



Leap of Faith

July 2023

F. R. O. G.
Forever Relying On God



Summer is a great time to continue to praise God for His creation. Many of us go to the beach at Lake Michigan or on other vacations around this great country of ours.

Psalm 33 reminds us that God created all of these things that we enjoy. Last evening, I saw a crescent moon and Venus shining bright in a clear sky. I have also enjoyed the sunsets each evening. I even saw a great blue heron fishing for his lunch yesterday.

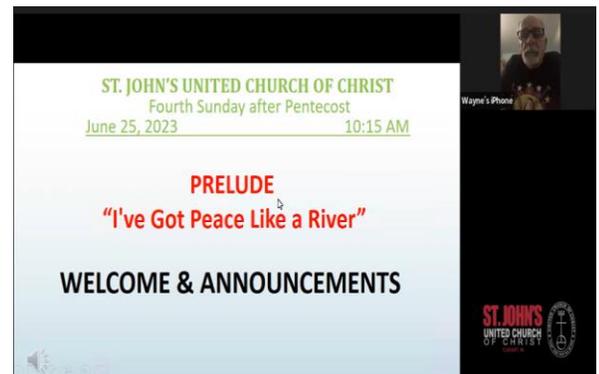
On Facebook, I see the vacations of my friends to the Tetons and other places in the great, open spaces of the western United States. Let us all remember whether we have a stay-cation or a vacation, that we will be blessed as we notice God's creation and praise Him for it!

Amen Pastor Laura

COME TO WORSHIP WITH US ON ZOOM!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here at St. John's United Church of Christ.

Contact stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com for service information.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR JULY

04 – Independence Day

CHURCH
is the practice

LOVE
is the point

PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Connecting to a community of believers is vital in your Christian walk. We all need Christian Fellowship to build us up and to hold us up. If you can't join us in person or on Zoom, watch our recorded service on our website or Facebook page.



In June we had a successful garage sale. Thanks to all who contributed in any way.

JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

- JULY 02** Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Mary Ellen Harris
- 09** Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Courtney Papa-Abell
- 16** Jamelle Godlewski Guest Speaker
Liturgist – Kolten Harris
- 23** Laura Doty, Pastor
Liturgist – Kelly Harris
- 30** Jamelle Godlewski Guest Speaker
Liturgist – Kayden Harris

Thank you to everyone for helping out!

CONSISTORY MEETING

Wednesday, July 5TH

6:00 pm on Zoom. If you would like to join please contact Mary Ellen Harris.

CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Mary Ellen Harris (Pres) Edward Quillin
Jean Quillin (VP) Dennis Harris
Kelly Harris (Sec) Wayne Knudson
George Adamson (Treas)
Courtney Papa-Abell

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PRAYER

Your face, O Lord, have I sought this day and your beauty have I beheld. I have seen you in the face of the stranger, and beheld your beauty in creation. Thank you, and keep me aware. Amen.

From "Feasting on the Word
Worship Companion,"
Kimberly Bracken Long,
Editor



BIBLE QUIZ

Bible quiz is from <https://www.christianbiblereference.org/biblequizzes.html>

1) Jesus had been preaching, "Love your neighbor," which was a part of the Old Testament Law (Leviticus 19:18). One day a lawyer asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" What was the lawyer's purpose for asking the question?

- He wanted to find out how to gain eternal life
- He wanted to test Jesus' interpretation of the Law
- He wanted to find out the right way to interpret the Law
- He wanted to show off what he knew about the Law

2) Instead of answering the lawyer's question directly, Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan. How did the poor Jewish man in the parable get injured?

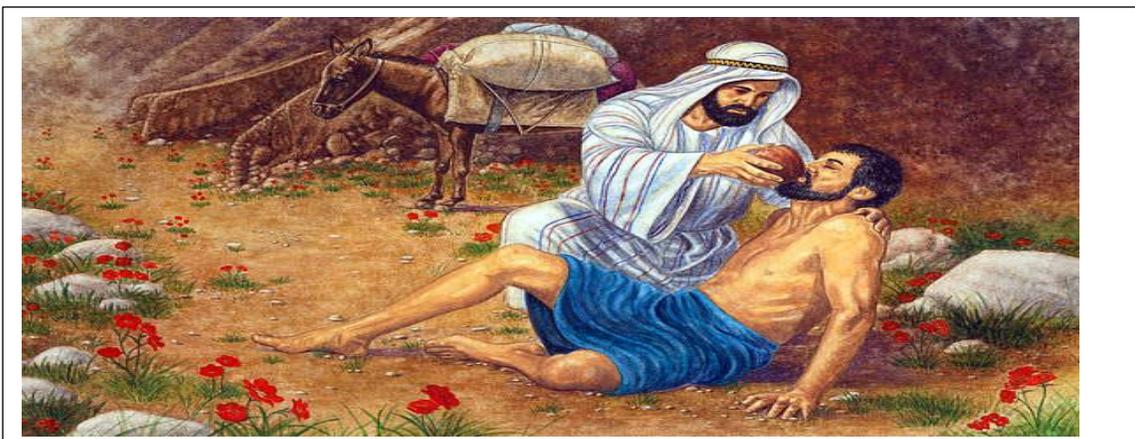
- He fell off his donkey.
- He tripped and broke his leg.
- He was partly buried by an avalanche.
- He was robbed and beaten.

3) Two Jewish religious leaders passed by the injured man without stopping to help. Finally, a Samaritan man came by, stopped and did everything possible to assist. Why did it take an extra measure of compassion for the Samaritan man to come to the assistance of the injured man beside the road?

- He was afraid the injured man would attack him.
- The Jews and Samaritans despised each other.
- The Jews and Samaritans were at war.
- He was in a hurry to reach his destination.

4) What is the main lesson of Jesus' Parable of the Good Samaritan?

- Offer assistance to anyone in need.
- Temple leaders had become legalistic and forgotten the spirit of the Law.
- Extend your love to all Christians.
- Extend your love to everyone in the world.



HOW DID YOU DO?

THE ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

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The answer is: He wanted to test Jesus' interpretation of the Law.

Luke 10:25-37. The English word "love" can mean many different things. The original Bible word used here, agape, is known as "Christian love." It means having high regard for other people, sincerely wishing them well and extending caring concern.

At the time of Jesus, the religious elite of the Jews had interpreted Leviticus 19:18 to apply only among the Jews. They denied any obligation to extend their love to persons outside their own religion and nationality. Thus, the lawyer was trying to test Jesus' "orthodoxy."

4) What is the main lesson of Jesus' Parable of the Good Samaritan?

The answer is: Extend your love to everyone in the world.

The Samaritan took pity on the poor man who had been robbed and beaten. He gave freely of both his time and his money to help this Jewish man who was not only a stranger of a different religion, but also an enemy from a foreign land. In His parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus challenges us (Luke 10:37) to "Go and do likewise."

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The answer is: He was robbed and beaten.

Luke 10:30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

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The answer is: The Jews and Samaritans despised each other.

The Jews and Samaritans had been enemies for hundreds of years. The Jews of Jesus' society were contemptuous of the Samaritans, considering them to be ceremonially unclean, socially outcast, religious heretics.



Irish Proverb

Be happy with what you have and you will have plenty to be happy about!

Season after Pentecost Year A	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Proper 8 (13) Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 2023 ART -- PRAYER	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
Proper 9 (14) Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 9, 2023 ART -- PRAYER	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Proper 10 (15) Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 16, 2023 ART -- PRAYER	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112	Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Proper 11 (16) Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 2023 ART -- PRAYER	Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



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