

WE COME INTO THIS HOUSE TO WORSHIP HIM

Order of Service
Sunday, November 28, 2021

Call to Worship
Song Leader
Meditation/Scripture
Prayer
Sermon
Communion
Offering/Announcements
Benediction
Response Facilitator

Morning
Frank Barnes
Greg Shields
Bruce Johnson
Nathaniel Wright Sr.
Terrance McClain
Amos Hicks
Frank Barnes
Raymond Knight
Frank Barnes

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Julia Hicks Menorah Park Euclid Pavilion - E110 27100 Cedar Road Beachwood, Ohio, 44122 (216) 372-8382	Melvin Flowers 2065 Lee Blvd. East Cleveland, Ohio, 44112 (216) 256-9215	New Converts YTD Bobby Williams3/19/21 Carmell Ivory.....5/08/21 Paris Loreal Williams.....6/27/21 Samuel Pinner.....7/13/21 Carlton Pope.....8/29/21 RaeVonte Williams.....10/24/21 JayShawn Williams.....10/24/21
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Responses: Kathy Pope, Linda Knight and Sandra Lawrence.

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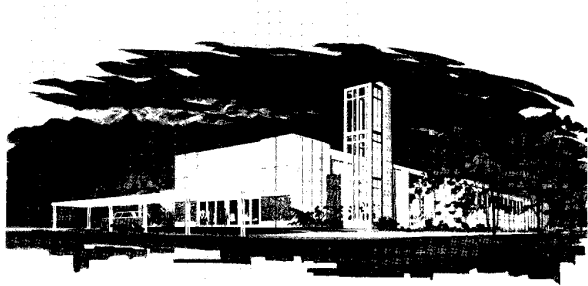
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INFORMER

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Message from the Minister
“Go Ahead and Weep”

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Truly we are thankful to God for His mercy and His grace, and for the fact that He’s allowed our lives to roll on just a little while longer. Four years ago (November 12, 2017), and in preparation for our *Grief Seminar: Grief Is A Journey—Finding Your Path through Loss*, scheduled for the next week, I shared a bulletin article entitled, “Go Ahead and Weep,” which I’d like to share again.

But before I do, I hope that in the very near future, we can provide another grief seminar because there has been so much loss among the saints of God and our families, here at the *University Church of Christ*, and around the world, over the last two years due to COVID-19. This is on top of the deaths that occurred because of other illnesses, diseases, accidents and acts of violence. My beloved wife, Linda McClain, and our beloved sister in Christ, Toni Witt, made valuable contributions during that presentation in 2017, and prayerfully both will be able to participate in the near future. The need is still great.

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?	Our Weekly Calendar*	WHAT MUST I DO TO KEEP FROM FALLING?
HEAR Acts 15:7	Sunday* Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.	READ YOUR BIBLE DAILY 2 Timothy 2:15
BELIEVE Mark 16:15-16	Wednesday* General Bible Class 7:00 p.m.	ADD CHRISTIAN GRACE 2 Peter 1:5-11
REPENT Acts 17:30	*See page 3 for details regarding phone & online access.	ATTEND SERVICE Hebrews 10:25
CONFESS Romans 10:9-10		
BE BAPTIZED Acts 2:38		

Welcome Visitors!

You are our honored guest. It is our sincere hope that you will be spiritually edified by the worship service today. Please don’t hesitate to ask if you have any questions about our worship services.

Message from the Minister
“Go Ahead and Weep”

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For those experiencing a loss, October through December can be excruciatingly painful months. Death, separation, divorce, illness, family trauma, job loss, or moving to a new location result in great losses that make the holidays difficult. The following is the bulletin article from 2017.

When was the last time you cried? You might have lost a loved one or been hurt by someone physically or mentally. Perhaps you wept because you felt bad for something you did. You may have cried because you felt all alone. Whatever the reason, everybody cries and should not be ashamed of their tears. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not hold back His emotions when he saw others mourning the death of Lazarus. We are told that “Jesus wept,” (John 11:35). This was not a sign of weakness in Jesus – recall that Jesus would express His power shortly afterward by raising Lazarus from the dead. The fact that Jesus could raise Lazarus and yet still wept over his physical death shows that His heart was heavy.

