



Leap of Faith

July 2021

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



Ahh....summer! July is the time for BBQ, corn on the cob, and lemonade. It is also a time to celebrate our independence on July fourth with fireworks. Americans are indeed an independent people. That sometimes translates into no one can tell us what to do, or we are expected to handle our problems by pulling ourselves up by our own bootstraps.

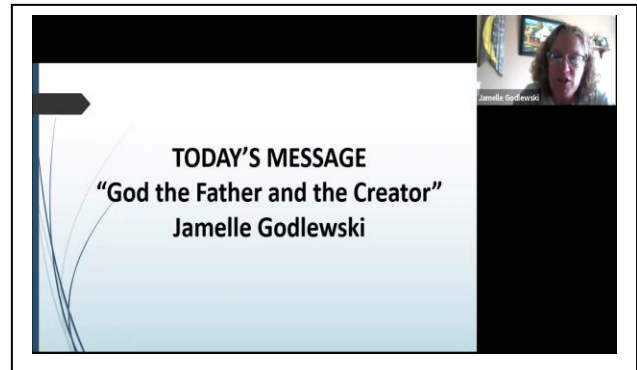
Jesus presented a very different message in John 15. We need to be in relationship with God to be effective in our ministries to others just as the branches gain their strength from the vine. God's message for us is one of interdependence. Without Him, we can do nothing.

Matthew 25 teaches us about caring for each other. Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." We need to see the face of Jesus in each person that we meet along the way. We need to trust God to give us what we need to minister to each person that needs help. We were made to be interdependent on God and in relationship with others. That is how we can bring the Kingdom of God to everyone. 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



In June we had a successful garage sale thanks to everyone who donated items, worked the days of the sale and all our customers. We talked to a lot of nice people and took prayer requests from a few.

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.

Attention

- St. John's UCC has cancelled in-person church services at Eastlake Terrace until further notice.
- You can go to our website www.stjohnsucclkhart.com click on Worship at the top of the page. Then you should see Worship Service.

JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

- JULY 04 No Live Service**
- 11 Laura Doty, Pastor**
Liturgist – George Adamson
- 18 Jamelle Godlewski Guest Speaker**
Liturgist – Courtney Papa-Abell
- 25 Laura Doty, Pastor**
Liturgist – Kelly Harris

Thank you to everyone for helping out!



CONSISTORY MEMBERS

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

SUBSCRIBE TO PRAYER

To get a list of prayer request you have to subscribe to it on our web page. You will not see all the requests unless you have a subscription. You do not have to be a member of our Prayer Warriors group or even a member of our church to subscribe. For instructions on how to subscribe please, email webmaster@stjohnsucclkhart.com

CONSISTORY MEETING

Wednesday, July 7TH
6:00 pm on Zoom. If you would like to join please contact

Plan for restarting in person worship services

It is our plan to have in person worship as well as our Zoom service on July 11, however not all the details have been worked out at this time. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

BIBLE QUIZ

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

1) Which did Jesus say was the most important of all God's commandments?

- Love God with all your heart and soul.
- Love your neighbor as yourself.
- Do not murder.
- Honor your father and mother.

2) According to Jesus, which is the best way to approach God and express our love?

- With confidence that God will answer our prayers
- With confidence that we are saved by being Christians
- With humble faith and trust, like a child
- With fear of God's wrath

3) According to Jesus, which of these is NOT a characteristic of those who truly love God?

- Humility
- Pride
- Obedience
- Mercy

4) Which of these is NOT one of Jesus' teachings about love for God the Father?

- God loves everyone in the world and wants them to love Him also.
- Always pray and don't give up.
- Above all else, observe the letter of the law in religious matters.
- If we love God, we will obey His commands.

5) True or False? Jesus said that anyone who simply acknowledges Him as Lord and Savior will find favor with God.

- True
- False

6) Fill in the blank. "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you _____."

- peace
- eternal life
- rest
- a home in my Father's mansion

7) True or false? God will love a sinner who repents (turns away from sin and back to God) as much as He loves a person who has been faithful all his or her life.

- True
- False

8) True or False? Jesus taught that we must forgive those persons who have sinned against us, or else our own sins will not be forgiven by God.

- True
- False

HOW DID YOU DO?

THE ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

1) Which did Jesus say was the most important of all God's commandments?

The answer is: Love God with all your heart and soul.

[Exodus 20:1-17](#) has the Ten Commandments God gave to Moses over 3000 years ago. In [Matthew 22:34-40](#), someone asked Jesus which of those Commandments is most important. Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

3) According to Jesus, which of these is *NOT* not a characteristic of those who truly love God?

The answer is: Pride

Humility: [Matthew 5:5](#), [Matthew 18:1-5](#).

Obedience: [Luke 11:28](#), [John 14:23-24](#).

Mercy: [Matthew 5:7](#), [Matthew 23:23](#).

Evils of pride in the sense of being self-righteous, conceited or disdainful: [Luke 1:51-52](#), [Luke 9:46-48](#), [Luke 18:10-14](#).

5) True or False? Jesus said that anyone who simply acknowledges Him as Lord and Savior will find favor with God.

The correct answer is: False

We are called to make a total commitment to love and have faith in God and to do our very best to obey his commands every hour of every day.

7) True or false? God will love a sinner who repents (turns away from sin and back to God) as much as He loves a person who has been faithful all his or her life.

Correct answer is: True

This is a major theme of Jesus' teachings. [Luke 15:7](#); [Luke 18:9-14](#): God loves a sinner who repents much more than He loves a self-righteous person who thinks he is better than someone who sins.

2) According to Jesus, which is the best way to approach God and express our love?

The answer is: With humble faith and trust, like a child

[Matthew 18:2-4](#), [Mark 10:15](#), [Luke 9:46-48](#), [Luke 8:15-17](#), [John 3:16](#), [John 5:24](#), [Mark 4:35-41](#).

4) Which of these is *NOT* one of Jesus' teachings about love for God the Father?

Your answer was: Above all else, observe the letter of the law in religious matters.

God loves everyone in the world and wants them to love Him also: [Matthew 18:10-14](#), [Luke 11:9-13](#), [John 3:16-17](#).

Always pray and don't give up: [Luke 18:1-8](#), [Matthew 6:5-15](#).

If we love God, we must obey His commands: [John 14:21-24](#), [Matthew 5:43-48](#), [James 2:14-18](#).

Jesus despised legalistic religion which was based on laws and customs, but lacking in justice, mercy and faithfulness: [Matthew 23:23](#)

6) Fill in the blank. "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you _____."

The correct answer is: rest

[Matthew 11:28-30](#). "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you will find rest for your souls."

8) True or False? Jesus taught that we must forgive those persons who have sinned against us, or else our own sins will not be forgiven by God.

Correct answer is: True

In [Matthew 6:14-15](#), Jesus said, "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Season after Pentecost Year B	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Proper 9 (14) Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 4, 2021 ART -- PRAYER Proper 10 (15)	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48	Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 11, 2021 ART -- PRAYER Proper 11 (16)	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24	Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 18, 2021 ART -- PRAYER Proper 12 (17)	2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 25, 2021 ART -- PRAYER	2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14	2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21



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