



Christ in Us
Part 5 — 2 Peter 3:1-10
The Slow Fuse of Jesus

“Patience is not simply the ability to wait; it’s how we behave while we’re waiting.”
-John Ortberg

Welcome, Guests!

Friends,

We are glad you are here with us and hope you sense God's presence in worship today. If there is any way we can be of help to you, don't hesitate to ask. Here are a few of the questions we often hear from our guests when they first visit:

- ~ **How long is the worship service here at Faith?** Our worship services typically run 60 to 70 minutes.
- ~ **How can I introduce myself?** We'd love to meet you after the service; don't hesitate to introduce yourself! You can also visit our webpage (www.faithpresby.org), and click on the "I'm New" tab and then the "Introduce Yourself" button. This is a great way to let the pastoral staff know who you are and how we might welcome and serve you. Also, stop by the Welcome Center on the way out. We have a gift waiting for you there! And if you need a Bible, we can offer you one there as well.
- ~ **I have kids. Are they welcome here?** Absolutely! We love the sounds of children in the sanctuary. During the children's message at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, kids up to 6th grade are invited to come up front to listen in. Having them stay with you to listen is also fine. After the children's message, children are invited down the hall to Room 4 (grades 3 to 6) and Room 5 (Pre-K to 2nd grade) with our children's staff. Nursery care is available throughout the 9:00 a.m. worship service in Room 7.
- ~ **Are there classes for adults?** Yes. Check the bulletin and listen for announcements in worship about upcoming classes. We currently have in-person and online classes.
- ~ **What if I have trouble hearing the service?** If you have difficulty hearing, please ask one of our ushers for a personal receiver for the hearing impaired. Also, a T-Loop hearing-assist system is available in the back four pews on the right side of the sanctuary. Set your hearing aid to the "T" setting.
- ~ **How can I find out more information about Faith?** Feel free to speak to any of us and if we can't answer your questions, we'll find somebody who can. Our website is a great source of information: www.faithpresby.org. Also, *This Week @ Faith* is a weekly email that goes out on Mondays with information about upcoming opportunities and activities. Email Laura Anderson in our office at landerson@faithpresby.org if you'd like to be included on the email distribution list.
- ~ **What if I'm interested in exploring membership or deeper involvement at Faith?** If you'd like to know more about becoming a member at Faith, or want to understand how you can begin or continue to grow in your Christian faith, we encourage you to contact one of our pastors. You can call the church office at (916) 428-3439 or email one of our staff members. (Email addresses are available on our webpage and further on in this bulletin.) We'd love to meet you and find out how we can be of help.

Again, we are glad you are here with us today!

Grace and peace—The People of Faith



Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2026
Order of Worship

✠ *Those who are able, please stand.*
Please silence all electronics before the start of worship.

Prelude Eunice Bancu; Faith Brass Ensemble (11:00)

Greeting Brett Shoemaker

One: Christ has risen!

All: **Christ has risen indeed!**

✠ **Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candles** Melina Markarian (9:00)
Jack Van Duyn (11:00)

✠ **Song of Praise** (All songs used by permission CCLI #676622) *10,000 Reasons*

Prayer of Confession Brett Shoemaker

Response to Confession *Greatness*

✠ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pass the peace of Christ.

Welcome Brett Shoemaker

Ordination and Installation of Elders & Deacons

Anthem (11:00) Faith Chancel Choir

Lord of All Hopefulness (J. Struther, SLANE, trad. Irish, arr. N. Grundahl)

Be with us, Lord, give us your bliss.
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares would destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Be with us, Lord; give us your strength.
Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

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Be with us, Lord, give us your love.
Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Be with us, Lord; give us your peace.
Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.
Be with us Lord, give us your joy!

