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April 27, 2025 — 10:30 am Worship Service

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We ask that *everyone* fill out an attendance card and pass it to the end of the pew. If you have a prayer request, please let us know by including it on the back of the card.

There are children's activity books on the table in the back of the sanctuary, and a nursery room is located in the blue foyer.

Welcome & Announcements: Randy Sanders

Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-4, Steve Mott

Hymn #43 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (*verses 1, 3, 4*)

Hymn #45 Crown Him with Many Crowns (*verses 1, 3, 4*)

Insert - We Fall Down, by Chris Tomlin

Morning Prayer: Randy Sanders

Hymn #310 King of My Life I Crown Thee Now (Lead Me to Calvary)

Fellowship of the Lord's Supper: Steve Mott, Carl Orloff
Christ's invitation to "do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19) is for all Christians. We invite you to "examine yourself" (1 Corinthians 11:28), and remember Christ's sacrifice. As the trays are passed, remove the emblems and partake of them when you are ready.

Receiving of Tithes & Offerings

Mission of the Month: Feed My Starving Children

Junior Church

Message: Famous Last Words

Invitation: If you would like to become a Christian, we offer the invitation that is given in Acts 2:38, to "repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Then be willing to be taught how to live your life for the Lord. If you, as an immersed believer, would like to transfer your membership to this congregation; come forward during the following hymn:

Hymn #528 My Faith Has Found a Resting Place (*verses 1, 3*)

Hymn #34 He Is Lord

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*“Helping people to **know** Jesus and **grow** in Him.”*

WELCOME!

We express a warm welcome to those who have come to worship with us today, especially our first-time visitors. We encourage everyone to fill out a roll card in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle.

We invite you to join us whenever we gather for times of worship and we invite you to have fellowship with us during all the activities of our congregation. We are glad you are here and encourage you to come again. Above all, may you seek to know Jesus and grow in Him.

WE ARE A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

BY WEARING A NEW TESTAMENT NAME

“The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch” (Acts 11:26). “If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed” (I Peter 4:16). “Persuade me to be a Christian” (Acts 26:28).

BY BELIEVING A NEW TESTAMENT CREED

“You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God...On this rock I will build my Church” (Matt.16:16,18). “For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ” (I Cor. 3:11).

BY OBEYING A NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM

“Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life” (Rom.6:4). “and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you (I Peter 3:21).

BY OBSERVING A NEW TESTAMENT COMMUNION

“Do this in remembrance of me” (Luke 22:19). “On the first day of the week we came together to break bread” (Acts 20:7). “A man ought to examine himself” (I Cor. 11:28).

BY PRACTICING A NEW TESTAMENT STEWARDSHIP

“It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). “On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income” (I Cor. 16:2).

BY LIVING A NEW TESTAMENT LIFE

“They devoted themselves to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (Acts 2:42). “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (II Peter 3:18). “Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).

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Sunday School Classes

Class	Instructor	Room	Currently Studying
Preschool & Kindergarten	Bonnie Moerer	#204	Bible Stories
1st - 5th Grades	Joan Mott	#109	Bible Stories
Junior High & High School	Sherri Rohn	#103	Assorted Bible Lessons
Faith	Shirley Corbin	#210	The Book of Psalms
Genesis	Duane Rohn Randy Sanders	#212	The Book of Genesis
Joy	Deb Niemeyer	#106	Ray Vander Laan Series: That the World May Know
Seekers	Dan Corbin Dan Gajdosik	#209	Lesson from the Christian Standard
Young at Heart	Glen Niemeyer	#211	Lesson from The Lookout

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness”

II Timothy 3:16

Missions & Ministries

Mission of the Month: Feed My Starving Children

It is estimated that at least 6,200 children die each day from causes related to undernutrition. Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes hope starts with food. FMSC meals are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential.

Since their founding in 1987, Feed My Starving Children has given hope in Jesus' name in the form of nutritious MannaPack meals to many who are hungry around the world. They ask His blessing in the years ahead as they continue on, until all are fed.

Missions



From International Disaster Emergency Service comes their most recent newsletter in which they talk about their help in Myanmar & Thailand after a 7.7 earthquake hit their in late March.

Milk-Cheese-Bible Giveaway Ministry



Consider donating to this ministry, which has proved to be a blessing to many people. Your gift will help pay the cost of putting food and God's Word into the hands of members of our community. Please designate your gift as either Milk & Cheese Giveaway" or "Bibles." Thank you.

