

August 7, 2020

Dear Friends,

If you haven't already, I encourage you to watch the film *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*. It'll make you want to live like Jesus as you see reflections of him through the life of Fred Rogers. Mr. Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian minister whose mission it was to build up children and families through television.

One thing he said struck me: "Anything that's human is mentionable, and anything that is mentionable can be more manageable." Those who wrote the psalms in the Bible would agree. They give us permission to say it like it is as we wrestle with life and reach out to God.

"Praying with the Psalmists" Worship and Prayer Gatherings

The fall will bring opportunity for in-church gatherings, two Wednesday evenings per month, similar to how we did in July. The space under current Covid-19 regulations allows for up to 48 people.

Registration will be open early next month for you to come to the church to hear music and scripture, engage in prayer and receive Communion on either September 23 or 30 at 7 p.m. The "Praying with the Psalmists" theme in September will be *Loneliness*. It will be good and relevant for you whether you feel lonely or not.

Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.

"Draw or tell about a time you were afraid but decided to trust God anyway." That's Pastor Matt's "drawing challenge" for us as he considers a story about the disciples' terror, and faith.

Please [contact me](#) for this week's Zoom link to attend our online service.

For this week's scripture readings and other announcements, go to [Sunday's bulletin](#).

No Words

Devastation. Rage. Unbearable Loss. This week there is more death and destruction in Beirut.

We say what we see. We suffer with. "...we do not know how to pray as we ought, but [the] Spirit [of God] intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Rom. 8:26)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

God is with you, dear ones. Draw near to him.

With love and prayers,
Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)