Children's Message

Jeff Chapman

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 3:1-10

Stan Keasling (9:00); Cynthia Abbott (11:00)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*At this point in the 9:00 service, children pre-K to 6th grade are invited
either to be excused to our children's programs or to return and sit with their families.*

Prayer of Illumination

Message

Jeff Chapman

*Christ in Us
Part 5—The Slow Fuse of Jesus*

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Jeff Chapman

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Giving & Receiving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Stan Keasling (9:00)
Cynthia Abbott (11:00)



*After worship, you may place your offering in the basket at the back of the
sanctuary. You may also give online at faithpresby.org under the "Give" tab.
This QR code will take you directly there.*

Offertory

Eunice Bancu

✠Doxology (literally, Words to Glorify)

**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.**

✠Prayer of Dedication

✠Hymn of Faith

Be Still, My Soul

✠Prayer of Blessing: Angaza Team (9:00)

✠Benediction

✠Postlude

Eunice Bancu; Faith Brass Ensemble (11:00)

*If you would like to have someone pray with you for any reason,
there will be a prayer team available in the front row immediately after worship this morning.
Prayer Team: Laura Anderson & Randy Smith (9:00) and Renee Larsen & Ileana Maestas (11:00)*

The flowers today are given by Tom Busch and Julie Davies in loving memory of their parents.

Announcements and Events

Family Ministry

Rooted & Growing



Sundays 9:00 AM



Nursery
Newborn-3 yr



Godly Play
TK-2nd



Worship & Wonder
3rd-6th

Where we learn to stay rooted in Christ
and always growing in faith

For questions about Faith's Sunday morning children's programs, contact Lindsay Stanford, Director of Family Ministry, at lstanford@faithpresby.org.

Childcare During Adult Sunday School

We are excited to let you know that if you are an adult who would like to attend Sunday school but need childcare in order to do so, Faith has you covered!

Director of Family Ministry Lindsay Stanford offers childcare between services for children whose parents/guardians are attending Sunday school. Sign up in advance (during the 9:00 a.m. service is fine!) using this QR code. Drop your children off with Lindsay after the 9:00 service. You'll find her outside near the play structure. Please pick up your tots within five minutes of the end of class.



Pre-Order Lunch for May PW Fellowship

Presbyterian Women's May fellowship will be their last fellowship until September. As a way of celebrating another year of sisterhood in Christ, they will enjoy box lunches from Sellands. If you were not able to pre-order yours at the April fellowship gathering and would like to do so, contact Cathy Healow for details about menu and cost. Reach her at chealow@yahoo.com or (916) 607-4742. **Deadline to order is May 17.**



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— LIGHTHOUSE —

GRADES 7-12

NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT
(HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!)

See you Next Week for our
GRADUATE APPRECIATION DESSERT!

JOIN THE APP! 

Contact Brett Shoemaker for more info and to get on our email list:
bshoemaker@faithpresby.org



Opportunities to Learn & Connect

Adult Sunday School

In Christ Alone: The Colossian Letter

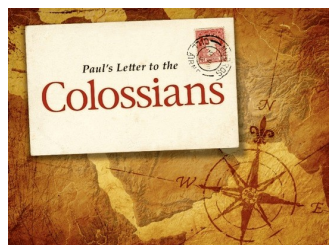
April 12, 19, 26; May 17, 24, 31

10:15 a.m., Grace Room

Facilitator: Rev. Rick Hull

It is a time of social chaos, spiritual confusion, and decaying moral values.

It is a time when an entire culture is struggling, and good-hearted believers are seeking. Who has the power to assure us and fulfill us? Whose call do we follow? Where is there a dependable hope? What are we to do?



It is a time so very like our own. And to this ancient-yet-modern culture the Apostle Paul pens a letter that speaks assurance, guidance and courage in every generation that has read it. These six practical, compelling segments take us to the very heart of New Testament faith – “In Christ Alone.”

Join Us Whenever You Can!

Holy Spirit... The Stranger Within Us

Wednesday, April 8 to May 20

7:00-8:30 p.m., on Zoom

Facilitator: Alice Parente

As Christians, we believe there is a power greater than ourselves—One with the power to rescue us and our world. And currently, we *yearn* to see God’s power in action amongst us.



According to Jesus, God’s power is reflected in the Holy Spirit, who is the third and not-so-talked-about member of the Trinity.

In John 15 and 16, Jesus tells His disciples that after He leaves, He will send them an Advocate, the Spirit of truth. The book of Acts is filled with testimonials about the arrival and power of the Spirit amongst the people.

