



# GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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From the Pastor...

**Sunday, May 10**

**SUNDAY**

**Online Abbreviated**

**Worship Service**

**9:30 AM**

**Live on Facebook**

The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury

This will also be sent out through email afterwards and will be available on the church website:

[www.pcwoodbury.com](http://www.pcwoodbury.com)

**The church building remains closed, and no staff members are able to check the phones in the church office. So, if you have a question or need to contact anyone, our staff members are still available by way of email, text, call or ZOOM meeting. Thank you for your patience and your perseverance in pray for our community, nation and world.**

I am currently reading Jon Meacham's book "The Hope of Glory." Meacham, a presidential historian and Anglican lay leader reflects on the last seven words of Jesus Christ during his passion. The third word of Christ is traditionally from the Third chapter in the Gospel of John:

*Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.*

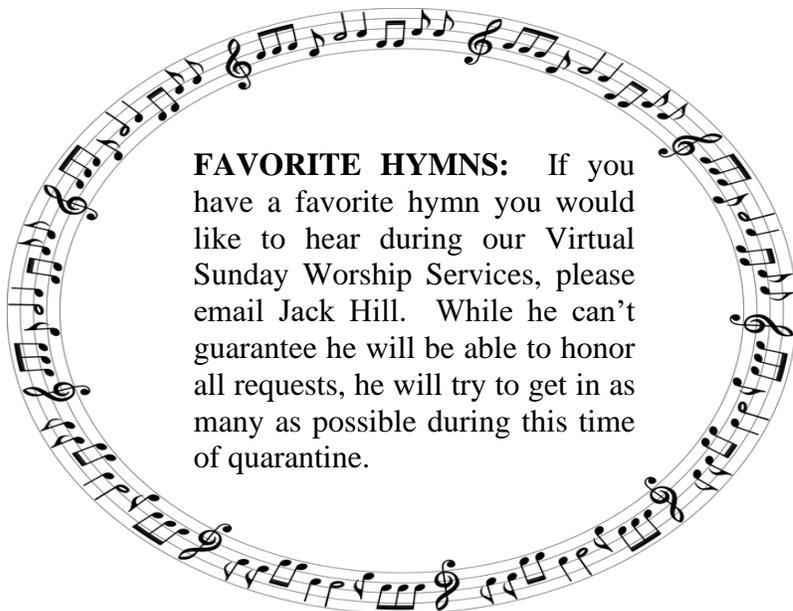
Jesus commends his mother to the care of beloved disciple, a bit of final housekeeping before his death, but in a larger sense, Jesus is leaving a model for his followers to love one another in the most profound and powerful way. The charge of this disciples to care for Mary is a reminder that we must be doers of the Word and not only hearers. We are invited by Jesus into a mode of life that offers us a new way of seeing both the temporal and the transcendent. The story of Jesus is a guide and a gate: states Jon Meacham, "it urges us to do to others as we would have others do to us, and in so doing we are drawn ever closer to the cross - the emblem of unselfish love."

I believe that this season of pandemic -of staying at home - of social distancing reminds us of what is really important - relationship! The reminder from Christ that the call is to relationship with other people. The reminder from Christ is the call to love neighbor. The reminder from Christ is to demonstrate Christ's love for all people!

In Christ,  
Phil



**FAVORITE HYMNS:** If you have a favorite hymn you would like to hear during our Virtual Sunday Worship Services, please email Jack Hill. While he can't guarantee he will be able to honor all requests, he will try to get in as many as possible during this time of quarantine.





**BORED YET? LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?**

We have a project for you! When the time comes that we will be able to return to church, masks will most likely be mandatory. We are looking for some volunteers to make masks that can be given to church members to use when the time comes.

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you for continuing to send in your offerings and donations! We are very grateful for your financial support during this difficult time.

Online Donations: We are finally set up for **online giving**. You can go to the website: [pcwoodbury.com](http://pcwoodbury.com) or click on the **Give Now** button below.



You can also continue to mail in your check made payable to the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury to the church or to Kathi Lynch, 1510 Manduit Street, Thorofare, NJ 08086.

**SESSION REPORT**

At a Zoom meeting on April 20, the Session of the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury voted to continue the shuttering of the church facility, and the cancellation of all programming, events, and activities due to the current status of the COVID-19 virus. This policy will continue through the end of May at which time the Session will revisit this issue. Because of our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, we believe that the maintenance of social distancing will help keep the virus from spreading and will assist in flattening the curve.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Susan Speers, Chris Clancy and family upon the death of his father, Linda Mohring and family upon the death of her brother, Alex Jenei on his move to South Dakota, Janet Muhm, Florence Hillman, Meghan and Dave Orem, Emma Mustard, Amelia Exley, Judy Fetty, and Marie Batten. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

**THE UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS:** Because of Covid-19, Upper Room realizes that the print versions of their devotionals cannot be picked up at church, so they have made the May/June booklet available to download online. Please visit their website at:

<https://www.upperroom.org/covid-19>

**FELLOWSHIP ZOOM MEETINGS:** A Zoom meeting is being held each Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. to provide a fellowship time for our members to connect and “visit” with each other. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, it is a video conferencing service where you can see and talk to many people at the same time. An email will be sent out Saturday or Sunday morning with the details. You will be able to click on the link in the email on using your computer, phone or iPad.

**NEW OFFICERS:** The Nominating Committee would like to report the slate of officers for the next class of church officers. Please be in prayer for these nominated Elders, Deacons and Trustees. We will call a congregational meeting as soon as we are able to safely gather as the family of Christ. Thank you to these folks for their willingness to serve the church.

Class of 2023

**Elders**

Don Tatham (1), Wendy Kunz (2) Karen Cruscillio(1)

**Deacons**

Becky DiGati (2), Julie Farkas (1), Colleen Seeburgh (1) Marian Craig (1)

Youth Deacons: Laken Franchetti, Eric Campo and Megan Witherspoon

**Trustees**

Dale McIntyre (2) Jules Farkas (1)

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU** from Jim Fetty on behalf of his mom, Judy Fetty for all the cards, notes, prayers and well wishes. She was in the hospital with Covid-19, but is now back in her room continuing her recovery in Manor Care.