



## HOUSE CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://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 Igbani’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 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 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 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)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, 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! <sup>2</sup> I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, 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. <sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, 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. <sup>9</sup> Whatever 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**

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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](mailto:Trinity.Secretary@verizon.net)
- **Mark your calendars for our first Drive-In Church at the Trinity Parking Lot!** June 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Trinity.Secretary@verizon.net)