY OF CONTINUED WORSHIP. SO THEN, LET US WORSHIP AND PRAISE ONLY HIM.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Christ The World We Sing" (Sing Along) Central Church Choir (Video)

THE INVOCATION (Unison) Gloria St Onge, Reader
LORD, I SURRENDER MY LIFE TO YOU. I WANT TO DO SOMETHING AND MAKE IT HAPPEN, ALL ON MY OWN STRENGTH, BUT I KNOW WITHOUT YOU I CAN DO NOTHING. I KNOW MY LIFE IS NOT MY OWN, IT IS YOURS TO WORK THROUGH ME. LORD, I AM GRATEFUL FOR THIS LIFE YOU'VE GIVEN ME. YOU'VE BLESSED ME WITH DIFFERENT GIFTS AND TALENTS. HELP ME UNDERSTAND HOW TO CULTIVATE THOSE THINGS TO BRING GLORY TO YOUR GREAT NAME. AMEN.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM "Rejoice, The Lord Is King"
Covenant Choirs (Video)

THE OFFERING, DEDICATION AND OFFERTORY
Doxology (Unison)
"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow; Praise Him, All Creatures Here Below; Praise Him Above, Ye Heavenly Host Praise Father, Son, And Holy Ghost. Amen"
Your Generous Offerings Unto Almighty God Are The Only Upkeep Of Our Church
Offerings Can Be Taken To The Consignors Desk (Cypress Cove Residents) And/or
Mailed To: Chapel of Cypress Cove -10200 Cypress Cove Drive, Fort Myers FL 33908!

THE HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION "God Will Make A Way" Don Moen (Video)

THE PRAYERS Concerns Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer - Carlo Fontana (Video)

THE SCRIPTURE REFERENCE Psalm 100:1-5

THE SERMON MESSAGE: "This Is Your Life!" Roy St Onge, Certified Lay Speaker

THE PASTORAL BENEDICTION AND LAITY RESPONSE (Sung in Unison)
"Bless Be The Tie That Binds Our Hearts In Christian Love:
The Fellowship Of Kindred Minds, Is Like To That Above."

THE POSTLUDE "Sent Forth By God's Blessings" Polk Street UMC (Video)



Next Sunday: October 03, 2021 – Communion Sunday
SERMON TOPIC: "Communion With God"
Scripture Reference: Luke 12:35-40

The Altar Flower Arrangement Is Presented By The Chapel Of Cypress Cove To All Christ's Followers As A Loving Reminder That Almighty God Is In Control Of This World And That We Must Honor, Praise And Glorify Him.

NO BIBLE STUDY UNTIL IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES RESUME!
(This week's personal at home Bible study scripture suggestion: Psalm 100:1-5)

"Don't quit, and don't give up. The reward is just around the corner. And in times of doubt or times of joy, listen for that still, small voice. Know that God has been there from the beginning—and He will be there until . . . The End."
— Joanna Gaines, The Magnolia Story

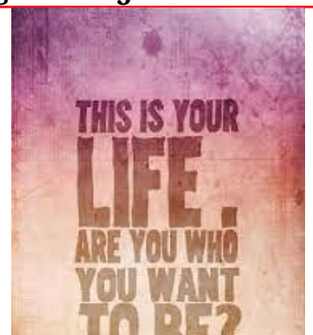
"Know what you want and reach out eagerly for it."
— Lailah Gifty Akita

"While God, for the most part, allows this cosmos [creation] to work according to the laws of nature, there is never a time when He is not actively involved in every detail of life."

— Rev. Charles R. Swindoll

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

JoAnne Ahern, Cele Barcaro, Edwin Basler, Ed Badin, Ron Busch, Robert Bradford, Byrl Burris, Carol Cessna, Jim & Pat Daniels, Cal Eells, Richard and Rosemary Ericson, Cindy Fiska, Erline Grimes family, Bess Gross, Ken Hahn family, Frank Haskell, Cyndi Koski, Karrie Lyn, Jack McCarthy, Helen McDermott, Paul & Barb McNitt, Margie Mitchell, Kit Olen, Larry & Pat Rhoda, Dot Streck, Cheryl Spence, Carol Stanley, Aline Wolf, Jan Ziegler and all other individuals who need God's healing touch. Pray for the poor, the wicked and unjust that they might find the saving grace of Jesus Christ.



WHO INSPIRES YOU TO SERVE LIKE JESUS?

"Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones." **(John 14:12)**

In this Gospel, John describes Jesus speaking with the apostles about his relationship to the Father. As the apostles seek understanding, Jesus articulates in multiple ways how he is related to the Father. Jesus affirms their connection by saying: *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* (John 14:6) This assertion might suggest that Jesus is only a conduit to connect to the Father. But Jesus further explains that the Father is in him and he is in the Father. *If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him*." (John:14:7) Moreover, all of Jesus' actions are works of the Father. These actions include the powerful signs that frame John's Gospel (e.g., healing the man born blind, raising Lazarus) as well as his crucifixion and resurrection. These Gospel scriptures provide some of the biblical evidence for understanding the relationship between the entities of the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit).

It is also important that John connects belief in Jesus to Christian mission, saying, *"Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones."* (John 14:12) Foundational to Christian faith is the requirement for believers to serve one another as an expression of their belief in God. The first and second readings provide examples of Christian faith in action.

Moving to a more personal point of "Who Inspires You To Serve Like Jesus", I say to you that you need to do some personal introspection (looking inside) to see who you really are. Are you living "on the cusp" of Christianity (only when you need it) or are you living your Christian life daily (Christ with and in you always)? This is your life and God wants you to have a good, loving, prosperous life making good choices. But he also wants to be a vital part of those choices. Almighty God, through Jesus Christ is who every Christian must serve Jesus Christ first. He must be your inspiration.

(Compiled by Rev. Ted Althouse)

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MY LIFE INSPIRED BY JESUS - ALWAYS!

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