

**Scripture: Romans 14:1-12**

**Preacher: Jon Keller**

**Sermon: "Stop Quarreling over Opinions"**

*This worship experience is for in-home use and is designed to give you and your family a Spirit-filled worship experience as we continue to be confined to our homes. May God bless you as you enter worship! Grace & Peace, Pastor Jon.*

**Worship Service Video Link;**

**<https://youtu.be/GaoEFodS0yA>**

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Prelude: Pat Trostel and Emma Batdorf**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

We light a candle to symbolize the presence of Christ in our midst and to help lead us into a sacred time of worship.

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us examine ourselves to see if we rest in faith.

**People: May Christ power rest upon us.**

Leader: We do not boast of our week's conquests, but we boast rather of the things that reveal our weaknesses.

**People: May Christ power rest upon us.**

Leader: Do you not know the stirrings of divine power laid beneath the hardships of everyday life?

**People: May Christ power rest upon us.**

Leader: Cultivated by humility to be released as a fragrance of new life ...

**All: Is the power of the living Christ.**

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**Opening Hymn:** #6 “Here in this place” (verses 1&4)

### Opening Prayer

In this moment, gracious God, you have called us away from the world to a place and a time where we can commune with you and with one another. Hallow this communion, we pray. Calm our anxious spirits that we may be set apart to hear your word of truth through which we receive grace to bring about the obedience of faith. Open us to the reality of your all-embracing love, both in this place and in the wider world. May we, by our words and actions, be bearers of your kingdom, in the name and Spirit of the Christ. Amen.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/1652/worship-elements-september-13-2020>

### Children’s Story

### Praises and Prayer Requests

#### Praises

- Early signs of fall
- The excitement of starting school
- Seeing life through the eyes of a child

## Prayers

- Prayers to all the families, students and teachers going back to school
- Kevin Hayslett (Adam Johnston's Nephew)
- Bert & Regina Shaner (Sheila Shumaker)
- David Couser
- Sarah Buirley
- The family of Lester Karns (Judy Welborn)
- Larry, Janet and the Scheetz family (Kathe and Mel Ward's friend)
- Jenny Hausfeld
- Shirley Cochran
- Tony (Judy Welborn's cousin's husband)
- Carol Jackson
- Sharon Schwanitz
- A Partners in Hope family-Kiera & her children
- Heather from Laundry Ministry
- For all the families who have lost loved ones to Covid 19.
- For our political leaders, that they may work together to put forth policies to end systemic injustice in our country.
- For our community, that we may receive the grace to see every human being as a child of God.
- For our Church, that we would be led by the Spirit of Christ, as we stand against the systems within our society which oppress people of color.
- All essential workers, caregivers, doctors, nurses and healthcare employees

**Prayer Hymn**      **PB#126**      **“He is Lord”**

**Community Prayer**

Loving and merciful God, we come before you this day, fresh from a week in which we have been challenged. Some of the challenges have caused us worry and strife; other challenges bring to us clear directions for our lives. In all of this, you are with us, to bring healing and peace to our lives. We offer to you names of those who are ill, who mourn, who feel lost and alienated, wondering if anyone cares about them. [Pause].

Hear our prayers, O Lord. Bring your healing mercies to all these people we have named with our hearts and our voices.

We also bring to you, loving God, names and situations of great joy and celebration, for you have been in our midst during these times as well as during the difficult times. [Pause]. Hear our praises, O God. Bring your loving presence to all these people we have named with our hearts and our voices. For it is in confidence of your abiding love and mercy that we offer this prayer.  
**AMEN.**

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8408/worship-connection-september-13-2020>

## **Offering Invitation**

In gratitude for all the abundant blessings you have showered upon us, we celebrate as we receive our morning offering.

## **Offerings can be mail directly to:**

**Jenny Hausfeld**

**320 Green Oak Dr.**

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**Troy Ohio, 45373**

**Peoples Response    #324    “Seek ye first the kingdom of God”**

**Offertory Prayer**

Lord, you have blessed our lives in so many ways. In gratitude for all these blessings and in confidence that our gifts will be used for ministries of peace and hope, we offer these gifts. AMEN.

**Scripture Romans 14:1-12 (NIV)**

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. <sup>2</sup> One person’s faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup> One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. <sup>6</sup> Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the

Lord. <sup>9</sup> For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup> You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister<sup>[a]</sup>? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. <sup>11</sup> It is written:

“As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,  
‘every knee will bow before me;  
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

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**Sending Hymn   #306 “In Christ there is no East or West”**

**Blessing/Sending Forth**

Go in peace into God's world to serve and help others. Go in confidence of God's presence with you. Go into this world with messages of hope and reconciliation. Go in love. AMEN.