But Jesus didn’t send that Advocate, that Spirit, only to that particular time and place, only to those particular people. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with God’s people forever.

Given this truth about the presence of the Holy Spirit with us, how can we, as followers of Jesus today, come to know more fully the *reality* and the *power* of the Holy Spirit in and among us—just as the disciples did way back when? How can we faithfully and courageously live into the experience of Jesus within us here in this place, among today’s people?

Holy Spirit: The Stranger Within Us is a seven-week opportunity to explore Jesus’ invitation into an authentic, lived friendship with the Spirit—the very presence of Jesus himself within and among us.

There is no assigned book for this class. We are using articles, podcasts, and videos created by spiritual formation giants who bring insights and perspectives around the Holy Spirit.

If you’d like to join or have questions, please let Alice Parente know at vsas77@earthlink.net.

PACT BBQ Is Sunday, May 31

Every year, members of our Pocket Area Churches Together (PACT) get



together for a Sunday afternoon BBQ. This year Greenhaven Neighborhood Church is hosting—right across Florin from the Faith campus. Please plan on joining us after the 11:00 service (12:15-ish) on May 31 to share food and fellowship with our brothers and sisters from the other Pocket congregations. There is no charge for the meal, though donations will be gratefully accepted.



Walk 4 Water Update

Thank you, one and all, for making our recent Walk 4 Water such a special and impactful event! Whether you walked, or donated, or chalked encouraging messages on the sidewalk, or helped with administration, or cheered our walkers on to the finish line, or prepared and served our picnic lunch ... thank you! The final count of funds raised is not yet available, but we'll keep you posted. Truly exciting news, though: We have been raising funds for clean water in Abaya, Ethiopia, through W4W for 12 years, and as of last Sunday, we have officially surpassed \$100,000 in donations. Isn't that amazing?!

For those who would still like to contribute, the giving portal remains open. You may use the QR code below to access Faith's giving page. Scroll down to the "World Vision Walk for Water" sub-fund.

Be sure to check out the photos from W4W on the church website (www.faithpresby.org). Under the "Media" tab, click on the Photo Gallery button and scroll down to the Mission section.

Thank you, Faith Church, for your life-changing efforts to bring clean water to Abaya and our world!



New to Faith? *We'd like the chance to meet you!*

If you are new to Faith Church, we would like to invite you to an informal reception so we can get to know you, and in turn you can get to know us. Our next Look @ Faith reception is **May 31 at 10:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room.**

The reception lasts about 30 minutes. You'll have the opportunity to get to know others who have been coming to Faith, meet some of our leadership, and learn a few things about what makes this congregation unique. You may have questions about this church or about the Christian faith, and that's great—feel free to ask! This is just an informal opportunity to get to know one another. Come join us! *For more info, email Laura at landerson@faithpresby.org.*



New Life Groups Are Starting This Spring

It's a great time to join!

Life Groups are small groups (4-12) of people who meet weekly for Bible study, prayer and community. These groups have been instrumental in fostering spiritual growth and building friendships for many here at Faith. While Life Groups are always open to receiving new members, the time when a new group is forming can be an especially good time to join. The following groups are starting up:

- Sunday morning co-ed group; meets in Room 2 at 10:15 a.m. (starts next Sunday, 5/17).
- Wednesday evening co-ed group in Elk Grove (6:30 p.m.); meets every other week.
- Wednesday evening co-ed group (5:30 p.m.); meets in the Fireside Room starting this week.
- Thursday afternoon men's group (3:00 p.m.); meets in the Fireside Room starting this week.

If you are interested in checking out one of the groups, please contact either Janelle Hendricks (joyfuljanelle@gmail.com) or Jeff Chapman (jchapman@faithpresby.org).

LifeGroups



Vacation Bible School 2026—Registration Is Open!

June 15-19, 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Faith

You may need your sunglasses at Vacation Bible School this summer because we are stepping into the light to find out how it reveals Jesus to us. And **Jesus is BRILLIANT!** Join us for this week of worship, Bible stories, music, games, crafts, and joyful fun as we get to know Jesus better as the True Light of our world.

