

Edgumbe Presbyterian Church

Midweek Update March 25, 2020

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I HOPE

Our psalm for this coming Sunday is Psalm 130 (printed in full at the end of this message) which has the plaintive line right in the middle:

I hope, Lord. My whole being hopes, and I wait for God's promise.

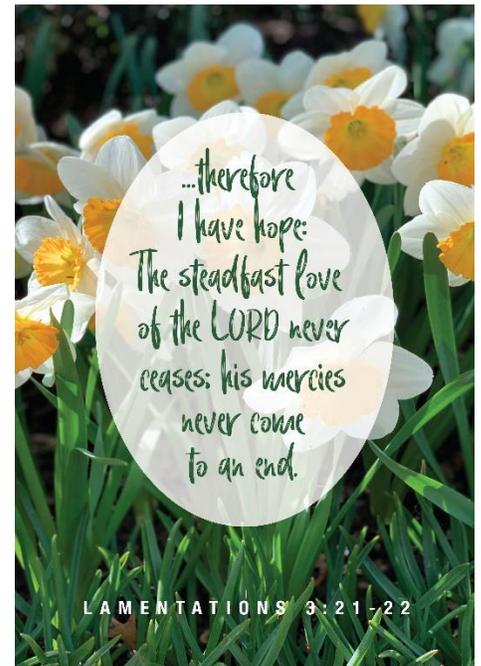
I suspect that most of us know what it feels like to have your whole being overcome by fear. Even something as minor as a loud noise can scare us so badly that our heart races and we are out of sorts for several moments. The Psalmist reminds us that we can also turn our "whole being" over to hope. We can open our hearts and minds to the possibility that God is doing something amazing right here and right now. Hope is not based on what we see with our eyes; hope comes from what we know in the depth of our hearts. Ezekiel prophesies life to the dead bones, Moses shows a promised land to the slaves of Egypt, Jesus talks about forgiveness and paradise while hanging from a cross. Hope does not require proof; it only requires patience ("Israel, wait for the Lord!") and faith ("Faithful love is with the Lord.") What happens inside of you when you pause, wait, and trust that God is doing a wonderful thing in your life right now?

PASTORS AVAILABLE

Both Pastor Phil and Isaac have been sick recently (not serious, but enough for the GebbenGreens to remain at home). At the same time, both Pastor Julie and Phil are available for conversation by phone or Zoom room if you could use some personal check-in time. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

ZOOM MEETINGS WED AT 7PM AND SUNDAY AT 10AM

We are going to continue our new tradition of meeting on Zoom at 7pm on Wednesday evenings for an informal check-in time and on Sunday mornings at 10am for a simple



worship service. Both gatherings this past week were rich and heart-warming. If you have not joined us yet, please consider giving it a try. If you have any questions about the technical aspects of getting on Zoom, Elder Jay McGregor has volunteered to be our tech support person. Please contact him with any questions you have.

If you are new to Zoom, this is an online format where you can talk to and see each other live. To join us, what you need is a computer with a camera and speakers (almost every laptop or tablet works great for this). You can also use a smart phone, although then you can only see one person at a time, but it still works. Here is a short video tutorial on how to join a Zoom meeting:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting->

If this will be your first experience on Zoom, please try to join the meeting about 10 minutes early to download Zoom and try it out.

To Join EPC Zoom Meeting with your computer on either Wednesday or Sunday, go to this website and follow the prompts:

<https://zoom.us/j/3361763024>

If you need it, the Meeting ID is: 336 176 3024

For Phone users:

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,3361763024# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location

+1 253 215 8782 US or +1 301 715 8592 US

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/abHOTkFemK>

OTHER ZOOM NEWS

- Contemplative Prayer met yesterday on Zoom with a great turn-out, including a person from Hawaii and a couple from Saudi Arabia! If you would like to try out this prayer group, contact Pastor Julie at pastorjuliegg@gmail.com
- Bible Study had a lovely gathering on March 22 and will plan another a Zoom meeting at 6:30pm on Palm Sunday, April 5, where we will look at the texts for Easter.

FLOORING UPDATE

The new tile floor (and carpet in the Library) are almost finished. The new tile will be waxed on Saturday morning, completing the job.

LAST CHANCE TO GIVE TO MN FOODSHARE IN MARCH

It is still **MN FoodShare** month and folks in need still need to eat. In this time of uncertainty for many families, our neighborhood food shelves are more needed than ever. If you would like to give to this mission, please designate your check or donation with “food shelf.” Checks can be mailed to church or put through the brass mail slot by the church office outer door.

PRAYERS

- Warner Gunsell has been moved from the hospital to Covenant Living in Golden Valley. His number there is 763-732-1356.
- Custodian Sol's sister, who tested positive for COVID-19 is recuperating at home and doing better.
- Travel blessings to Eggerts as they work to come back to Minnesota from Hawaii.
- Dorice Van Vorst continues to be on hospice at Lyngblomsten.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

Cali Clary	4/17
Ruth Anderson	4/19

Happy Anniversary to

Merdith and Tom Holt	4/22
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PSALM 130

A pilgrimage song.

130 I cry out to you from the depths, Lord—

2 my Lord, listen to my voice!

Let your ears pay close attention to my request for mercy!

3 If you kept track of sins, Lord—

my Lord, who would stand a chance?

4 But forgiveness is with you—

that's why you are honored.

5 I hope, Lord.

My whole being hopes,

and I wait for God's promise.

6 My whole being waits for my Lord—

more than the night watch waits for morning;

yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!

7 Israel, wait for the Lord!

Because faithful love is with the Lord;

because great redemption is with our God!

8 He is the one who will redeem Israel

from all its sin.

Other texts for this Sunday: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Valley of Dry Bones), Romans 8: 6-11 (The flesh and the Spirit), and John 11:1-45 (Raising of Lazarus)