Sometimes, life deals us things that seem impossible to deal with. Consider what Job went through. Pay particular attention to Job’s response after he lost much of possessions, his servants, his own children and his health. We are told about three friends that came to him. “And when they raised their eyes from afar, and did not recognize him, they lifted their voices and wept; and each one tore his robe and sprinkled dust on his head toward heaven. So, they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his grief was very great.” (Job. 2:12-13). All children of God can learn from Job’s example. Here are several points to consider about grief and sorrow:

It is okay to grieve

The text said that Job’s grief was great. Considering his losses, we can all agree that it was justified. Recall how the Roman brethren were admonished to weep with those that weep (Rom. 12:15). It is impossible to know who to weep with if those who hurt are not mourning. We can conclude that it is NOT wrong for Christians to reveal their sorrow. The key to this is remembering that despite all that Job went through, “in all this Job did not sin with his lips,” (2:10). Grieving is clearly acceptable, yet grieving does not give us a right to sin.

It is okay to accept sympathy

Some might feel that showing grief will draw attention to themselves. There is no question that people will notice, but this is not a bad thing. Suffering in silence might appear to be the solution when in reality it can make things harder. When Job’s friends heard about his adversity, they came to be with him. Just as it is okay for a grieving person to weep, it is acceptable for others to weep with them. Christian brothers and sisters are always ready to bear one another’s burdens (Gal. 6:2).

It is okay to say nothing

Job’s friends came to be with him. Rather than immediately trying to cheer him, they sat and said absolutely nothing for seven days. If ever there is a time to be “slow to speak”, it has to be when someone is suffering (James 1:19). A dear friend of mine lost a teenage son. After that tragic event, he remarked to me, “Why do people feel like they have to say something all the time?” Folks, this speaks volumes. Never forget that your presence can mean a lot.

It is not okay to say the wrong thing

Our last point emphasized the need for quiet. This is not to say that we should never say anything to those that grieve. Job’s friends eventually spoke to him. They were pretty hard on Job though and said many things they should not have. In the end, the Lord told those three friends that what they said was not right (Job 42:7-8). We must take care to not make things worse when extending sympathies!

My prayer is that you and your families had a joyous Thanksgiving. I pray that our heavenly Father will comfort us all throughout this entire holiday season. And, until next week, remember our Mission and Vision statement here at the University Church of Christ. We are “A New Testament church seeking to evangelize, starting with the central core of Greater Cleveland. We will use our unique gifts and opportunities to engage with the community to bring souls to Jesus, develop and equip them for a 21st century ministry.” And always remember that God loves you, Jesus died for you, I love you, and I am your servant for Jesus' sake!

Yours because of Calvary,
Terrance R. McClain, PhD,
Minister

Today’s Meditation
1 Thessalonians 2:1-6 (KJV)

LEADER: For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:

CONGREGATION: But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

LEADER: For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile

CONGREGATION: But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

LEADER: For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:

TOGETHER: Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

Table with 3 columns: Image/Title, Birthdays, and Anniversaries. Includes 'December 2021 Birthdays' list and 'December 2021 Anniversaries' list.

To access Sunday morning worship (11:00 am) and Wednesday evening Bible study (7:00 pm):

- 1) Tune into FACEBOOK live stream at Terrance Richard McClain
2) Via teleconference: Dial 1-717-275-8940 or 1-712-832-8330 Access code 244-4066.
3) The worship service will also be available on WWW.YOUTUBE.COM (after 2pm)

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- Remember to call or email the church office if you'd like to access our Thursday 7pm Bible study via Zoom. The WINTER quarter book may be picked-up at the church building during office hours. To access this bible study via phone, dial 301-715-8592, ID: 83840201778, Passcode: 855448
The virtual classes for the men and women will meet every 3rd and 4th Sunday from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.