



## HOUSE CHURCH SUNDAY, MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>

THEME: When People Pray, week 6 – Listening

- **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

- If you haven't read it yet, [Click here](#) for the guide of "How to do House Church." Content, updates, and archives will be uploaded weekly at [www.tumcdan.org](http://www.tumcdan.org)

- **WORSHIP** 10-15 minutes

(Use all of these elements for worship or choose the parts that work best for you)

- **Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** Jesus says to his followers, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

**Response:** We will fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For the Lord is good and his steadfast love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Hebrews 12:2 & Psalm 100:5)

- **Give Thanks:**

Write down or share what you are thankful for today. Give thanks to God for each.

- **Music:**

View these songs on YouTube and sing along with the lyrics. If someone in your family or group is musical, they can also lead the songs without videos

**"Awake My Soul"**

[Click here for Video](#)

[Click here for Lyrics & Chords](#)

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

[Click here for Video](#)

[Click here for Lyrics & Chords](#)

- **Psalm 92 Reading:**

(This is a good alternative if you cannot do the musical option. Read together or alternate each verse, Leader and Response. Speak these words of worship with joy and passion!)

(Psalm 92)

<sup>1</sup> It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,

<sup>2</sup> **proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,**

<sup>3</sup> to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

<sup>4</sup> **For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.**

<sup>5</sup> How great are your works, LORD, how profound your thoughts!

<sup>6</sup> **Senseless people do not know, fools do not understand,**

<sup>7</sup> that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they will be destroyed forever.

<sup>8</sup> **But you, LORD, are forever exalted.**

<sup>9</sup> For surely your enemies, LORD, surely your enemies will perish; all evildoers will be scattered.

<sup>10</sup> **You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine oils have been poured on me.**

<sup>11</sup> My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries; my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes.

<sup>12</sup> **The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;**

<sup>13</sup> planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

<sup>14</sup> **They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,**

<sup>15</sup> proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

**Amen.**

- **KIDS** 30-40 minutes

(If there are children in your House Church, you can add in these songs and participate in the ActivateKidz Video message from Miss Emily. You can also do the ActivateKidz lesson anytime!)

- **Songs:**

- **"One Thing Remains"** [Click here for Video](#)

- **"My Lighthouse"** [Click here for Video](#)

- **ActivateKidz Video Lesson:**

A video lesson will be posted on the ActivateKidz YouTube Channel every week.

[Click here](#) for the ActivateKidz YouTube Channel to find this week's lesson.

- **SCRIPTURE** 5 minutes

(Have one person read out loud or choose a different reader for each passage)

- **Exodus 33:7-11** (New International Version)

<sup>7</sup> Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "tent of meeting." Anyone inquiring of the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp.

<sup>8</sup> And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the

entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. <sup>9</sup> As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the LORD spoke with Moses.

<sup>10</sup> Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent. <sup>11</sup> The LORD would speak to Moses face to

face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

**Psalm 16:7-8** (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

## John 10:27 (NIV)

<sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

## Romans 8:14-16 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

- **MESSAGE** 35 minutes

- [Click here](#) to view the video of Pastor David's message for this week
- [Click here](#) to view written notes from the message if you cannot play a video

- **DISCUSSION** 15-20 minutes

(Use these questions to connect with your group, reflect, and apply this week's message to life. You don't have to get through every question, just choose the ones that connect with your group.)

