

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GIVING—You should have received an email regarding your end of year giving. If you need a printed copy of your statement, feel free to contact the office to mail one to you. We remain able to receive your tithe gifts either via mail to: FCF; 505 E. 42nd St; Baltimore, MD 21218 or online. Contact our accountant for further needs: accountant@fcfoffice.org. Thank you so much for your gifts. We remain because of the selfless sacrifice of this church family.

THURSDAY NOON PRAYER—We will resume our virtual prayer this Thursday at 12noon. Here is the link for prayer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9299224779?pwd=OFIURDh4dUZtbHh6K3JwaWdjTUcxQT09>

SOUL FOOD SUNDAYS at 11:30am—What does God require of His people? In Micah 6:8, we are told the answer is "to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God.". Join the Unity Team for an eight week series with a mission of understanding God's heart and mind, connecting with one another, bringing application to our times and helping each other to live out what we believe. January begins with the Biblical basis of unity, diversity, justice, mercy and redemption. In February, we will explore cases from history and the present on how the church has managed in times of stress. We will be using the same Zoom link as in previous weeks which will be emailed.

SAVE THE DATE—Please also join us for our special event, "Churchwide Post-Election Debrief" which will be held via Zoom on **Saturday January 23rd from 10:30 to noon**. The Zoom link will be emailed.



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who struggle and desire victory, to all who sin and need a Savior, to all who are strangers and want fellowship, to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness, and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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A full listing of all our servant leaders is available at the Connections Desk in the lobby.

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Sunday, January 10, 2021

Order of Worship

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS—Pastor JB Watkins

CALL TO WORSHIP—from Psalm 68 (ESV)—Pastor JB Watkins

Leader: ⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

People: ¹⁹ Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation.

Leader: ²⁰ Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

People: ²⁶ 'Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O you who are of Israel's fountain!"

Leader: ³² O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord,

People: ³³ to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Leader: ³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

All: ³⁵ Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel-- he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!"

SONG OF PRAISE—Heal Us

CORPORATE PRAYER (Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)—Pastor JB Watkins

SONG OF ADORATION—At the Cross

OLD TESTAMENT READING—Psalm 46:1-11 Esther Rading

NEW TESTAMENT READING—Matthew 5:1-12 Rosella Rading

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON—Pastor JB Watkins

Corporate Confession of Sins—All: Most merciful God, we confess our sins before you the sins we have committed in thought, word, and deed, we confess our sins by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. Forgive us for not loving you with our whole heart; forgive us for not loving our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen. *(Moment of silence for personal confessions.)*

Assurance of Pardon—Leader: Church, Hear the Good News! Our heavenly father is gracious and merciful, forgiving the sins of all who trust in Jesus. Embrace the forgiveness that is yours in Christ, who died for your sins and was raised for your justification! **People:** Praise the Name of the Lord!

TITHES/OFFERINGS—Pastor JB Watkins

A TIME FOR "FRIENDS OF JESUS"—KJ & Cindy Newton, Director of Children's Ministry

SERMON "A Sermon Concerning the Attack Upon Our Nation's Capital";
John 18:28-19:16; Pastor JB Watkins

CLOSING SONG—Ancient of Days

BENEDICTION—Pastor JB Watkins

Sermon Notes

"A Sermon Concerning the Attack Upon Our Nation's Capital" John 18:28-19:16

²⁸ Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went outside to them and said, 'What accusation do you bring against this man?' ³⁰ They answered him, 'If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you.' ³¹ Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.' The Jews said to him, 'It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.' ³² This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?' ³⁵ Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶ Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.' ³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.' ³⁸ Pilate said to him, 'What is truth?' After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, 'I find no guilt in him. ³⁹ But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?' ⁴⁰ They cried out again, 'Not this man, but Barabbas!' Now Barabbas was a robber.

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. ² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. ³ They came up to him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' and struck him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, 'See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.' ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, 'Behold the man!' ⁶ When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, 'Crucify him, crucify him!' Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.' ⁷ The Jews answered him, 'We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.' ⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, 'Where are you from?' But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, 'You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?' ¹¹ Jesus answered him, 'You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.' ¹² From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, 'If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.' ¹³ So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, 'Behold your King!' ¹⁵ They cried out, 'Away with him, away with him, crucify him!' Pilate said to them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but Caesar.' ¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified."

A Prayer to Receive and Rest on Jesus Christ for Salvation

"Heavenly Father, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. Jesus, I thank you that you lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I owed by dying on the cross for me. Receive me now. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen."

If you have made a decision to trust in Jesus Christ for your salvation please let any member, usher or leader know so that we might assist you in your spiritual growth as a new believer.