



**WEST BRIDGEWATER**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, August 16, 2020

*Join us live on our Facebook page beginning at 10:30 a.m.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn: “O Breath of God”**

*Words and music by Keith Getty and Phil Madeira*

O Breath of God, come fill this place;  
revive our hearts to know Your grace,  
and from our slumber make us rise,  
that we may know the risen Christ.

O Word of God, so clear and true,  
renew our minds to trust in You;  
and give to us the Bread of Life,  
that we may know the risen Christ.

O Love of God, so unrestrained,  
refresh our souls in Jesus’ name.  
Let us reflect Your sacrifice,  
that we may know the risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit make us one;  
in holiness let us unite,  
that we may know the risen Christ.

**Song: “Yet Not I but through Christ in Me”**

*Words and music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
For my life is wholly bound to His.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken.  
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need, His power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.  
Through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus.  
For He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
All the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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**Scripture Reading and Prayer:**  
**Psalm 146 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.  
<sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,  
<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;  
<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
<sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.  
<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the LORD!

### **Sermon: “The Slothful”**

*We will look at several Proverbs, and other passages, including some of the following:*

Proverbs 10:26 (ESV)

Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,  
so is the sluggard to those who send him.

Proverbs 12:24 (ESV)

The hand of the diligent will rule,  
while the slothful will be put to forced labor.

Proverbs 12:27 (ESV)

Whoever is slothful will not roast his game,  
but the diligent man will get precious wealth.

Proverbs 13:4 (ESV)

The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing,  
while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.

Proverbs 15:19 (ESV)

The way of a sluggard is like a hedge of thorns,  
but the path of the upright is a level highway.

Proverbs 16:26 (ESV)

A worker's appetite works for him;  
his mouth urges him on.

Proverbs 18:9 (ESV)

Whoever is slack in his work  
is a brother to him who destroys.

Proverbs 19:24 (ESV)

The sluggard buries his hand in the dish  
and will not even bring it back to his mouth.

Proverbs 20:4 (ESV)

The sluggard does not plow in the autumn;  
he will seek at harvest and have nothing.

Proverbs 20:13 (ESV)

Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty;  
open your eyes, and you will have plenty of bread.

Proverbs 21:5 (ESV)

The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance,  
but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.

Proverbs 21:25–26 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> The desire of the sluggard kills him,  
for his hands refuse to labor.

<sup>26</sup> All day long he craves and craves,  
but the righteous gives and does not hold back.

Proverbs 22:13 (ESV)

The sluggard says, "There is a lion outside!  
I shall be killed in the streets!"

Proverbs 22:29 (ESV)

Do you see a man skillful in his work?  
He will stand before kings;  
he will not stand before obscure men.

Proverbs 24:10 (ESV)

If you faint in the day of adversity,  
your strength is small.

Proverbs 24:30–34 (ESV)

<sup>30</sup> I passed by the field of a sluggard,  
by the vineyard of a man lacking sense,

<sup>31</sup> and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns;  
the ground was covered with nettles,  
and its stone wall was broken down.  
<sup>32</sup> Then I saw and considered it;  
I looked and received instruction.  
<sup>33</sup> A little sleep, a little slumber,  
a little folding of the hands to rest,  
<sup>34</sup> and poverty will come upon you like a robber,  
and want like an armed man.

Proverbs 26:13–16 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> The sluggard says, “There is a lion in the road!  
There is a lion in the streets!”  
<sup>14</sup> As a door turns on its hinges,  
so does a sluggard on his bed.  
<sup>15</sup> The sluggard buries his hand in the dish;  
it wears him out to bring it back to his mouth.  
<sup>16</sup> The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes  
than seven men who can answer sensibly.

Proverbs 10:5 (ESV)

He who gathers in summer is a prudent son,  
but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame.

Proverbs 12:11 (ESV)

Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread,  
but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense.

Proverbs 14:4 (ESV)

Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean,  
but abundant crops come by the strength of the ox.

Proverbs 14:23 (ESV)

In all toil there is profit,  
but mere talk tends only to poverty.

Ecclesiastes 4:4–5 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup>Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from a man’s envy of his neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

<sup>5</sup>The fool folds his hands and eats his own flesh.

Ecclesiastes 10:18 (ESV)

Through sloth the roof sinks in,  
and through indolence the house leaks.

John 6:26–29 (ESV)

<sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

1 Thessalonians 4:9–12 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, <sup>10</sup>for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, <sup>11</sup>and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, <sup>12</sup>so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

2 Thessalonians 3:6–15 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup>It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

<sup>13</sup>As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. <sup>14</sup>If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed.

<sup>15</sup>Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

### **Hymn: “Facing a Task Unfinished”**

*Original words by Frank Houghton. Original music by Samuel Wesley.*

*New words and music by Keith Getty, Ed Cash, and Fionán de Barra.*

Facing a task unfinished, that drives us to our knees,  
a need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease.  
We, who rejoice to know Thee, renew before Thy throne  
the solemn pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee hold their unhindered sway;  
where forces that defied Thee defy Thee still today.  
With none to heed their crying for life, and love, and light,  
unnumbered souls are dying and pass into the night.

We go to all the world, with kingdom hope unfurled.  
No other name has power to save But Jesus Christ, the Lord.

We bear the torch that, flaming, fell from the hands of those  
who gave their lives proclaiming That Jesus died and rose.  
Ours is the same commission, the same glad message ours;  
fired by the same ambition, to Thee we yield our powers.

We go to all the world, with kingdom hope unfurled.  
No other name has power to save But Jesus Christ, the Lord.

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired,  
Savior, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired,  
from cowardice defend us, from lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us to labor for Thy sake.

We go to all the world, with kingdom hope unfurled.  
No other name has power to save but Jesus Christ, the Lord.  
We go to all the world, His kingdom hope unfurled.  
No other name has power to save but Jesus Christ. the Lord.

### **Benediction**

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 (ESV)**

<sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.