

Good Morning PGCC

April 1, 2020

TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

**WORSHIP PLANNING
COVID19 PANDEMIC EDITION**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God.....NOPE
Precious Lord, Take my Hand.....NOPE
Just a Closer Walk with Thee.....NOPE
Gather Us In.....NOPE
Close to Thee.....NOPE

COULD WORK

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters
Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley
I Come to the Garden Alone
Trust and Obey

A LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

by Jim DesRosiers

Psalm 51:10-17 (NIV)

10) Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11) Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

12) Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

13) Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will turn back to you.

14) Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

15) O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

16) You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

17) The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

As I read the words of King David, "Create in me a pure heart, O God," I thought, what better time than Easter to read about David's prayer to God. David was broken, his heart corrupt and dead in sin and he was not capable, not even in the tiniest bit, to repair what was wrong with his heart. If you recall, David, through God's prophet Nathan, had been convicted of his sin against God for his actions with Bathsheba and her husband Uriah. So, he cried out to God, who created the heavens and the earth, who created humanity in his own image, for whom nothing is impossible. He cried out to God for mercy and forgiveness, confessing his sin. And God answered.

God forgave him, creating in him a new, pure heart. David was a new creation. And God answers us, even before we were born God was providing for us. He sent his Son to earth to live a perfect life to be crucified for our sins to die and be buried and to rise again, that we may have new life, be new creations, and have salvation by His mercy and grace through our faith in Jesus Christ. Just like David, we too were broken and dead in our sin – sin we were born to, sin that would have doomed us to death, if it were not for the blood and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

David continues and asks God to “renew a steadfast spirit” within him, a spirit that is constant, determined, no longer shackled, corrupted or controlled by sin. David pleads with God not to take His Holy Spirit from him but to restore to him the joy of salvation. Our hearts, too, cry out to God for this joy and by his grace God answers us as believers. God has given us His Holy Spirit:

- who lives in each of us
- convicts us of our sin
- and counsels us.
- a righteous Spirit to uplift us, give us hope and strength and keep us going, even through the troubles of this world.
- a Spirit by whom each day we are directed to confess our sins and, in each day, we are renewed.

Do not let sin make you feel distant from God. Do not let sin drive a wedge between you and Him, but confess your sins. And in your confession, accept the forgiveness that is from God and the freedom and life that comes from knowing we are children of God, and from knowing of his great love for us.

David passionately continues, "Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you...O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise." How could he not, knowing that he had been forgiven. Knowing that we have been forgiven, how can we not be filled with such joy and excitement and gratitude that it spills over and flows from us to others as a testimony of God's loving kindness, through our countenance, actions and kind words.

In verse 16, David reminds us that it is not anything that we do, or the sacrifices that we make, that pleases God. It is not in our power to make ourselves right with God, or to earn his love. All of that is a gift from God.

As I was preparing this devotional, it struck me that this year, for the first time, I had given something up for Lent, I was making a sacrifice. And although I do miss what I have given up, it is not the sacrifice that God delights in. However, my sacrifice does remind me to reflect and prepare during this time leading up to Easter, to focus on Jesus' death and resurrection, to repent of my sins and ask for forgiveness. It reminds me that these are things that I should do every day of the year, not because it will help me to earn God's blessings but because it will remind me of His great sacrifice and love for me. That daily reflection, confession, and repentance is the sacrifice God delights in.

Further, in verses 16 and 17, David tells us that God does not delight in sacrifice, but "the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart." God is not looking for outward actions, no matter how good/ God is looking for us to realize in our heart and soul of our need for repentance and to come before him on bended knee, and in confession, with total remorse for our sin, ask for his forgiveness. And the Good News is that by faith in Jesus Christ, by his death burial and resurrection, we are forgiven. By grace we are created new in Him and have eternal life!

SHARE YOUR ART



I Need Thee Every Hour & All the Way My Shepherd Leads Me

by Wylie Wilkin

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch and listen

if you have art that you have created (painting, drawing, photography, craft, poetry, etc.
please share it by sending it to us

PICK UP AN *OUR DAILY BREAD*

A box of *Our Daily Breads* is sitting on the bench under the drive-thru portico by the west side doors. You can come by and pick-up a copy for yourself and for your friends.

JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE STUCK AT HOME...

doesn't mean you can't serve God! You can start a simple neighborhood outreach event.

Contact the neighbors on your street, by email or taping notes on their door. The note should explain that you are collecting food on behalf of your church, Pleasant Grove Community Church, to supply the Food Bank. ask them to donate food from their pantry or purchased when they go to the store (non-perishable only). Ask them to put it out by their front door and call you and you will come pick it up (or they can leave it at your front door).

When you have a load ready, call the church office at 916-771-4447 and we will come by and pick it up from your porch. Be sure to leave a "Thank You" note for those who have donated.

This is a simple way for you and your neighbors to do something meaningful and connect your neighbors to our church.



OUR EASTER & HOLY WEEK PLANS

We will not be able to meet together, but HE IS STILL RISEN!

Stations of the Cross Daily Devotions start Saturday

Each day, from Saturday to Saturday, we will send a devotional representing each station. For those of you unfamiliar with the Stations of the Cross it is a journey with Jesus from his trial to the cross. It is a meaningful experience that will prepare you to truly CELEBRATE Easter.

Palm Sunday

We will be celebrating communion with you during our Palm Sunday video. Have some juice and wine and a cracker ready when you watch next Sunday's video.

Good Friday

We will be filming a Good Friday Service that will have the same elements and be just as meaningful as the services we have done the last few years.

EASTER!

We will all be together in Spirit. We are planning a tremendous Easter celebration service that will have you smiling, singing, inspired, blessed and proclaiming "He is risen!"

INVITE A FRIEND TO EASTER BY INVITING THEM TO WATCH

SHOPPING ASSISTANCE

If you are at high-risk and/or not able to do your own grocery shopping, please request assistance through the PGCC Shopping Assistance Program. If you need assistance, please call the church office at 916-771-4447.

CHURCH OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED

BUT WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU. We are collecting mail and checking the phones and email, and will get back to you as soon as possible. So, please...

STAY IN TOUCH

Call us at 916-771-4447

Email us at 1730pgccoffice@gmail.com

Prayer Requests to prayerandpraisetree@gmail.com

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Blessings, PGCC staff

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