

“TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, June 10, 2018)

Share:

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Read these words from a hymn today:

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.

Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the word?

All is vain unless the Spirit, of the holy one comes down.

Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.

Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.

Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table, we'll sit down.

Christ will gird himself and serve us, with sweet manna all around.

Read this scripture from worship:

Hebrews 10:19-25 (NRSV)

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Talk together, responding to these questions:

Worship began in 1732 at Opequon Presbyterian Church. How do you think worship has changed since then?

How did people here persevere through the centuries in order to worship God?

Why do we worship?

How do we as a church provoke one another to love and good deeds, worship together, and encourage each other through concern?

What forms can worship take today?

Pray together:

Holy God, you command us to glorify you but not because you need our feeble hallelujahs. Rather, it's because we need to be reminded that you are God and there is a vast distance between you and us. Through this day, as we go about our business and busyness, help us to feel the need to worship you, and make us rise to our true stature as your children while our hallelujahs resound joyfully and thankfully. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus, who surrounds us with grace and love. Amen.

Bless one another:

Take each person's hand and say. "God's grace is for you, God's love is upon you, God's call is within you. Be kind to yourself and others this week as a child of God."