Generosity Ministry



When we prayerfully look for opportunities to help people financially amazing thing happen: God opens our eyes to see them. And in praying for opportunities, God sometimes sends them our way via a phone call. God is using the generosity ministry to touch people's lives—to bless, encourage, and lift them up. It's an amazing thing to watch God work.

Your Opportunities for Involvement at PSCC Today

Sunday, April 27

9:00 am Fellowship

9:30 am Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 am Worship Service & Junior Church

11:00 am Ithaca Lions Club fundraiser (*see announcement*)

12:00 pm Elders, Deacons, Deaconess Pre-Board Meeting

This Week

Scripture of the Week: Romans 5:8

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Wednesday, April 30

6:00 pm Choir Practice

7:00 pm Midweek Bible Study

Thursday, May 1 - National Day of Prayer

1:00 pm National Day of Prayer program at the Richland County Courthouse. In Case of inclement weather, the program will take place at Park Street Christian Church

Saturday, May 3 - Church Women United National Friendship Day

9:00 am Church Women United annual Friendship Day celebration at Park Street Christian Church. Included will be the Richland Center Family Thrift Shop Volunteer Appreciation Tea.

Next Week

Sunday, May 4

12:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 7

6:00 pm Choir Practice

7:00 pm Midweek Bible Study

Announcements

Fundraiser: The Ithaca Lions Club will host a pulled pork dinner and silent auction for Kyle & Courtney Hemphill and their baby daughter, Harper Lynn Hemphill, who was born on 1/26/25. The dinner and silent auction will be held **today**, Sunday, April 27th, at the Ithaca High School Commons, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you can provide any kind of silent auction item, or make a bake sale item, please let Deb Niemeyer know.

Rummage Sale: If anyone would be interested in donating items and helping with a church rummage sale, please contact Deb Niemeyer. The proceeds of this rummage sale will go toward the repair of the stained glass windows.



National Day of Prayer

To be held on Thursday, May 1st, at 12:00 pm
at the Richland County Courthouse Lawn
In case of inclement weather, the program
will take place at Park Street Christian Church.



Church Women United

Church Women United's May Friendship Day
will be held at Park Street Christian Church
on Saturday, May 3rd at 9:00 am.
Included will be the Richland Center
Family Thrift Shop Volunteer Appreciation Tea.

Alive in 25

How is my life "alive" since I've been Baptized (Colossians 2:12-13)?
One way we are "alive" in our lives is that we put what is "alive" in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12, "The Word of God is LIVING and active." Read God's Word and you put what is living and active (alive) in your life, and watch it work "judging the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

A Note From Our Minister

Envision: Envision us working together to accomplish great things:

- Tell your families, friends, and neighbors about what God has done for you and what it is like to be a Christian.
- Consider and pray about bringing two new people to church with you in this coming new year.
- Bring your Bible to Church every Sunday.

Prayer Requests

Cliff & Sharon Ast	Virgil Denman	Wally Kramer
Kristi Beck	Dan Gajdosik	Eunice Moore
Jean Clarke	Dawn Gajdosik	Arlene Moser
Dan Corbin	Pat Gethings	Joann Nicholson
Kay Van Ness, Shirley's sister	Lisa Adsit, Sue's step-sister	

(Please notify the secretary when changes need to be made to the prayer list.)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Alice Natvig, April 27
Teresa Krogan, April 28
Mike & Linda Kaufman, April 29



Praise & Thank You

"Thank you to everyone who visited, sent cards,
and gave well wishes for our 50th anniversary."
from Dan & Dawn Gajdosik

Thank You to Those Who Serve on Sunday Mornings

<u>Today, April 27</u>	<u>Next Sunday, May 4</u>
Fellowship: Sandy Ward	Fellowship: Sherri Rohn
Greeters: Betty Grim & Bonnie Moerer	Greeters: Orloff Family Carl & Gavin, Cindy & Addison
Music: Sallie VanWoert & the Praise Team	Music: Deb Niemeyer & the Choir
Videographer: Cindy Orloff	Videographer: Cindy Orloff
Call to Worship, Lord's Table, & Offering: Steve Mott and Carl Orloff	Call to Worship, Lord's Table, & Offering: Duane Rohn and Carl Orloff
Junior Church: Joan Mott & Lorna Maxwell	Junior Church: Kathy Maloney & Laura Maloney
Pine Valley: Duane Rohn & Teresa Krogan	

Famous Last Words

The seven sayings of Jesus on the Cross.

