



HOUSE CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 31st, 2020

In Lockdown: 8 weeks in Philippians – Week 7, “Peace in Lockdown”

- **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

- [Click here](#) for the guide of “How to do House Church.” Weekly content, updates, and archives can be at tumcdan.org

- **CALL TO WORSHIP**

- **Leader:** Rejoice in the Lord always.

Response: I will say it again, rejoice! The Lord is near.

Leader: Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Response: And the God of peace will be with you.

- **WORSHIP & MESSAGE VIDEO** 45 minutes

- **Video:**

[Click here](#) to view the full House Church video (Celebration of 2020 Graduates, worship with the Zeek's & Kathy Myers, Scripture with the Igbari's, and a Pentecost prayer with Pastor David). Use the lyrics below to sing along!

“The Father’s House”

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VERSE 1

Sometimes on this journey
I get lost in my mistakes
What looks to me like weakness
Is a canvas for Your strength
My story isn't over my story's just
begun
Failure won't define me
'Cause that's what my Father does
Failure won't define me
'Cause that's what my Father does

CHORUS

Oo lay your burdens down
Oo here in the Father's house
Check your shame at the door
'Cause it ain't welcome anymore
Oo you're in the Father's house

VERSE 2

Arrival's not the endgame
The journey's where You are
You never wanted perfect
You just wanted my heart

And the story isn't over
If the story isn't good
Failure's never final
When the Father's in the room
Failure's never final
When the Father's in the room

BRIDGE

Prodigals come home the helpless
find hope
Love is on the move
When the Father's in the room

Prison doors fling wide the dead come
to life
Love is on the move
When the Father's in the room
Miracles take place the cynical find faith
Love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room
Jericho walls are quaking
Strongholds now are shaking
Love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room
Love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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CHORUS

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

VERSE 2

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

VERSE 1

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

VERSE 3

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

- **Message:**

Pastor David teaches on Philippians 4:1-9 for week 7 of In Lockdown: “Peace in Lockdown”

[Click here](#) to view written notes from the message

- **KIDS** 15-20 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!)
 - **ActivateKidz Video Lesson:**
[Click here](#) for the ActivateKidz YouTube Channel to find this week's lesson!
Check the video description for recommended worship songs for kids too!

- **SCRIPTURE**

- **Philippians 4:1-9** (New International Version)

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! ²I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

- **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.)

- How is everyone doing? What have been the highs and lows of your week?
 - What about today's message inspired or resonated with you? What challenged or confused you?
 - Have someone reread Phil. 4:1-9. What stuck out to you the most in this week's readings?
 - Phil. 4:1 When you think about the deep connection we were meant to have in church life as portrayed in Scripture, how much or little has your actual experience lined up with us? What's the difference between naïve, unrealistic expectations of Christian community and biblical expectations?
 - Phil. 4:2-3 How have you experienced and or been part of "church drama"? What's at stake in these situations and how do we respond faithfully?
 - Phil. 4:4-5 How do you react to the repeated "command" to rejoice or celebrate in the Lord?
 - Phil. 4:6-7 When have you experienced God's peace in difficult circumstances? People sometimes use passages like this to downplay the reality of mental and emotional suffering, as if it's as simple as making yourself feel better with a little positive thinking. How can we hold an accurate view of emotional struggles while embracing the power of these promises in Scripture?
 - Phil. 4:8-9 What do you find yourself thinking about most right now? Do you struggle to not be consumed by the negativity of media in this information age? Have you experienced the power of dwelling on what is good and beautiful?

- **PRAYER** 10-15 minutes
 - Spend time sharing your prayer requests, 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.

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
- **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

(We are so grateful for the generosity of God’s people supporting His work! We understand that it is not feasible for everyone at this time; whatever your circumstance, rest in the fact that God loves you and will lead you!)

 - **Electronic Giving**

[Click here](#) for secure, easy electronic giving or use your smartphone to text “tumcdn” to 77977
You can also mail your offering to: Trinity UMC, 84 Lombard Avenue, Danville, PA 17821
 - **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.
- **NEXT STEPS** 5 minutes
 - **Have you started meeting with a House Church group yet?** Make this quarantine more than just a solo-experience of Church! You can setup a phone or video call, or you can meet with a small group in a safe place with safety precautions in place. [Click here](#)
 - **Would you like to share a video for worship (or come to the church for us to film)?** Let us know! Email Trinity.Secretary@verizon.net
 - **Mark your calendars for our first Drive-In Church at the Trinity Parking Lot!**
June 14th at 9am & 11am.
 - **To download the Daily Text Guide for week 8** [Click Here](#)
 - **Try a Discipleship Band during our lockdown for at least 1 – 2 months.** We are already hearing great testimonies from the bands that have started!
 - Go to <https://tumc-danville-pa.faithlifesites.com/virtual-church> for all the links you need to get started
- **SHARE!**
 - **Keep sharing pictures and testimonies** of your House Church, Discipleship Bands, and other experiences! This allows us to continue to encourage the whole Body of Christ each week in our newsletter and social media. Share on Facebook or email Trinity.Secretary@verizon.net