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6th Sunday after Pentecost - Green

July 12, 2020

JESUS
FOLLOWING

MATTHEW 12:46-50

HERE TO SERVE

District Superintendent..... Eduardo Rivera

Today's pianist.....Victor Gene Robbins

Technical Support.....Vic Ivy & Ray Griffith

Secretary / Bookkeeper.....Christina Duarte

Children's Service Leader.....

Nursery Attendant.....Antonia Terrazas

Custodian.....Alexis Duarte & Delia Dutchover

BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

July 12, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy, Holy, Holy v.1 #64

PRAYER

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #400

PRAYER & PRAISE CARD

MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

PRAISE & WORSHIP

This Is The Day

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 12:46-50

MESSAGE

PEOPLE AROUND JESUS

By Pastor Randy Thomas

INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST AND ALTAR TIME / JOIN

THE CHURCH

Please let us pray for you and help you any way we can. Please fill out your prayer/praise card in you bulletin, and place it in the offering.

PEOPLE AROUND JESUS

Matthew 12:46-50 (NKJV)

⁴⁶ While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. ⁴⁷ Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You."

⁴⁸ But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" ⁴⁹ And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers!" ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."

Matthew 12:10-12 (NLT2)

¹⁰ The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Does the law permit a person to work by healing on the Sabbath?" (They were hoping he would say yes, so they could bring charges against him.) ¹¹ And he answered, "If you had a sheep that fell into a well on the Sabbath, wouldn't you work to pull it out? Of course you would." ¹² And how much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Yes, the law permits a person to do good on the Sabbath."

I. JESUS IS GREATER THAN RELIGION

Matthew 12:1-2 (NLT2)

¹ At about that time Jesus was walking through some grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, so they began breaking off some heads of grain and eating them. ² But some Pharisees saw them do it and protested, "Look, your disciples are breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath."

John 4:13-18 (MSG)

¹³ Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again." ¹⁴ Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life." ¹⁵ The woman said, "Sir, give me this water so I won't ever get thirsty, won't ever have to come back to this well again!" ¹⁶ He said, "Go call your husband and then come back." ¹⁷ "I have no husband," she said. "That's nicely put: 'I have no husband.'" ¹⁸ You've had five husbands, and the man you're living with now isn't even your husband. You spoke the truth there, sure enough."

II. JESUS IS GREATER THAN SATAN

Matthew 12:22-24 (NLT2)

²² Then a demon-possessed man, who was blind and couldn't speak, was brought to Jesus. He healed the man so that he could both speak and see. ²³ The crowd was amazed and asked, "Could it be that Jesus is the Son of David, the Messiah?" ²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard about the miracle, they said, "No wonder he can cast out demons. He gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons."

Matthew 12:34-36 (NLT2)

³⁴ You brood of snakes! How could evil men like you speak what is good and right? For whatever is in your heart determines what you say. ³⁵ A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. ³⁶ And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak.

Matthew 15:19 (NLT2)

¹⁹ For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander.

III. JESUS IS GREATER THAN OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS & KINGS

Matthew 12:38-40 (NLT2)

³⁸ One day some teachers of religious law and Pharisees came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to show us a miraculous sign to prove your authority." ³⁹ But Jesus replied, "Only an evil, adulterous generation would demand a miraculous sign; but the only sign I will give them is the sign of the prophet Jonah." ⁴⁰ For as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights.

John 1:14 (NIV)

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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But, then there's you. You're the one here tonight. Let's think about you for a moment bit. What about YOU? Are YOU a Christian? Do you trust Jesus? Are you following Him? If so — if that's what you say about yourself — well, then, how many people know it? How many of your friends and co-workers, your family and neighbors, would look at you and say, "Why, yes, he's a Christian"?

Now, among the evidence that would not be accepted in court would be items like jewelry, or clothing, or bumper stickers. No, the only evidence that would count to convict you would be the way you live. Would your ministry activities in your church be such that it could be evidence? What if the authorities searched your vehicle or your house: would they find anything incriminating? What would they find if your bank statements or check register were brought before the court? Suppose they subpoenaed a record of the TV shows you watch and music you listen to. What would that say about your commitment to Christ? What about the magazine subscriptions, or your hobbies? If the people who know you best were called to testify under oath, what would they offer up as evidence? After interviewing your boss and your co-workers, your acquaintances and your family, would the court convict you of being a Christian.

Or would they acquit? Would the judge's gavel come down with a bang as he said, "Case dismissed for lack of evidence"? Well ... what about it? What about YOU? So, let me ask you again tonight, and you listen close. And you. And you. And you. And ALL of you who can hear the sound of my voice: If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Notes:

***Please notice the next steps for your card.**

NEXT STEPS

☐ I just accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.

☐ I just recommitted my life to Jesus Christ.

☐ I will commit to follow Jesus whatever the cost.

☐ I will memorize the memory verse this week.

Please mark your next step on your Prayer Card and place it in the offering. Then, keep the next step above as a reminder for the upcoming week.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

John 1:14 (NIV)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ Happy July Birthday's:
David Robbins July 13th
Lorie Ward July 14th
Lewis Robison July 16th
Staci Schoenfeldt July 19th
- ⇒ Children's Ministry will resume in September
- ⇒ School will begin August 3rd. We would like to make care packages for children in need. Donations of basic school supplies are appreciated.
- ⇒ SPRC meeting Sunday August 16th after service.
- ⇒ All sermons and bulletins can be found on our website: **fsfumc.com**, as well as other updates and important information.
- ⇒ Office hours are the same during this cautious time, feel free to come in for prayer in the sanctuary or prayer room Mondays through Thursdays: 9 am-12 noon and 1-3 pm, as long as you are not feeling ill.
- ⇒ El Buen Vecino at 401 S. Valentine is now open for those who need their services. Tuesday and Thursday 2-5, Wednesday 1-5
- ⇒ We have a Food Bank. If you or someone you know can use that service, the office is ready to help Mondays through Thursdays: 9-12 noon and 1-3 pm

WITH OUR GIFTS

Received last Sunday:...Tithes & Offerings.....\$1,910.00

WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....10

YouTube Views (as of Thursday).....13

FUMC MISSION STATEMENT

New. Life. Now.

WITH OUR PRAYERS

Ruth Neyland who has
continuing health
issues, and Emily Neyland
who is currently living at
the nursing home.

Johnnie & Olga Rivera.

Kay Magee.

Blaine Ward.

Denna Sadler.

Rosie Hopkins & Susie

Vestal, her mom.

Sara Borden.

Melba Ward.

Sylvia Thomas.

Eva Gail Abington.

Terri Klutts Young, Jim &
Beth Ivy's friend, who
fought cancer ten years
ago, and it has returned.

Kate Finley, Jessica
McGuire Harral's niece.
Graham & Tara Bowman.

Kelli Neeb Kemp.
Mark Walker, Cheryl
Neeb's brother, who is in
critical condition.

Rex Whitfield, who is
having severe unknown
pain.

THANKS FOR JOINING US

GOD BLESS