VBS will take place right here at Faith the week of June 15 to 19, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Children in Pre-K to 6th grade are welcome to be a part of this fantastic time of learning about Jesus in the good company of caring adults, a few zany characters, and plenty of friends, old and new.

Register using the QR code at right, or see the direct link in tomorrow's "This Week @ Faith" email. Contact Director of Family Ministry Lindsay Stanford with any questions (916-428-3439, ext. 106; lstanford@faithpresby.org).

Register Here:



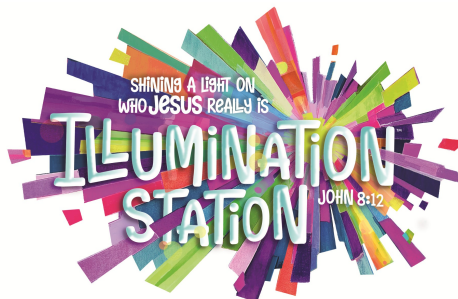
Calling All Adult & Youth VBS Volunteer Leaders...

...because **you know we can't do it without you!** Online registration forms are ready and waiting for adults and youth who would like to sign up to volunteer as VBS leaders. Scan the appropriate QR code below to get started. We look forward to hearing from you!



Adult Volunteers

Adult Volunteers



Youth Volunteers

Youth Volunteers

Kids Club!

This Wednesday, May 13, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Link Hall

It's our last Kids Club until next fall. Don't miss out on all the fun...

Dinner from In-n-Out!

Ice Cream Sundaes!

Fruit of the Spirit Scavenger Hunt!



All children in K to 6th grade are invited to join us for our last Kids Club of this school year. We'll be having tons of fun, including a scavenger hunt that will bring our learning about the fruit of the Spirit to a close for now.

Please pre-register via the QR code so we can plan well for a great time together. We look forward to seeing you there for this fantastic year-end celebration!



For more info, speak with Director of Family Ministry Lindsay Stanford (lstanford@faithpresby.org).

As a Reminder...

- ✓ Don't have a name tag? Sign up for one in the Welcome Center. Within a week or two, you'll find your new name tag ready for you on the name-tag wall. (Tags are arranged alphabetically by last name.)
- ✓ Printed copies of today's sermon will be available this coming week in the Link Hall foyer. Past messages are available on the church website.
- ✓ A reminder to parents: Thank you for picking up your children from Sunday School or the nursery within five minutes of the end of the service.
- ✓ Unless you are taking it home with you, please recycle your bulletin in the narthex on your way out.



Heart to Heart Is Here to Serve!

Heart to Heart is a group of people here at Faith who are committed to serving those in our congregation who need assistance when a need arises. *Heart to Heart* provides things like rides to doctor appointments, meals during a difficult season, cards of encouragement, and more. If you have a need and you don't know how it will be met, contact *Heart to Heart* coordinator Kathy Ellis at (916) 215-4997 or trvlkath@comcast.net. If you would like to serve on the *Heart to Heart* team, you can also contact Kathy. We would love to hear from you either way!



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Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (5/10)		Serving Next Sunday (5/17)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Melina Markarian	Jack Van Duyn	Jade Smolen	Emily Smolen
Coffee Hosts	Karena & Mike Van Duyn	Ken Finch Tanis Toland	John & Stephanie Homen	Sanejo Leonard
Communion Servers	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Greeters	Bob & Tanya Anderson	Paul & Betty Keller	Rich & Janelle Hendricks	Jarvis Arellano
Lock-up	N.A.	Bob Bagby	N.A.	Brian Heiden
Media Center Techs	Dave Anders Jon Coupal	Rick Hom	David Nash Anthony Shelton	Paul Kinney
Pew Crew	<i>Serving 5/11 – 5/14</i>	Cheryl Chan	<i>Serving 5/18—5/21</i>	Michele Yarbrough
Prayer Team	Laura Anderson Randy Smith	Renee Larsen Ileana Maestas	Sherry Beams Rich Hendricks	Chelle Ellis
Teller Escorts	Jennifer Anders	Paul Heaton	Bob DeYoung	Jarvis Arellano
Tellers	N.A.	Bill Edgar Paul Heaton	N.A.	Jarvis Arellano Kitty Tatro
Ushers	Bob DeYoung	Renee Larsen	Tanya Anderson	Terry Fong
Welcome Ctr.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Worship Asst.	Stan Keasling	Cynthia Abbott	Janet Leader	Vickie Weaver Owens

