

May Link

Gray skies are gonna clear up. . .

You know the song. . .gray (or is it grey, I can never keep that straight) skies are gonna clear up, put on a happy face. And by “put on a happy face” we really mean, wear a mask that has a smile drawn or printed on it. . . let people know you’re happy. You are happy because you have Jesus in your life. . . being a Christian isn’t all about being “serious” about your mission. There’s no joy in bible thumping telling the world how bad it is and that we need Jesus because he saved us (though it’s all true), but more so telling people about the joy we’ve received through the Lord Jesus Christ and all He’s given us. . .oh and what he is **going** to give us for eternity when we leave this place.

But today, those gray skies are parting to the celestial blue when we look around at our church. The trustees are planning and working hard at cleaning up the front of the church (not where you walk in, that’s the back, but the front, as seen from the road), planning and working towards getting those dull, yellowed plexiglass protectors over our beautiful stained glass windows replaced with crystal clear tempered glass. Fixing the cupola and the likes.

But also, grey skies are clearing up each and every Sunday, as we see more and more people attending in-person worship each week. It’s been a long and arduous year, but yet we persist, and will prevail, as the vaccines roll out, and more people are becoming more willing to venture out, still keeping safe, wearing our masks, and keeping our distance, but we can once again worship together in larger and larger groups.

Since the CDC has recently admitted that this pandemic has little to do with touch transference, we have put the hymnals back in the pews and yes, though it’s still sort of frowned on by the powers that be, singing can return if we’re masked and vaccinated!

So, if you’re local, come join us for worship service, and hopefully, sometime soon, we may even see the return of the coffee hour (this pastor is chomping at the bit for that one, but honestly, that may only return after my time here is over).

Stay safe, stay healthy.

Blessings Always

Pastor Mike and Karen Antici



A Mother's Love

Helen Steiner Rice

*A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away...
It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking...
It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems...
It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation...
A many splendoured miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.*

Scriptures for May

May 2: "Humpty Dumpty":Genesis 3:1-13

May 9: Angela Root

May 16: "Stop and Listen Part 1": Psalm 62:1-12

May 23:"Stop and Listen Part 2": Isaiah 28:23-29, Psalm 37:5-11

May 30: "The Devil made me do it": Matthew 4:1-11

May Schedule

****We are holding back on the schedules until we know more about when and how services will resume in person. However, if you'd like to do something please reach out to Pastor Mike at mike@antici.com.**

May 2 May 9 May 16 May 23 May 30	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
May 2 May 9 May 16 May 23 May 30	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
May 2 May 9 May 16 May 23 May 30	<u>Children's Message</u>		
May 2 May 9 May 16 May 23 May 30	<u>Lector Readings</u> Genesis 3:1-13 Angela Root Psalm 62:1-12 Isaiah 28:23-29, Psalm 37:5-11 Matthew 4:1-11		

****Because of the COVID-19 virus all meetings and Church Schedules are tentative. Please call or email me to confirm.**

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SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUS.	FRI.	SAT.
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2 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	3	4 10:00AM Bible Study 7:00PM Trustees Meeting 8:00PM AA	5	6 6:45PM AA	7	8
9 10:00AM Worship Service 	10 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	11 10:00AM Bible Study 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	12	13 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	14	15
16 10:00AM Worship Service	17	18 10:00AM Bible Study 8:00PM AA	19	20 6:45PM AA	21	22
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30	31  Memorial DAY					

Church Humor:



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An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, 'Stop -Acts 2:38!' (...turn from your sin...). The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, 'Why did you just stand there? All she did was yell a scripture to you.' 'Scripture?' replied the burglar, 'She said she had an AXE and two 38's!'

EPITAPH (In a cemetery in England)

Remember man, as you walk by,
As you are now, so once was I,
As I am now, so shall you be,
Remember this and follow me.

To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone:

To follow you I'll not consent,
Until I know which way you went.

A minister dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy who's dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket, and jeans.

Saint Peter addresses this guy, 'Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?'

The guy replies, 'I'm Joe Cohen, taxi driver, of Noo Yawk City.'

St. Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the taxi driver, 'Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven.'

The taxi driver goes into Heaven with his robe and staff, and it's the minister's turn. He stands erect and booms out, 'I am Joseph Snow, pastor of Calvary Church for the last forty-three years.'

St Peter consults his list.

He says to the minister, 'Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven.'

'Just a minute,' says the minister. 'That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff. How can this be?'

'Up here, we work by results,' says Saint Peter. 'While you preached, people slept, while he drove, people prayed.'

May Announcements

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Mike has office hours on Sunday from 12:30PM to 3:30PM or by appointment.

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