

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - May 8, 2024**

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**WOW (Worship On Wednesday) 12:10pm**

**April 24 – June 12 (Wednesdays) 12:10pm WOW Series: “Organic Discipleship”**

*Based on the Book:*

*Organic Disciples: Seven Ways to Grow Spiritually & Naturally Share Jesus*

*by Kevin G. Harney & Sherry Harney*

April 24: Foundations

May 1: Bible Engagement

May 8: Passionate Prayer

May 15: Wholehearted Worship

May 22: Humble Service

May 29: Joyful Generosity

June 5: Consistent Community

June 12: Organic Outreach

**Notes on Today’s Service Theme: “PASSIONATE PRAYER:**

**How Talking with God Opens Our Hearts to the World”**

**Key Scripture Passage: John 17:9-26 *New Living Translation***

<sup>6</sup>“I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, <sup>8</sup>for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me. <sup>9</sup>“My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. <sup>10</sup>All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory. <sup>11</sup>Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. <sup>12</sup>During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me.<sup>[c]</sup> I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold. <sup>13</sup>“Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to this world any more than I do. <sup>17</sup>Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. <sup>18</sup>Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth. <sup>20</sup>“I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. <sup>21</sup>I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. <sup>22</sup>“I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. <sup>23</sup>I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began! <sup>25</sup>“O righteous Father, the world doesn’t know you, but

I do; and these disciples know you sent me. <sup>26</sup> I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.”

**Excerpts from Organic Disciples (pp 59-101):**

*Jesus Prayed during the Flow of Daily Life*

In a few sentences (Matt. 11:25-26)

Long prayers (John 17)

For meals and miracles (Matt. 14:19)

As he healed people (Mark 7:24)

While suffering on the cross (Matt. 27:46)

For himself (Mark 14:32-36)

For his followers (John 17:6-19)

For you and me (John 20-26)

*Jesus Prayed for His Followers (John 17)*

1. Jesus prays for protections from the evil one.
2. Our Lord asks for us to experience unity as the people of God.
3. The Savior asks for his followers to know a depth of joy beyond their imagination.
4. Jesus prays for us to be sanctified by the truth of his Word.
5. Finally, the great Evangelist and Shepherd of the sheep prays for us as he sends us into the world.

[In John 17:20-26,] we see how the Lord of the harvest turns his heart and prayers to all those who would come to faith in the years, decades, and centuries ahead. Jesus prays for those who would hear the good news of the gospel through the disciples to that generation and in every generation to follow. This is what Jesus prayed for you before you ever placed your faith in him. It is what he prays for your friends, neighbors, and family members who still have not received his amazing grace.

May they find *unity*, oneness, and true family love (in the family of God).

May they discover *intimacy* with their Creator.

May they become a *witness* to the world.

*Generation Challenge (2-2-2 [2 Timothy 2:2])*

*Make prayer more like a conversation.*

*Make mealtime prayers a daily practice.*

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**May 9 (Thursday): 7:15pm Himmelfahrt/Ascension German Service w/English translation  
6:15pm Coffee & Cake**

**May 19 (Sunday): 3:00pm Hummelstown Community Singers Spring Concert  
At Hummelstown United Church of Christ, 104 E Main St, Hummelstown, PA 17036**

**Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday (Communion & Healing Prayer on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and Festivals)**

9:00am **Sunday School** (in-person only); 9:45am **Fellowship** (in-person only)

10:15am **Worship Service** (in-person & online)

**Wednesday (Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday)**

12:10pm **WOW, Worship On Wednesday** (in-person & online); 12:35pm **Lunch Fellowship**