



Dear Paxton Family and Friends,

The Worship and Music Ministry, in cooperation with and support from Session, is *excited* to announce our outdoor Sunday evenings, "Prayers in the Woods" services, July 5 through August 30, at 6 PM (approximately 30 minutes in duration, **weather permitting*).

Our outdoor prayer services will allow us to *begin* gathering and worshipping in a safe manner. The outdoor services will be held in the grove outside of the choir room (same area as our summer concerts).

(Please note: our 10 AM Sunday morning livestream/online services will continue!)

In accordance with CDC guidelines, we ask that you:



- Bring a lawn chair and practice safe distancing. Family units are invited to sit together. Ushers will be on hand to guide and assist.
- Wear a mask when exiting your car and traveling to your seating area.
- Building access will be limited to the restroom in Fellowship Hall. Only one person (unless assistance is needed) will be permitted in the building at any given time. The restroom will be sanitized after each use.
- At the conclusion of the service, masks *should* be worn when returning to the parking lot.
- Baskets will be available for no contact offerings.

Please join us to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ as we worship in prayer and the study of God's word.

*Cancellations due to weather will be announced on Paxton's Facebook page and through church wide email.

Questions? Please contact Cindy Mory, W&M, Chair Email: cmory@comcast.net OR call 717-460-1142

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

(Take time to prepare your heart to worship God.)

PRELUDE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

MUSIC INTERLUDE

TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 7:9-10

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out with a loud voice, saying:

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

* HYMN 81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Eternal God, we confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Time of silent reflection)

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Praise God. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

718 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

1 Take up your cross, the Savior said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 1:8-2:10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"When the Narrative Changes"

Pastor Green

HYMN 817 "We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight"

* APOSTLE'S CREED

TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

* DOXOLOGY

* HYMN "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

TO GO REJOICING IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,

God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

817 "We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight"

We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found.

And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.