

Pastor Drollinger's
Devotionals for June 5-14, 2020

Devotionals will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
Worship Words and Videos will continue on Sunday mornings.

June 5, 2020 – Days 80-81

Greetings to Friends and Family of Hallie and Zion UMC,

In the 42nd Psalm, David expresses a sad, yet beautiful poem because he longs to be closer to God. He is going through tough times and yearns for a more joy-filled and hope-filled time. He writes, “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.”

David then remembers we serve the God of life. He offers thanksgiving and recalls times of joy, and his spirit claims trust and hope. His final words in verse 11 are, “put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.” Let me encourage you in the midst of any struggle the world throws your way; keep thinking, praising, and trusting in our God to provide.

Today, I give thanks for the family of George Floyd and their witness to believing and trusting in God. Today, I give thanks for all the folks who continue the fight against the COVID-19 virus. As the deer longs for streams of water, may you continue longing for the ways of God. 1st John 4 reads, “Dear friends, let us love one another for love comes from God.”

Laurie Goeman caught this sweet video just outside her window of a fawn that discovers life can be a struggle. The deer also discovers that life can be beautiful. Enjoy the video and claim God's promises.

“Look at the birds of the air, they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, yet their heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” Matthew 6:28

Link to fawn video on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/zion54729/videos/280858279763441/>

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June 7, 2020 – Days 82-83

Greetings to Friends and Family of Hallie and Zion UMC,

This Sunday's message grows out of two Scripture lessons, Luke 9:51-56 and Luke 10: 29-37. In these words, Jesus brings to us a better way to live. He helps us move away from racism, prejudice, and narrow-mindedness. Please keep praying and working toward a time of less fear, less prejudice, and for a time of greater equality and greater joy.

Link to Pastor Don's message: <https://youtu.be/miwU8IoVuhw>

Be sure to listen to the song by Acoustic Grace following my message.

"From Here to There" is a song written in 2005 by Zion UMC Worship Leader Dan Lea. It is inspired by two pieces of scripture:

Matthew 5:9 - Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Romans 12:18 - If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

When people are in conflict with one another, the path to peace can be hard to find. Jesus and the apostle Paul call on us to do our part to be peacemakers in our world.

From "Here to There" is performed by Acoustic Grace musicians Carol Dean, piano and organ; Colin Orth, trumpet; Jacey Lea, vocals; and Dan Lea, vocals, guitar, and bass guitar.

Musical Link: <https://youtu.be/MantlWYVPsU>

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June 8, 2020 – Days 84

Greetings to Friends and Family of Hallie and Zion UMC,

I am so looking forward to meeting and worshipping in our church building on Sunday, June 21st. Not all would be advised to attend. If you feel comfortable with the safety precautions and safe practices that we will follow, then by all means join us for worship. However, it is safe to say things will be different in worship and in other areas of church activity. My hope is that we will see a new path and new opportunities to serve God and to share the Good News of Jesus the Christ.

Please join me at this time in giving thanks for God's unchanging love and faithfulness. Let us claim the many ways God continues to bring to our lives great hope and healing. Let us be encouraged by the fact, "It is He who made us, and we are His..."

1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100

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Psalm 100:1-2

June 10, 2020 – Days 86-87

Greetings to Friends and Family of Hallie and Zion UMC,

With the COVID-19 virus and with the realization that we still struggle greatly with racism and prejudice in our country...

How do we move forward?

Whose side are you on?

What position do you lean toward?

In our world today, there seems to be no shortage of things to disagree with. As a people, we are so divided over so many things. We each have our opinions. What path should we follow?

Let me simply encourage you to practice really good listening. In the book of James, Chapter 1, it states, "My dear brothers, take note of this, everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry..." Also, Psalm 133 instructs us on the importance of living together in unity. Often, in unity, is the place God bestows His blessings.

1 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! 2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. 3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore. Psalm 133

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June 12, 2020 – Days 88-89

Greetings to Friends and Family of Hallie and Zion UMC,

At times, it is hard to believe we have been in this COVID-19 thing for 3 months already. Other times, it feels like we have been captured by the COVID-19 thing forever! Let me, again, encourage us to especially remember the people who are kept in more isolation from others. Some of our elderly, home-bound, and folks living in nursing homes are dealing with quarantine and separation from family and friends. So keep praying for a good and effective vaccine and keep praying that a time will come with greater hugs, kisses, dancing, and warm handshakes.

1 Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people. 2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King. 3 Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp. Psalm 149: 1-3

Here's a musical link that's certain to bring a smile into your day: <https://youtu.be/v70J949oAcU>

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June 14, 2020 – Day 90

Good Sunday Morning,

Our message today, “Why is it important to praise God?” will grow out of Psalm 150.

It’s important to praise God because:

- 1) People who praise God have less time to complain...
- 2) It is simply good for you emotionally, mentally and spiritually...
- 3) We are the only part of creation that can...

Link to Pastor Don’s Message: <https://youtu.be/rlZ7hja67X8>

Hold our ministry and community in prayer.

- Pray for healing in our nation regarding racism.
- Pray for healing in our world as we battle COVID-19 virus.
- Please remember Kathy Reed’s mother June, (just celebrated her 90th birthday) for a sense of peace and calm in her life.
- Please lift up Gail Laudenslager as she deals with physical challenges.

Be sure to listen to our praise team, Acoustic Grace as they share their message in song.

“Walking Down the Road” was written by Zion UMC worship leader Dan Lea. It is inspired by the parable of the good Samaritan, who stopped to help an injured stranger. “Go and do likewise,” Jesus says at the end of the parable – a reminder that loving your neighbor means more than being friendly with the person next door.

"Walking Down the Road" is performed by Acoustic Grace musicians Carol Dean, piano; Colin Orth, trumpet; Jacey Lea, vocals; Pam Hotle, vocals; and Dan Lea, vocals, guitar, and bass guitar.

Musical Link: <https://youtu.be/oT5NKJpTiBA>

May you know a joy and a blessing this very day. Amen.

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