Faith Worship Band: Eunice Bancu, Michaela Bannerman, Shane Bannerman, Esther Chapman, Andrew Chen, Victor Contreras, Sue Kim, Cindi Kinney, Paul Kinney, Carolyn Kubish, Paul Philleo, Zach Roberts, Makayla Van Duyn, Vickie Weaver Owens and Jill Whitney.

Faith Brass Ensemble: José Hermocillo, Tom McDuffie, Fred Noteware, Betsy Pehrson, Dan Pehrson, Paul Philleo, Steve Rock, Laura Schneider and Carolyn Tillman (Director).

Faith Chancel Choir: Cynthia Abbott, Gregory Collins, Joe De Illy, Sally Evey, Jessica Flash, Paul Heaton, Janeil Hogue, Sue Kim, Cindi Kinney, Paul Kinney, Carolyn Kubish, Barbara LaPlaca, Kay Lum, Phil Lum, Betsy Pehrson, Dan Pehrson, Paul Philleo, Ken Pisor, April Reichert, Edna Rush, Ron Sprinkle and Charlotte Van Wagner.

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This Week @ Faith: May 10–16

SUNDAY

- **Worship—9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**
- Our Savior's Anglican Church—12 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Worship Coordinators Meeting—12:15 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Immanuel Indonesian Church—4 p.m. (Rm 2)
- AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

MONDAY

- Faith Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Crafters—1 p.m. (Rm 2)
- Men's Life Group—1:30 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Session—7 p.m. (Sanctuary, Choir Rm)
- Women's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

TUESDAY

- Morning Prayer—7:30 a.m. (Online)
- Life Group—2:30 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Life Group—4 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Girl Scouts—6 p.m. (Rm 4)
- Marriage Course—6:30 p.m. (Link Hall)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

WEDNESDAY

- PW Board Meeting—9:15 a.m. (Rm 2)
- Women's Life Group—10 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Kids Club—5 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Life Group—5:30 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Worship Band Rehearsal—6 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- District 7 Board Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 4)
- Life Group—7 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Men's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

THURSDAY

- Men's Life Group—7:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Staff Prayer—9 a.m. (Online)
- Women's Life Group—9:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- VBS Prep Team—10 a.m. (Link Hall)
- Women's Life Group—10:30 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Men's Life Group—3 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- FAA—6:30 p.m. (Rm 4)
- Choir Rehearsal—7 p.m. (Sanctuary, Choir Rm)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

FRIDAY

- No Scheduled Events

SATURDAY

- Tai Chi—8:30 a.m. (Courtyard)
- Don Sperling Golf Open—9 a.m. (Off site)
- Faith Brass Ensemble—9:30 a.m.

Calendar at a Glance

Upcoming dates of note in our life at Faith

May 24	Pentecost
May 31	PACT BBQ (at Greenhaven Neighborhood Church)
June 6	Church Picnic (Wm. Land Park)
June 15-19	Vacation Bible School
July 27-30	Academy of Arts, Week 1
August 3-6	Academy of Arts, Week 2
August 9	AOA Performance
September 11-13	All-Church Fall Retreat

Except as noted, the Faith Church office is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Friday by appointment.

Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento

“The Next Step”

A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application

May 10, 2026

2 Peter 3:1-10 (NIV)

¹Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. ²I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.

³Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. ⁴They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” ⁵But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. ⁶By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. ⁷By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.



Message Notes

Christ in Us

Part 5—The Slow Fuse of Jesus

Questions to Consider...

The following questions and scriptures are provided for Life Groups and individuals who want to reflect further on today's message.

