

Worship Notes for August 8-9, 2020
Orrville Trinity UMC
“Miracle of Mercy” Series

Greetings! As we gather outdoors or online this weekend, here are some resources to help you engage the worship theme with your family or small group. Please use these pages to take notes as you listen to the sermon and participate in your small group.

Blessings in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Pastor David

Opening Prayer

From the comfort of our homes we gather to worship. Whether through printed word, or through the gift of technology, we are a community. Here we seek connection to the Divine. Come, let us worship God, shown to us through the risen Christ.

SERMON NOTES WEEK #5: “MERCY IS KIND TO ENEMIES”

Memory Verse:

“Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.” (James 1:19, NIV)

Luke 6:27; Matthew 5:9; James 3:18

SEVEN STEPS OF RECONCILIATION

1. _____.

Matthew 5:23-24; Romans 5:8-10; Romans 12:20-21

2. _____.

James 1:5; Proverbs 25:11

3. _____.

Proverbs 13:10; James 4:1; Matthew 7:3-5

4. _____.

James 1:19; Philippians 2:4-5

5. _____.

Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 3:8; Ephesians 4:29; Proverbs 12:18

6. _____.

7. _____.

1 Timothy 1:7

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS FOR CONVERSATION

- Some people hate conflict and do all they can to avoid it; others face it head-on. What is your typical response to conflict?
- The Bible says, “Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness” (James 3:18). In what relationship(s) do you need to plant a seed of peace? What would that look like for you?
- Which of the seven steps of reconciliation is most challenging for you?
- You can disagree without being disagreeable. You can have unity without uniformity. You can walk hand in hand without seeing eye to eye. Talk about the difference between reconciliation and resolution. How can you have one without the other?

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

Personal: Is it time for you to plan a peace conference to reconcile a broken relationship? What’s one thing you will do this week to begin the peace process?

Group: Share your experience! If you have begun (or completed) your Mercy Project, express how God has used your group to show Christ’s love and mercy to others.