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WOW (Worship On Wednesday) 12:10pm - Service of the Word
August 21 – September 4, 2024; WOW Mini – Series on Sabbath
AUGUST 21, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

L: In joy and thanksgiving, we begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

L: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

C: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. (Psalm 146:2)

L: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God is faithful and just will hear us and grant us forgiveness.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

L: Eternal Father,

C: We come before you recognizing that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have failed to follow your commandments and have done what we know is contrary to your holy will. Forgive us, and grant us the joy of your saving presence again. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: In the name of God the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad! For the Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. **C: Amen.**

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray: O God, give us times of refreshment and peace in the course of this busy life. Grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of Your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹² “Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ You shall remember that you were a slave^[a] in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Prayers

L: Show us your mercy, O Lord,

C: and grant us your salvation.

L: Clothe your ministers with righteousness.

C: Let your people sing with joy.

L: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world,

C: for only in you can we live in safety.

L: Lord, keep this nation under your care.

C: and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

L: Let your way be known upon the earth;

C: your saving health among all nations.

L: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,

C: nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

L: Create in us clean hearts, O God,

C: and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

L: *Additional petitions offered...*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and reach us to pray:

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please join us for lunch in Fellowship Hall directly after the worship service.

SERVICE NOTES:

Worship Leader:

Pr. Karin Pejack

Minister of Technology:

Catherine Germann

Hospitality:

Eileen Marks

Scripture readings are English Standard Version.

This **3 Week Series on Sabbath** is from the Narrative Lectionary resource from Working Preacher associated with Luther Seminary.

<https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/narrative-lectionary/preaching-series-on-sabbath/commentary-on-deuteronomy-512-15-matthew-1128-30>

Our texts this series all touch on the underlying truth that Sabbath is God's strategy for helping us remember that God is God (and we are not), and that we are human beings, made in God's image for love and connection, (and not locked in a never-ending competition for worth and resources).

Weekly Schedule

Sunday (Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays and Festivals)

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

9:45am **Fellowship** (in-person only)

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

VALIDATED PARKING FOR CHESTNUT STREET GARAGE IS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS.

Wednesday (Communion on the 1st Wednesday)

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

12:35pm **Lunch Fellowship** (in-person only)

NOTES ON DETAILS, INCLUDING PARKING, for 12:10pm WOW Services: Bulletin documents, Zoom link, and YouTube Live streaming instructions will be available at Zion's website: www.zionharrisburg.org There is very limited free parking on site. Parking on the street is actively enforced at this time of day, if you park on the street, please plan to pay for parking.

Weekly Schedule & Zoom/YouTube Information The Meeting ID and Passcode to attend our weekly online worship services on Zoom is listed are available on the church website. We also broadcast worship on our YouTube channel using YouTube Live.