Famous last words examples:

The last words of Jesus while on the cross are also “famous last words” to us. They inspire, lift up, encourage, and make us cry.

Realize that in order for Jesus to speak while on the cross he must PULL with his arms on the nails in his wrists, and he must PUSH up on the nail in his feet so that he can breathe in enough air in his lungs to speak.
VERY PAINFUL!

I) First saying: Luke 23:32-34, “father forgive them....”

Jesus thinks about those who have sentenced him to be crucified — and about those who are crucifying him and not himself. Amazing!
Luke 23:32-34 (*read*)

Jesus is our supreme example of forgiving others. Matthew 6:12-15 (*read*)

Do you think Jesus practiced what he preached? Yes! Even forgiving those who were killing him. What a tremendous example for us to follow. How many lives have been ruined because of UNFORGIVENESS?!

The words “I forgive you” are POWERFUL! Those words change lives. They change the chemicals in our brains for brain health. Those words lift the heart and soul and heal emotional wounds.

The words “I forgive you” are life changing words, life changing for you forgiving and for those being forgiven.

II) Second saying: John 19:25-27, Dear woman, here is your son, and (to the disciple John) here is your mother.” John 19:25-27 (*read*).

The second person Jesus thinks about while being crucified is still not himself but his mother. In verse 25, standing near the cross, looking up at Jesus are four ladies: Jesus’ mother Mary; Jesus’ aunt; Mary, the wife of Clopas; and Mary Magdalene. And in verse 26, John is there. He is the disciple John who will later write The Gospel of John and Revelations.

THINK OF THIS: while on the cross, Jesus looks down and sees his mother and John, and thinks of his mother’s welfare.

Remember, in order to speak, Jesus must PULL with his arms on the nails and he must PUSH OFF the nail in his feet to have enough oxygen to speak.

Jesus asks John to take care of his mother for him. Why? Because Jesus will die on the cross, be buried, then rise on the third day; and then 40 days later, ascend into heaven. Jesus won’t be there physically to care for Mary.

Jesus is the first born son. It is his duty to care for his mother because Joseph has been dead for some years now.

Jesus does have other brothers (1/2 brothers), John 7:5 and Matthew 13:55; but they don’t believe in Jesus yet, and none of them are there at the cross.

James is one of those 1/2 brothers and later on will believe in Jesus and will become a leader in the Church at Jerusalem and will write the book of James. BUT James is not there that day, and in the midst of all the pain and suffering on the cross—to be that final blood sacrifice for sins—Jesus makes sure his mother will be cared for the rest of her life.

Amazing example of how Christians are to care for their aged parents. We are losing that part of Christianity in our culture today—to love and care for our aged parents.

III) The third saying: Luke 23:39-43, “Today you will be with me in paradise.” Read Luke 23:39-43.

First, Jesus thought of those killing him, then about his mother, and NOW Jesus thinks about the welfare of one of the other men being crucified with him.

In verse 39, one of those being crucified with Jesus hurls insults at Jesus. In this man’s unbelief in Jesus, he asks Jesus, “aren’t you the Christ?” And he asks with the idea - if you are then “save yourself and us.”

The other one rebukes him for his insults at Jesus and says - Luke 23:40-42 (*read*)

Here we have this man demonstrating his belief in Jesus Christ and repentance (verse 41: “we are getting what we deserve”)

Belief = verse 42 (*read*)

And Jesus will say in verse 43.... (*read*)

Look at the facts about this:

- This man believed and repented
- He is a Jewish man
- The Jews are still under the old Covenant with John the Baptist preaching to the Jews to believe in the One coming after him (Jesus), and to be baptized with a baptism of repentance (Matthew 3:5-8).

This happens while Jesus is still alive on the cross. Then after Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, we have Galatians 3:26-29 saying, there is neither Jew nor Greek (Gentiles) anymore for when they are baptized into Christ (Jew and Gentile alike) they both become "Sons of God." Read Galatians 3:26-29.

And what is more—Jew and Gentiles, when baptized into Christ, become Abraham's seed (children of Abraham) and heirs according to the promise.

An "heir" receives all that belongs to the Father. THINK ABOUT THAT!

Realize that John's baptism was a baptism of repentance and people were not baptized into Christ Jesus' name until after Jesus dies on the cross and rises from the grave.

