



CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Gospel of Mark

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL
The Sundays of Pentecost—Ordinary Time
20 June 2021

Pastoral Notes

I asked Meredith Suits, our Children's Director, to write this week's Pastoral Notes.

About a month and a half ago, I wrote the Pastoral Notes and shared some details about what we were hoping Cornerstone's first vacation Bible school would be like, and I'm happy to report that thanks to your prayers, the generosity of so many in our congregation, and the Lord's faithful provisions, we had a wonderful three days.

Each night, we had at least 28 children, 17 adult volunteers, and 14 youth volunteers. Our volunteers filled a variety of roles—welcoming the children and parents each night, leading children in music, games, and crafts, serving food, performing skits, and giving lots of high-fives and encouragement. The “Run the Race” theme was fun for the kids, who wore team sweatbands all week as they learned about the ways we as Christians can persevere in our race and find strength and support not only from the Bible but also from our fellow Christians who are running alongside us.



Ellie Terrell and I saw lots of smiles and laughter each night, and even when plans changed due to weather, we felt so encouraged by our volunteers and parents who were flexible and upbeat. It was certainly extra special to be together as a ministry—parents, teachers, and children—because we have missed so much time together over the past year. We pray that the Lord would continue to work in the hearts and minds of our Cornerstone children and that they would enjoy the teaching and fellowship during VBS and in all our children's ministry programs.

I cannot emphasize enough how grateful we are to you as a congregation—many of you prayed faithfully for VBS, donated money, supplies and food, gave up hours of your time to lead and serve our children, or simply encouraged us as we planned something we had never done before. I can look back at the planning that began in late February and trace the ways that God provided for VBS through the people of this church, and your service to our children will have lasting impacts on their souls and on the Church at large.

Sincerely,
Meredith Suits



Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live what they have learned.

This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Introit—Come, O Creator Spirit Blest, Vs I

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Come, O Cre - a - tor Spir - it blest, And in our souls take up Your rest; Come,". The piano accompaniment is in 2/2 time and features a steady, rhythmic accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "with Your grace and heav'n - ly aid, To fill the hearts which You have made." and concludes with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern, ending with a final chord and a double bar line.

Text: Rhabanus Maurus, circa 800, Trans by Edward Caswall, 1849; Music: TRURO, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789.

Call to Worship—Psalm 146:1-2, 5-7, 10

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

We will praise the Lord as long as we live;

All: We will sing praises to our God while we have being.

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,

All: He made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

Pastor: He executes justice for the oppressed, He gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;

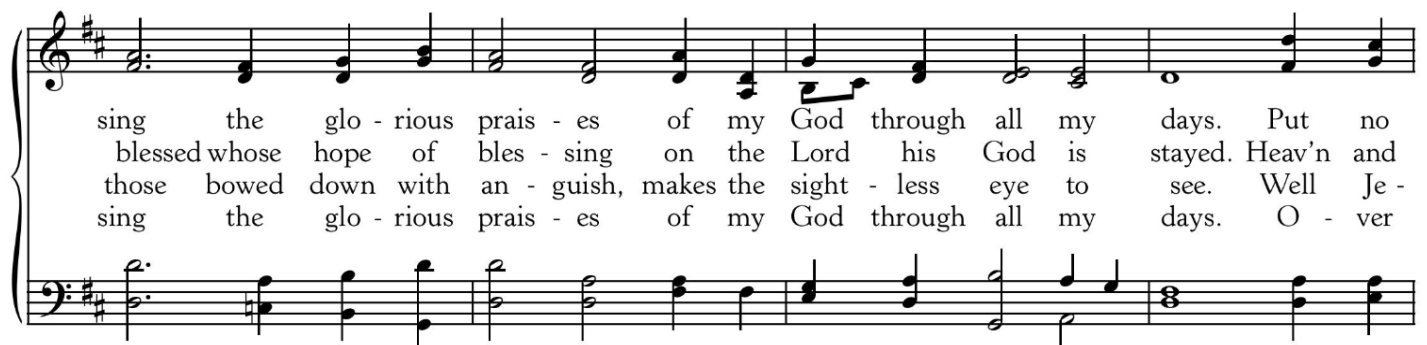
All: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Pastor: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