1. Read the passage from 2 Peter 3:1-10 again. Pay attention to what stands out to you. What circumstances in the church do you imagine have prompted Peter to write these words?
2. Why does Peter remind us here that with the Lord there is very little difference between a day and a thousand years? What is he not wanting us to forget? How does this encourage you today?
3. According to this passage (especially verse 9), what is the reason for God's patience with us? How has God been patient with you?
4. How do you define patience? And according to your definition, are you a patient person?
5. What is testing your patience right now? Where is your longsuffering (with circumstances) or forbearance (with people) being tested?
6. How might God's patience with you enable you to be patient with others?
7. Consider Dallas Willard's words again: "I am not in control, but I am grounded in the sufficiency of the Shepherd. I am convinced of the strength and generosity of God! His kingdom is not shaken and he is not undone by these [hard] circumstances [or hard people!]. Let the worst happen and God and I will go on in the abundance of his being." What do you take from this?
8. Consider Jeff's invitation to the practice of "slowing." Can you think of a place in life where you can deliberately make yourself wait and rely on Christ's patience within you to train you? How might you implement this today?



Table to Table: Something for kids and adults to consider together

What does it mean to be patient?

Is God patient with us? Why?

Meeting With God This Week

To help you LISTEN to God...

For your continued times of meeting with God daily, we offer the following passages from God's Word for your reflection. If you need a Bible, let us know and we'll give you one. We encourage you to keep a journal at hand to write down what you hear as you listen to God's Word. If you are new to all this, these steps may help you get started:

Invite - Find a time and space where you can have at least fifteen minutes of privacy and silence. Begin by taking a moment to simply ask God to meet you. Expect God to answer your prayer and show up.

Scripture - Read slowly through the passage for the day (we offer suggestions below). Read it again, if you like. Pay attention to phrases or ideas that particularly strike you.

Listen and Reflect - Use a journal to write down what you hear God saying in these verses. What is God telling you about himself? What is God telling you about your life? What is God telling you he wants you to do or to do differently? What questions are raised? What promises are revealed? Write what you hear.

Respond - Use the 3 R's. **#1 - Rejoice!** What have I heard from God which causes me to praise God and give thanks? Pray accordingly. **#2—Repent.** What have I heard from God that brings to light sin in my life or change that needs to take place? **#3—Request.** What have I heard from God that informs the way I pray for myself and others? (The guide in the column to the right, "To Help You Speak with God," may be useful as you pray for others this week.)

Suggested Scriptures for the Week, as we offer God a portion of each day in His Word.

Monday:	Matthew 8 / Psalm 127
Tuesday:	Matthew 9 / Psalm 128
Wednesday:	Matthew 10 / Psalm 129
Thursday:	Matthew 11 / Psalm 130
Friday:	Matthew 12 / Psalm 131
Saturday:	Matthew 13 / Psalm 132
Sunday:	Matthew 14 / Psalm 133

To help you SPEAK with God...

♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Rob Stutzman & Allison Barnett ~ David Sunada; Robin ~ Bob Sutherland ~ Marvette Swayzer ~ Michelle Sweeting.

♦Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

For Healing & Strength: Carol Keller, Bob Johnson, Clara Murrels, Kristen Bye, Barbara Tracy, Cheryl Chan, Sandy Smoley, Nick LaPlaca, Skip Watt, Julene Leonard, John Ravas, Marvette Swayzer, Lucy DaCastello, Glenda Arellano, Em Baker.

♦Church Leadership:

Lindsay Stanford	Director, Family Ministry
Karen Chan	Elder, Finance
Betty McClure	Deacon, Parish 7

♦Other Opportunities for Prayer

Prayer Chain: Contact Alice Parente at vsas77@earthlink.net to share a prayer concern or to become part of the prayer chain.

Pre-Service Prayer: We meet in the Fireside Room every Sunday morning at 8:30 for prayer before worship. All are welcome.

Prayer After Worship: If you would like someone to pray with you, our prayer team will be available at the front of the church immediately following worship this morning.

Tuesday Morning Zoom Prayer Gathering:

All are welcome to join us for prayer on Zoom Tuesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Using a psalm or other scripture as our guide, we pray together—some silently, some aloud. Most of us keep our cameras off. It's wonderful to start our day in this way together. The Zoom ID is **871 3470 6671**.

