



The Glendale New Church
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The Precursor

October 2020

Our Mission:

The Glendale New Church connects heaven to earth by worshiping the Lord God Jesus Christ; discovering eternal truths in His Word; promoting spiritual awareness; and fostering community

Announcements

WORSHIP, SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 11th at 11AM

Our worship service will again be outdoors in the back of the church. Please wear a mask and bring your own chair if you want something more comfortable than the folding chairs.

Trillium Small Group Experiences will be offering the small group "Practicing Forgiveness," beginning on Monday, October 19 for 6 sessions. 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Check out our website for details. www.trilliumsmallgroupcenter.com

Thank you!

FROM THE WORD

Leaving that region, they traveled through Galilee. Jesus didn't want anyone to know he was there, for he wanted to spend more time with his disciples and teach them. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but three days later he will rise from the dead." They didn't understand what he was saying, however, and they were afraid to ask him what he meant.

After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you discussing out on the road?" But they didn't answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else." Then he put a little child among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me." Mark 9:30-37

These and the like are the appearances of truth of a lower degree; for they do become relatively great, preeminent, powerful, and of authority, seeing that a single angel has greater power than myriads of infernal spirits, yet not from himself, but from the Lord; and he has it from the Lord in the proportion that he believes that he has no power from himself, thus that he is the least; and this he can believe insofar as he is in humiliation and in the affection of being of service to others, that is, insofar as he is in the good of love to the Lord, and of charity toward the neighbor. AC 3417

FROM THE PASTOR

Theologians and scientists alike recognize that there is a primal fear of death that became part of the human condition either at the fall of mankind, or as part of evolution. Whenever we meet something new, be it a person, a circumstance or an idea, deep

within our brain and mind we flinch, we have a fearful reaction. When we become accustomed to the new experience, we are able to return to our familiar patterns of feeling, thought and physiology.

It is thus helpful to realize and integrate acceptance that we are supposed to react, and at some level, from fear. We are in charge not of our initial reaction to stimuli. God ordained that this pattern was necessary for our survival as a species, and for the sake of our salvation.

This means that we are in charge of our reaction to that stimuli. Our task is to learn from God, from reason, and from experience, the human, spiritual, and wise acceptance and use of the information that has come in through our senses. We all initially have merely earthly, egotistical reactions, which, if we are aspiring to be a decent human being, we will notice harm others and ourselves. The motivation to change is both self-interest – seeking our joy, and altruistic – seeking others' joy. And so we respond to lessons that show up our materialism and egotism, sometimes most effectively when we feel shame for what we have done.

All this is revealed in Jesus' relationship with, and reaction to, his closest followers. These are the men and women, and even children, who have been inspired by Jesus to be part of a better world. They were developmentally immature. They were being introduced to what we now know is spirituality.

When Jesus reiterated the startling and new view of his mission – that we would die and rise again – all the followers heard was “death,” which was failure, because of their reaction from fear. This makes sense, because we all react with fear to such predictions, and our brains partially shut down, seeking only survival. They actually didn't hear the most important part of the new idea, that there is life after death.

The lesson for us is in Jesus reaction.

He did not call them out for being afraid. He knew this was the normal reaction. He kept walking (and note, they were headed south, toward Jerusalem and the final confrontation Jesus was predicting!). He allowed that initial reaction to run through their minds and bodies, giving them a chance to process the new circumstance. (Next time you have a reaction, and you realize you feel fear, take a 30 minute walk and your mind and body will be ready to react healthfully!).

When Jesus does challenge them, he is being a teacher, a Rabbi, who typically would ask his students to sit around, ready to listen and learn and new truth. Such is the secure attachment, the safe relationship between Jesus and his closest followers, that he could ask them tough questions and give effective answers.

His question, “What were you talking about,” sets the Apostles up for an experience of the new process of spiritual growth that Jesus is offering them. Everyone knows Jesus already knows what they were talking about! He is giving them an opportunity to feel uncomfortable – to really acknowledge and accept the negative, materialistic, egotistical stage they are in. When their shame is out in the open, they are freed to let it go! They are free to hear what Jesus is saying. It is the perfect set up for the experience he then gives them. It is what we now call a somatic experience. They have a visceral experience. They see, hear, smell and even taste the new way of being Jesus is offering. The ordeal Jesus is facing, the process he is modeling for us all, is understood a little bit more. Our hearts are opened a little bit more. We are humbled, and so vulnerable. We feel a bit safer with Jesus, a bit more securely attached to him. We are saved!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1 5:45pm - Yoga	2 Dedication Day, 1861	3 10am - Yoga
4	5	6 10am - Yoga 5:45pm - Yoga	7 7:30am - Yoga	8 5:45pm - Yoga	9	10 10am - Yoga
11 11am - Worship with	12	13 10am - Yoga 5:45pm - Yoga	14 7:30am - Yoga	15 5:45pm - Yoga	16	17 10am - Yoga
18	19 7pm - Practicing	20 10am - Yoga 5:45pm - Yoga	21 7:30am - Yoga	22 5:45pm - Yoga	23	24 10am - Yoga
25	26 7pm - Practicing	27 10am - Yoga 5:45pm - Yoga	28 7:30am - Yoga	29 5:45pm - Yoga	30	31 10am - Yoga

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15	16 7pm - Practicing	17 10am - Yoga 5:45pm - Yoga	18 7:30am - Yoga	19 5:45pm - Yoga	20	21 10am - Yoga
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Schedule

October 2020

DATE	Worship Service (type and time)
10/4	Work Party any time
10/11	Glendale New Church Worship Service @ 11:00 am
10/18	Work Party any time
10/25	Work Party any time

November 2020

DATE	Worship Service (type and time)
9/1	Work Party any time
9/8	Glendale New Church Worship Service @ 11:00 am
9/15	Work Party any time
9/22	Work Party any time
9/29	Work Party any time

Keep calm and carry on!

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