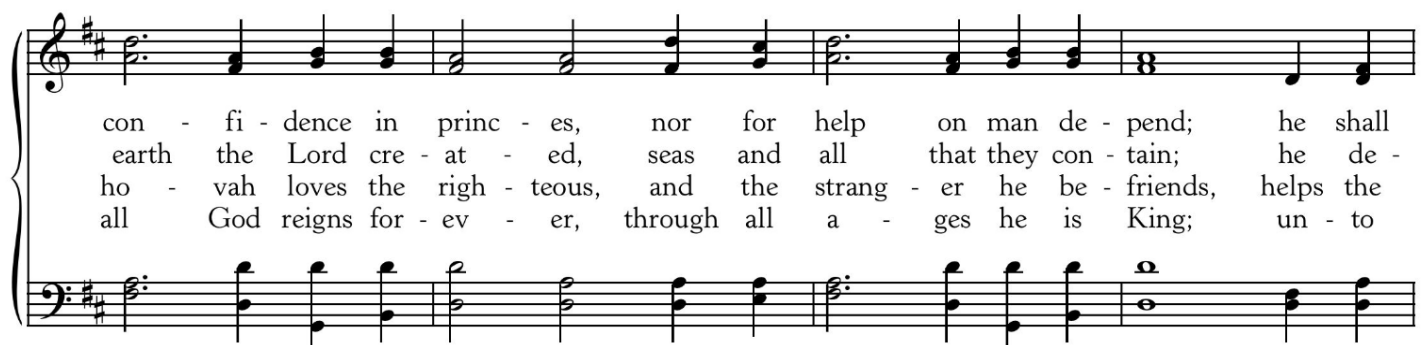
Hymn of Praise—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah



Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise. I will
Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid; his is
Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free, rais - es
Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise; I will



sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days. Put no
blessed whose hope of bles - sing on the Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and
those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see. Well Je -
sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days. O - ver



con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend; he shall
earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain; he de -
ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends, helps the
all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King; un - to

die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.
 fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Text: Psalm 146, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: RIPLEY, Gregorian Chant, Arr. By Lowell Mason, 1839.

New Testament Reading—2 Peter 1:3-II

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Preparation—Come, O Redeemer, Come

Fa - ther en-throned on high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly: An - cient e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer.
 Look now up - on our need, Lord be, with us; heal us and make us free, from our sin.

Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us mer-cy. Come, O Re-deem-er, come, grant us peace.

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Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Ephesians 2:1-7 & Romans 6:12

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. We once walked in the path of this world following the pattern of it and the spirit of the age.

All: And we were dead in trespasses and sins.

Pastor: We all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the desires of the mind.

All: We were by nature children of wrath like the rest of mankind.

Pastor: But You, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which You loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses,

All: You made us alive together with Christ.

Pastor: By grace You saved us and raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Him.

All: In the coming ages You will show the immeasurable riches of Your grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: Give us the grace and faith to not let sin reign in our mortal bodies, to not obey its passions.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—from I Peter 1:18-21

Know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Hymn of Praise—He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the temp-ter would pre - vail,
 Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre - ious in his ho - ly sight,
 For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied;

He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;
 He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
 He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast.
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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The Reading of the Word—Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” ⁵⁰And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” ⁵²And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sermon—Follow Me: The Gospel of Mark, pt 36

Seeing what the Blind Man Saw

—Tony Giles, *Pastor*

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The first system has the lyrics: "O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en." The second system has the lyrics: "And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en." The music is written in 3/4 time and features a simple, hymn-like melody.

Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven

and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

Sung Response—Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might, -
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might, -

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho

high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.
san - nah in the high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est. A - men.

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. Proceed to the first table for bread, and then on to the second for wine or juice.

Psalm of the Month for June—Psalm 27: O Lord, You are My Light

Unison

1. O Lord, You are my light and my sal - va - tion
 2. My one re - quest has been and still this prayer I
 3. When trou - bles 'round me swell, when fears and dan - gers
 4. Up - lift - ed on a rock a - bove my foes a -

near: then who will cause me fright or
 raise: that I may live with - in God's
 throng, se - cure - ly I will dwell in
 -round, a - mid the bat - tle shock my

fill my heart with fear? While God my strength, my life sus -
 house for all my days, God's glo - rious beau - ty to ad -
 His pa - vil - ion strong. With - in the shel - ter of God's
 song shall still re - sound. Then joy - ful of - f'rings I will

-tains, se - cure from fear my soul re - mains.
 -mire, and in His tem - ple to in - quire.
 tent, He hides me till the storm is spent.
 bring; the Lord God's praise my heart shall sing.

Text: St 1 *The Psalter*, 1887; st 2-4 *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: Greyfriars Press, 2020.

Hymn of Communion—My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a rest - ing place, from guilt my soul is freed; I
 E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, This ends my fear and doubt; A
 My heart is lean - ing on the Word, The liv - ing Word of God, Sal -
 My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, The lost He came to save; For

trust the ev - er liv - ing One, His wounds for me shall plead. I
 sin - ful soul I come to Him, He'll nev - er cast me out.
 va - tion by my Sav - ior's Name, Sal - va - tion through His blood.
 me His pre - cious blood He shed, For me His life He gave.

need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea, It

is e - nough that Je - sus died, And that He died for me.

Text: Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891; Music: LANDAS, Andre Gretry, 1741-1831, Arr. by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1891.