So the point - Jesus can say to that Jewish man who is under the old Covenant, who wasn't baptized for the forgiveness of his sins in Jesus' name, "today you will be with me in paradise," because Jesus has not died yet for the sins of the world.

But realize that even while suffering excruciating pain on the cross—dying, Jesus still put others first. AMAZING!

- "Father forgive them" - It is why Jesus came.
- John take care of my mother for me—Care for the elderly.
- "Today, you will be with me in paradise"—There is life after death! Are you ready?

NEXT SUNDAY — SAYINGS 4-7.

New Normal — Time Monkeys

By Duane Rohn - April 27, 2025

I am not the sharpest crayon in the box but my pointed head isn't so awfully round as it appears. As most old codgers do at times, I sometimes slow down and ponder the concept of time and the changes that come with it.

As a wee little monster, I just couldn't wait to get old enough to be out on my own and not have to listen to mom and dad. Some call those years adolescent years but they carry through to the teenage years. After years of wisdom being driven into my pumpkin I realize that those were truly some of the best times before marriage and my yearning for greener grass was really the call of ignorance.

At the time that I left the confines of being the rotten little monster and set out to be in that great big wonderful world, I met a gorgeous lady who would later struggle to domesticate me to any small degree. Before she could manage that we added two little monsters of our own to the herd and now the shoe was on the other foot. Money was tight and even though I didn't see it at the time, God provided just enough. Anything I could hook, snare or shoot became table fare and God gave me sharp eyes and quick reflexes to be able to put that food on the table. The garden provided most of our vegetables but at the end of the week we still struggled to pay our meager bills.

Fast forward to today and I'm retired, my little monsters have little monsters of their own and even one more generation of a little monster beyond that. I'm not sure where the time went, but it certainly did go. I'm not sure all that wishing my life away was worth the end result but if I had to do it all over again, nothing would change. They were good times. Back then I remember thinking that there was no way that I would ever look back on those days as the good old days. Add a little more wisdom to that.

Now that I'm a smelly old geezer I see that God has indeed blessed me. Through no fault of my own, my freezer is full, my food stock shelving is full and my bank account is full. I have all the material needs I could ask for and certainly more than I deserve. One of my monsters claims my food supply is ready for Armageddon.

As I pondered the worth of my life I noted that biblical time seemed to provide a longer life span than this rat race life we live today provides. After three score and six I'm certain I wouldn't want to live to be several hundred years old.

Some things do not change with the years. Those same time monkeys that flip to the next century right smack dab in the middle of the current one do so, I'm convinced, because they lack the patience to flip that calendar when it is due and are in just too big a hurry. Time marches on at its own even pace and pushing that pace only frustrates the pusher.

When I retired I was told I would be busier than before because everyone would want me to do things for them and I would just have to learn to say no to them. It is true that I do not have a lot of down time during the day to waste waiting for something to do. Just today I painted the west wall of our basement after closing in two windows that plagued me with running water with every rain for the last twenty five years, cleaned the stock shelves and reloaded all the cans and packages of food, helped the Cullegan Man locate a leak in a filter housing and find the correct part to replace it with to stop the leak, cleaned up some fish heads and other goodies the cat didn't eat laying in the yard from my last fishing trip, typed this story and went to a birthday party. That seems about how most days go and I will never complain about my workload. That pretty much filled my day until about four o'clock and then it was time to play with the kids. God made me to work and did not make me to sit quietly still to wait for whatever comes next. He also gave me time to relax and enjoy His blessings. Instead of sitting around wasting my life, he gave me a full life.

Is it time to kick your time monkey to the curb and start living your life the way God intended? The clock is ticking.

We Fall Down
Words & Music by Chris Tomlin

We fall down, we lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus.
The greatness of His mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus.

Chorus
We cry “Holy, Holy, Holy.”
We cry “Holy, Holy, Holy.”
We cry “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lamb.”
(repeat from beginning)

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Milk-Cheese-Bible Giveaway
April 19, 2025 Prayer Requests

Everyone have a happy Easter
Praise the Lord
Need new job
Peaceful Earth
Wife's torn Achilles Tendon (healing)
New niece
Grandson (cancer/bone marrow) (depression)
Better health
Rick (health)
Uncle (pneumonia - both sides)

Health
Gary (had heart attack)
Mark (cancer)
Bonnie (had open heart surgery)
Girl (tonsils out)
Our country
Grandfather (stroke)
God's protection
Deb, best friend (poor kidneys - possibly cancer)
My daughter (lump on both breasts - cancer)