

PRAY EVERY DAY May 31, 2020 Resource

Affirmation of Faith from John 1:14, YLT

And the Word became flesh, and did tabernacle among us, and we beheld his glory, glory as of an only begotten of a father, full of grace and truth.

Hymn "Where Shall My Wondering Heart Begin" by Charles Wesley

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| 1. Where shall my wondering soul begin?
How shall I all to heaven aspire?
A slave redeemed from death and sin,
a brand plucked from the fire,
how shall I equal triumphs raise,
and sing my great deliverer's praise? | 5. Outcasts of men, to you I call
Harlots, and publicans, and thieves!
He spreads His arms to embrace you all;
Sinners alone His grace receives;
No need of Him the righteous have,
He came the lost to seek and save. |
| 2. O, how shall I the goodness tell,
Father, which Thou to me hast show'd?
That I, a child of wrath and hell,
I should be call'd a child of God?
Should know, should feel my sins forgiven,
Blest with this antepast of heaven! | 6. Come, all ye <i>Magdalens</i> in lust,
Ye ruffians fell in murders old;
Repent, and live: despair and trust!
Jesus for you to death was sold;
Though hell protest, and earth repine,
He died for crimes like yours – and mine. |
| 3. And shall I slight my Father's love,
Or basely fear His gifts to own?
Unmindful of His favors prove?
Shall I, the hallow'd cross to shun,
Refuse His righteousness to impart,
By hiding it within my heart? | 7. Come, O my guilty brethren, come,
Groaning beneath your load of sin!
His bleeding heart shall make you room,
His open side shall take you in.
He calls you now, invites you home:
Come, O my guilty brethren, come! |
| 4. No – though the ancient dragon rage,
And call forth all his hosts to war;
Though earth's self-righteous sons engage;
Them, and their god, alike I dare:
Jesus, the sinner's Friend, proclaim;
Jesus, to sinners still the same. | 8. For you the purple current flow'd
In pardons from His wounded side:
Languish'd for you the eternal God,
For you the Prince of Glory died.
<i>Believe</i> , and all your guilt's forgiven;
<i>Only believe</i> – and yours is heaven. |

The Bishop Sharma Lewis Read the Bible in 2020 Challenge

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May 6 – 26 "Fruit of the Spirit: Peace"

May 27 – June 16 "Fruit of the Spirit: Patience"

June 1: Romans 12:12

June 5: Revelation 1:9

June 2: 2 Corinthians 1:5-7

June 6: Revelation 2:2-3

June 3: Colossians 1:9-11

June 7: Revelation 2:19

June 4: James 1:2-8

Small Group or Personal Study

Pastor Joel is preaching a series on the theme of "temple." The temple (and tabernacle which was a "tent temple") theme runs through the Bible as a way that God dwells with us. The Gospels, especially John, are filled with images of Jesus as tabernacle or temple with God living with us in the flesh.

Read John 1:1-18.

- In John 1:14, the word for “lived with us” or “dwelt among us” is the same for “tabernacle” in Exodus (as in Young’s Literal Translation above). Jesus is portrayed as the “embodied temple.” How does God with us in Jesus Christ from womb to tomb to resurrection make you think about how God dwells with us? What does it say to you about God who does not stay in heaven or in a remote temple but comes near with grace to sinners, the sick, and the marginalized?

- What has been your furthest moment from Jesus this week? Ever?
- What has been your closest moment to Jesus this week? Ever?
- Take 15 minutes to silence yourself and pray God’s name by breathing, in and out, through your mouth as we learned in Week 1 of the “temple” themed series. Breathe in, “Yah” and breathe out, “way.” If mouth breathing becomes strained, resume regular breathing resting silently in God’s presence.

Spend time in silence

Prayer for others and yourself

The Lord’s Prayer

The Bishop Sharma Lewis Call to Pray at Noon Every Day

Almighty God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

We thank you for your blessings, past, present and future. You are our rock and the source of our hope in all things and at all times. As Jehovah Jireh, our provider God, we ask you this day to stretch out your mighty hand and eradicate from the face of the earth forever this virus called COVID-19 (coronavirus) that is spreading rapidly from continent to continent.

We also pray that you, Jehovah Rapha, our healing God, would place your hand upon all of those who have been stricken by this virus and restore them to full health. Be with those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. Protect all who are caring for those with this virus and keep them from contracting it themselves. Calm our fears and provide us with your peace that surpasses all understanding. Strengthen us with the joy of the Lord and help us to hold firmly to the hope that only you can provide.

Unify us that we, the Virginia Annual Conference, may be able to experience anew the promise of your presence in and through the unity of our faith, hope and trust in you in the days ahead and forever. We offer this prayer in the mighty name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
AMEN.

Share the Love of Jesus because It’s All about Relationships

How will you or how did you share the love of Jesus with neighbor today with no strings attached? Write it down and share about it this week in small group for support and prayer.

A Prayer of Jesus from John 17:1-5, NRSV

“Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.”