

## **Worship Notes for May 10, 2020 – Happy Mother’s Day!** **Orrville Trinity UMC**

Greetings! Since we’re unable to gather in-person this weekend, here are some resources to make it easier for you to worship at home with your family or small group. Please be sure to practice physical distancing! Blessings in our RISEN Lord, Jesus Christ! Pastor David

### **Opening Prayer**

This world would deny you, Lord, and rely on human wisdom in their search for answers to questions they have yet to ask, but we will praise you, and exalt your name, for we know that you are Alpha, the beginning of all things, and Omega, the end, and all that is between. We have known your healing. We have known your provision. We have known your victory. Our sorrow has turned into dancing and our tears to songs of joy. We shall praise you ever more. Amen.

### **TODAY’S SCRIPTURE PASSAGES**

#### **Psalm 11 (Common English Bible, CEB)**

*I have taken refuge in the LORD.*

*So how can you say to me,*

*“Flee to the hills like a bird*

<sup>2</sup> *because the wicked*

*have already bent their bows;*

*they’ve already strung their arrows;*

*they are ready to secretly shoot*

*those whose heart is right”?*

<sup>3</sup> *When the very bottom of things falls out,*

*what can a righteous person possibly accomplish?*

<sup>4</sup> *But the LORD is in his holy temple.*

*The LORD! His throne is in heaven.*

*His eyes see—*

*his vision examines all of humanity.*

<sup>5</sup> *The LORD examines*

*both the righteous and the wicked;*

*his very being hates anyone who loves violence.*

<sup>6</sup> *God will rain fiery coals and sulfur on the wicked;*

*their cups will be filled*

*with nothing but a scorching hot wind*

<sup>7</sup> *because the LORD is righteous!*

*He loves righteous deeds.*

*Those whose heart is right will see God's face.*

**Psalm 12 (Common English Bible, CEB)**

*Help, LORD, because the godly are all gone;  
the faithful have completely disappeared  
from the human race!*

<sup>2</sup> *Everyone tells lies to everyone else;  
they talk with slick speech and divided hearts.*

<sup>3</sup> *Let the LORD cut off all slick-talking lips  
and every tongue that brags and brags,  
<sup>4</sup> that says, "We're unbeatable with our tongues!  
Who could get the best of us with lips like ours?"*

<sup>5</sup> *But the LORD says,  
"Because the poor are oppressed,  
because of the groans of the needy,  
I'm now standing up.  
I will provide the help they are gasping for."*

<sup>6</sup> *The LORD's promises are pure,  
like silver that's been refined in an oven,  
purified seven times over!*

<sup>7</sup> *You, LORD, will keep us,  
protecting us from this generation forever.*

<sup>8</sup> *The wicked roam all over the place,  
while depravity is praised by human beings.*

**Psalm 13 (Common English Bible, CEB)**

*How long will you forget me, LORD? Forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?*

<sup>2</sup> *How long will I be left to my own wits,  
agony filling my heart? Daily?  
How long will my enemy keep defeating me?*

<sup>3</sup> *Look at me!  
Answer me, LORD my God!  
Restore sight to my eyes!  
Otherwise, I'll sleep the sleep of death,*

<sup>4</sup> and my enemy will say, "I won!"  
My foes will rejoice over my downfall.

<sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in your faithful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

<sup>6</sup> Yes, I will sing to the LORD  
because he has been good to me.

### **Psalm 14 (Common English Bible, CEB)**

*Fools say in their hearts, There is no God.*

*They are corrupt and do evil things;  
not one of them does anything good.*

<sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven on humans  
to see if anyone is wise,  
to see if anyone seeks God,

<sup>3</sup> but all of them have turned bad.  
Everyone is corrupt.  
No one does good—  
not even one person!

<sup>4</sup> Are they dumb, all these evildoers,  
devouring my people  
like they are eating bread  
but never calling on the LORD?

<sup>5</sup> Count on it: they will be in utter panic  
because God is with the righteous generation.

<sup>6</sup> You evildoers may humiliate  
the plans of those who suffer,  
but the LORD is their refuge.

<sup>7</sup> Let Israel's salvation come out of Zion!  
When the LORD changes  
his people's circumstances for the better,  
Jacob will rejoice;  
Israel will celebrate!

### **Psalm 15 (Common English Bible, CEB)**

*Who can live in your tent, LORD?*

*Who can dwell on your holy mountain?*

<sup>2</sup> The person who  
lives free of blame,

*does what is right,  
and speaks the truth sincerely;*  
<sup>3</sup> *who does no damage with their talk,  
does no harm to a friend,  
doesn't insult a neighbor;*  
<sup>4</sup> *someone who despises  
those who act wickedly,  
but who honors those  
who honor the LORD;*  
*someone who keeps their promise even when it hurts;*  
<sup>5</sup> *someone who doesn't lend money with interest,  
who won't accept a bribe against any innocent person.*  
*Whoever does these things will never stumble.*

### **PRAYER**

Be gracious, O LORD, and look upon your church throughout the world, guiding its search for the unity for which Jesus prayed. Rise up, O Lord, and hear our prayer.

Be gracious, O LORD, and look upon the distress of those who are persecuted for their faith; those whose path ahead seems dim; those who are victims of oppressive relationships. Look upon the needy, that they may know the warmth of your faithfulness, that their hope may not be snuffed out like a fitful candle flame. Rise up, O Lord, and hear our prayer.

Be gracious, O LORD, and look upon those whom we name today and those named in our hearts, that in the darkness of their circumstance, they may feel the gentle light of your presence. Rise up, O Lord, and hear our prayer.

Lord God, let your glory appear among us and make us sharers of your eternity, with all your saints, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### **QUESTIONS TO PONDER (Notes adapted from Brian D. Russell's "The Psalms – Book 1")**

#### **Psalm 11**

- Trusting the Lord moment by moment is the means of finding the deepest security for living in the present.
- What kind of person does this psalm invite you to become to be able to live with integrity as one of the righteous?

#### **Psalm 12**

- The Lord cares about and protects the poor and needy from those who claim self-reliance and self-determinism.
- What warning does this psalm offer to use regarding self-reliance?

**Psalm 13**

- Times of suffering and perceived silence by God can serve as opportunities for deepening faith.
- How does Psalm 13 teach us to pray when it seems as though God is not listening to us?

**Psalm 14**

- Justice and love for humanity and creation flows out of our love for the Lord.
- How does the psalmist describe the essential problem facing humanity?

**Psalm 15**

- Our love for God must manifest in our relationships with all people.
- What role does faithful service to your neighbors and to the poor play in your life as a follower of Jesus?