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. *Amen*

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. *Amen*

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. *Amen*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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 debts, As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen*

Hymn of Praise—God is My Strong Salvation: Psalm 27

God is my strong Sal - va - tion: What foe have I to fear? In dark - ness and temp -
Re - ly on God Al - might - y; my soul, with cour - age, wait. His truth al - ways sus -

ta - tion, my Light, my Help is near. Though hosts en - camp a - round me, firm
tains me, when faint and des - o - late. His might my heart shall strength - en, His

in the fight I stand. What ter - ror can con - found me, with God at my right hand?
love my joy in - crease. Mer - cy my days shall length - en; the Lord will give me peace.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Text: Psalm 27, James Montgomery, 1822; Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1864.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs II

Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I know the sweet
sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for Thou art my
All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - jice.

Text: Joseph Swain, 1791; Music: DAVIS, 1813.

Mission Prayer Focus—

Gavin Breeden is the campus minister for Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Tennessee Tech. He has been in this position for six years. He, along with his family—wife, Shalaine, and three children, Addie, Miles, and Stella—are there to reach students for Christ and equip them to serve.

The prayer focus is:

- students to come to faith in Christ
- students to grow in Christlikeness
- student leaders to be equipped to serve other students
- healthy ministry/family balance with wife and children
- praise for a surprisingly great year of ministry in the midst of COVID-19

Welcome to Cornerstone! If you are visiting with us today, we are glad you're here and would love the opportunity to welcome you personally. We invite you to fill out the visitor card available in the pew in front of you. Please drop it in the offering boxes at either chapel entrance as you leave.

Focus on Church Ministry

Women's Summer Study/ Youth Fundraiser

Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation Bible study kicked off this past Tuesday and will continue on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. through July 20. No registration; just show up! **Bring a few dollars to support the Senior High Youth Group—they will be selling drinks in the courtyard to raise money for their trip to the Reformed Youth Ministries Conference.**

Women's Fellowship Suppers

Come join with other Cornerstone Women for a catered supper and time to catch up before Bible study on June 22 and July 20. Registration for this Tuesday's supper will close this evening. We will be on the third floor at the church, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Sign up and pay on the church website or app!

Men's Summer Study

Using R.C. Sproul's *Everyone's a Theologian: An Introduction to Systematic Theology*, Randy Allen will lead the men of Cornerstone through an entrance level study of Reformed theology on Friday mornings in June and July, 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. on the third floor. Books are available on The Bookshelf. Register through the website or app. It's not too late to join in!

Cornerstone Talent Bank

We are creating the Cornerstone Talent Bank which will help us know what areas you may have interest and ability in to serve the body of Christ at Cornerstone. Follow the link in the Weekly Connection email, or fill out the form now by scanning the QR code.



Coffee with Calvin

Brothers, join the men of Cornerstone this summer as we study the short Christian classic, *The Golden Booklet of the Christian Life*, by John Calvin. Our first of three gatherings is Thursday, June 24 at 7:00 a.m. at the Franklin Mercantile. No RSVP needed. Books are on The Bookshelf for \$5.

Summer Chapel Class: *Standing on Their Shoulders: Portraits of Faithfulness from Church History*

Church history is filled with compelling stories of men and women God used in mighty and surprising ways. Come join us during the Sunday School hour as we explore some of these stories and see how these voices from our past continue to encourage us today.

June 20: Finding the Right Hills to Die On: Learning Theological Triage from J. Gresham Machen

June 27: A Method to the Madness: Bright Designs behind the Frowning Providences in the Life of William Cowper

July 4: For God's Glory Alone: The Cosmological Legacy of J.S. Bach

July 11: Lessons from Northumbria: Aiden, Cuthbert, and Oswald on the Love and Mission of God

Prayer Ministry

The weekly intercessory prayer meeting is moving to Mondays throughout June and July. We meet in person at Cornerstone as well as online via Zoom. You can find out more information, request a Zoom invitation, and submit a request through the Prayer Ministry page on the website.

Giving

There are boxes available for tithes and alms at both chapel entrances, or you can give safely and securely online through the church website or app.

Cornerstone App

You can give, sign up for events, submit prayer requests, listen to past sermons, access the members-only directory, and stay on top of All Things Cornerstone through the church app. Simply search "Cornerstone Pres Franklin" in your app store.

Cornerstone Youth

Join the Youth Group on Wednesday evenings at the Allens' from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. All rising 7th – 12th graders are invited. Dinner provided! Don't forget a towel if you plan to swim. Questions? youth@stonepres.org

Taking the Message Home

Today's message "Seeing What the Blind Man Saw" is taken from Mark 10:46-52. Please take time to discuss the questions below with your family, friends or Home Fellowship Group.

1. What was your biggest takeaway from the message? What questions did it raise for you?
2. What did the blind man "see" before his sight was restored?
3. Compare Bartimaeus's response to Jesus's question (v. 51) to that of James and John (10:36). What is the difference between "bold" and "brash?" How can you be bold and not brash in your answer to that same question?
4. Pray the blind man's request, "I want to see!" *We, too, Jesus. We want to see more of you, and ourselves as belonging to you, hidden in you, delighted in by you, being kept for you. Don't let us think of ourselves apart from you.*

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