

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

August 11, 2019

Worship Leader: Elder Kris Popovitch
Greeters: Jones Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Randy Hershberger
Ushers: Corey Christians, Steven Bassett
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30: Vanessa Mayhew
10:30 (Worship): Anita Hilinski, Kevin Hilinski
Toddler Time: Cheryl Cabral, Megan Cabral
Coffee Clean-up: Ohlund
Backyard Fellowship: David & Sunny Barbour's home
48 Howey Road, Ashford

August 18, 2019

Worship Leader: Elder Doug Fox
Greeters: Jones Shepherding Group
Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict
Ushers: Sam Edwards, Kevin Marr
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30: Monique Barr
10:30 (Worship): Amy Bassett, Keara Edwards
Toddler Time: Richard Ashley, Elaina Hauser
Coffee Clean-up: Tamara Sinnamon
Backyard Fellowship: Brad & Cathy Wright's home
64 Willowbrook Road, Storrs

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

1. Hear the call of the King-dom, lift your eyes to the King. Let His
2. (Hear the) call of the King-dom to be chil - dren of light, with the
3. (Hear the) call of the King-dom to reach out to the lost;_ with the

3
song rise with - in you as a fra - grant of - fer - ing of how
mer - cy of heav - en, the hu - mil - i - ty of Christ; Walk - ing
Fa - ther's com - pas - sion, in the won - der of the cross. Bring - ing

5
God, rich with mer - cy, came in Christ to re - deem all who trust in His un - fail - ing
just - ly be - fore Him, lov - ing all that is right; That the light of Christ may shine through
peace and for - give - ness and a hope yet to come, Let the na - tions put their trust in

8 | 1. | 2. 3. Refrain
grace. Hear the 2. us. King of heav - en, we will
3. Him.

12
an - swer the call; We will fol - low, bring - ing hope to the world, filled with

15
pas - sion, filled with pow - er to pro - claim sal -

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va - tion in Je - sus' name. 3. Hear the

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This Week at Church

Monday	9:00 -Noon	VBS through Friday
	1:00 PM	Ladies' Prayer Meeting at Ohlunds
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Thursday	6:45 PM	PCC Summer Basketball
	7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting
Sunday	5:30 PM	Backyard Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

BACKYARD FELLOWSHIP!

We will meet for a Backyard Fellowship today at 5:30 PM at the home of David & Sunny Barbour, 48 Howey Road, Ashford. Please plan to come for a time of food, fellowship, devotion, and prayer. Each individual or family should bring chairs or blankets, meat to grill for their own family, and a side dish and/or dessert to share. All plates, utensils, and drinks will be provided. The rain location is the church. Please plan to make these gatherings a part of your summer routine! It is a great way to get to know each other better in an informal setting.

COMING EVENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019!

VBS 2019 is THIS WEEK - Monday, August 12th – Friday, August 16th from 9:00 AM to Noon! Answers in Genesis presents this year's theme – "The Incredible Race: One Family, One Race, One Savior". Children will enjoy music, crafts, games, and snacks, all while hearing the Gospel message! What could be better than that? How about this – VBS is free and open to children ages 4 to 12! Please plan to join us for this week of fun and eternal significance!



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Please save the date for the next Red Cross Blood Drive here at PCC. It will be held on Thursday, August 29th from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. You can make an appointment to donate online at the Red Cross web site: www.redcross.org/give-blood. One donation can save up to 3 lives!

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study will not be meeting this week due to VBS.

FLOWER CALENDAR

Flowers in worship serve in reminding us of God's glory reflected in creation, His loving care for us and our own mortality. If you would like to bless our worship/honor a loved one by providing flowers please use the flower calendar found on the Women's Ministry board in the Fellowship Hall. Flowers can be from your garden or purchased. If you have any questions please contact Dee Volkert.



LOST AND FOUND

Just a reminder to periodically check the lost and found table for items you may have left at the church or backyard fellowship. Thanks!

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

A Plentiful Harvest, Few Workers, and the Shepherd-Lord

Matthew 9:35-38

Main Preaching Point: In prayerful dependence on God, follow the Lord Jesus into the harvest/world with his heart of compassion for the lost

- The Problem—Harassed and Helpless Sheep—v.36
- Our Missionary Example—The Gospel in Word and Deed (v.35)
- Our Missionary Motive—Christ-like Compassion (v.36)
- Our Missionary Aim—Dependence on the Lord of the harvest (v.37-38)

“Just as the church ceases to be the church if it is not missionary, theology ceases to be theology if it loses its missionary character...we are in need of a missiological agenda for theology rather than just a theological agenda for mission; for theology, rightly understood, has no reason to exist other than critically to accompany the mission Dei [the mission of God]” David Bosch, *Transforming Mission*

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 9:35-38

Title: A Plentiful Harvest, Few Workers, and the Shepherd-Lord

Questions:

1. What was most important or applicable in today's preaching? Can you summarize the main message?

The Problem—Harassed and Helpless Sheep—v.36

2. Read v.36. According to the sermon there is a problem which man cannot resolve by themselves. What is it? How does the image of sheep help reveal the answer? Read Isaiah 53:6 and discuss its relevance.

- What does Jesus mean by “harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd”? Explain.

Our Missionary Example—The Gospel in Word and Deed (v.35)

3. Read v.35. Compare v.35 to Matthew 4:23. What are the two main aspects revealed in these passages? According to the sermon how do these texts reflect a proclamation in Word and Deed? Explain.

- If the gospel is communicated in Word and demonstrated in Deed, what do you think the church (locally and universally) emphasizes more? Where is the church strong and where does the church need growth? Explain.

Our Missionary Motive—Christ-like Compassion (v.36)

4. Read v.36. Though Jesus does not respond to all people the same (e.g. he is often rebuking and criticizing the Pharisees), why is it that when he sees the crowds his heart is full of compassion? According to the sermon what does God's “compassion” mean?

- Read Luke 6:32-36 and Romans 5:10. If God demonstrates compassion toward his enemies, should this effect the way we see the crowds/world and relate to those outside of Christ & the church? Explain. How does one cultivate greater compassion? Explain.

Our Missionary Aim—Dependence on the Lord of the harvest (v.37-38)

5. Read v.37-38. What is the great challenge in these verses? Though Jesus paints a challenging and daunting picture for the disciples, what in the text should cause them (and us!) to have a sense of confidence in the mission? Who owns the harvest?

6. The ESV study note on v.37 says, “Jesu's disciples are urged to pray earnestly that the Lord would send out laborers into his harvest, since many are ready to receive the good news of the kingdom...”. Do you think there are many in New England ready to receive the gospel? Is the harvest plentiful? Discuss.