- Now that we are several weeks into this social distancing, how are you and your family doing? What unexpected blessings and challenges are you facing?
- What about today's message inspired and resonated with you? What challenged or confused you?
- How do you feel about the idea of hearing from God? Are you one of those who tends to hear from God regularly? Or are you one who feels like, "why doesn't God speak to me like that?"
- Have you experienced hearing God in a specific way (this doesn't just mean an audible voice, but any way that God communicated with you)? Share your story.
- What is the most common way that you tend to hear from God? (Reading the Bible, in conversations with others, in dreams/visions, in your heart through personal thoughts and impressions?)
- What steps do you take to discern and test whether you God is speaking to you and how to follow through?
- What practical actions could you take this week to make time for listening to God? How can we encourage one another to "keep our hearts soft" in the demands of our daily lives?
- Lectio Divina is an ancient and common method of reading the Bible prayerfully and meditatively in order to listen for the voice of God through His living Word. Practice this as a group using **Romans 8:14-16** above. Have one facilitator read through each step for the group to reflect on personally, then at the end discuss:
  - **Pray** – Pause to pray and invite God to speak to your group.
  - **Read it (Familiarization)** – Read the passage out loud slowly.
  - **Explore it (Imagination)** – Reread it. What words and images stand out?
  - **Pray it (Conversation)** – Reread it. Talk to God about it.
  - **Enjoy it (Celebration)** – Read it one last time and celebrate God's goodness.

- **PRAYER** 10-15 minutes

- Spend time sharing your prayer requests (personal petitions, intercession for the community and the world). It can be helpful to write these down and share them with the group to pray throughout the week.
- Use the “P.R.A.Y.” model to pray together. One leader can facilitate this prayer time by talking through each portion and giving the group space to pray. We encourage your group to pray out loud together for the various requests during the “Ask” portion, but it’s also ok to let this be a time of silent prayer where each member can petition and intercede in their own heart.

**Pause** – Be still, rest in silence, focus yourself on God’s presence – in your heart you can say a simple phrase like, “My God and my all”

**Rejoice** – Lift up your praises for God’s presence and God’s blessings

**Ask** – Pray for the various requests mentioned as a group

**Yield** (or “Yes” for kids) – Surrender to God’s power and God’s will, yield to God’s presence, contemplate his glory – close prayer by rereading Eph. 3:16-19 above

- **Close with the Lord’s Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

- **GIVING** 3 minutes

(If you are able to continue your regular giving, you will be empowering us to *be the church* for the sake of the world at this critical moment of history. You may also want to consider other special giving opportunities in our congregation and to other organizations serving the community and the world at this time.)

- **Electronic Giving**

[Click here](#) for secure, easy electronic giving or use your smartphone to text “tumcdan” to 77977

- **Mail in Offering**

You can also mail your offering to our church office

Trinity United Methodist Church

84 Lombard Avenue

Danville, PA 17821

- **Lent Giving Challenge**

For those continuing in the Lent Giving Challenge for our Building Fund, today’s amount is 16\$ (we started at 2\$ and double the gift each week until Easter)

- **Love in Action Fund**

Our Love in Action Fund exists to support members of our community, our childcare, and our congregation with practical support as a demonstration of the love of God. We would like to build up this fund even more in anticipation of the many practical needs that will arise in this season of economic strain.

- **Offering Prayer**

*Lord, as you have given yourself so freely to us, we give ourselves to you. May our lives be a living sacrifice. We give for the sake of your Church and for the sake of the world which you so love. Receive our simple gifts of time, talents, and treasures in the name of Jesus, for your glory. We ask you to multiply these gifts for the advance of your Kingdom, for the Awakening of our community, and for the restoration of our world. Amen.*

- **NEXT STEPS** 5 minutes

- **Take time to listen to God. Ask God if He wants to impress any specific promises and truths upon your heart for this season. Ask God if there are particular people He wants you to reach out to, causes He wants you to contribute to, or actions He wants you to take for His Mission.**

- Are you hearing any particular direction? Share it with a Christian friend or mentor, seek wisdom in the Bible, and plan how you might put it into action.

- **SHARE!**

- **Share pictures and testimonies of your House Church on social media!** You can also email your photos and stories to our church office

[Trinity.Secretary@verizon.net](mailto:Trinity.Secretary@verizon.net) if we have permission to share them!

- **Share your feedback with us!** What did you like about House Church and what can we do next week to make it more helpful to you? Did your group come up with other ideas of how to do House Church together or ways to serve the community? We want to hear from you!

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