

This Week at Mansfield 1st

Announcements:

Please remember to continue your tithe "as the Lord leads you" while we are required to practice Social Distancing. You can either mail in your check to the church or tithe online:

Mansfield 1st EPC
399 S. Trimble Road
Mansfield, Ohio 44906



"People- Helping People": If you are able to drop off your canned food items or fresh fruit and/or vegetables, Denny will still drop them off. Carey's office hours are still Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 AM – 1 PM.

Our Denomination Has Approved "Virtual Communion"!

By special authorization of our Stated Clerk, hosting "Virtual Communion" is allowed during these "unusual circumstances". Here are things to know:

"Virtual Communion" will be on Sunday, April 19, 2020

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY PREPARE using 1Corinthians 11:23-32 as scripture reading; then prayer together.

Have a cup with grape juice and either a small roll, crackers, matza, etc... prepared.

Pastor Denny will lead the communion service for you to follow and share with your family or those with you.

Please honor the "intent" and instructions according to our Reformed Traditions.



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"Two GREAT Challenges"
Matthew 22:34-40

April 5, 2020

Kids Own Worship
It's church, just for kids!

Kids age 3-5th grade are invited to participate in Kids Own Worship following the Children's Message in the 10 am worship service.

Order of Worship
Online-Prerecorded
April 5, 2020
Announcements
(See the end of the bulletin)

Mission Statement: *"We serve to build relationships.
We build relationships to share the Gospel."*

Call To Worship (Psalm 51:10-17)
(Let's Prepare to Give Ourselves to Jesus)

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

Leader: Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

People: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

ALL: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more like you. Help us to glorify you through our actions. We bless You for who You are and for your everlasting forgiveness through your Son Jesus Christ, Amen.

Hymn of Praise:
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

REMINDER TO WORSHIP WITH TITHES

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon: "Two GREAT Challenges"

Song of Response:

"Behold Our God"

Prayers of God's People (Hebrews 4:14-16)

14Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

- * Give Thanks to God for His Love for You...
- * Pray for 1 Person Who Needs to Know God's Love...
- * Pray for 1 Neighbor God Would Have you Show His Love...
- * Pray for 1 Need in Your Community... in Your State... in Our Nation...

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who is in heaven, holy is Your Name. Your kingdom come, Your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen!

Please come forward if you would like to receive prayer.

Closing Hymn:

"Holy and Anointed One"

Benediction (Asking for God's Blessing Upon Us)

Sermon Series: Rebuilding Our Witness
"Building Our Lives Upon the Love of God!"

- Sermon Outline -

Matthew 22:34-40

I. "A Matter of Opinion." [Matthew 22:36]

II. "Building Our Lives Upon Our Love for God"... in [Matt. 22:37-38]:

- In verse 37, Jesus quotes [Deuteronomy 6:5]...

- What the Holy Spirit reminds us in [1 John 4:19]...

III. "Take Our Love for God to Others."... in [Matthew 22:39].

- Jesus gets this command from [Leviticus 19:18] and its context...

* Illustration: "JENGA!"

- Summary: 3 Things to Remember About *Building Our Lives Upon the Love of God.*

Jesus' Opinion is the ONLY TRUTH that Truly Matters in Life.

We Are To Build Our Lives Upon God's Love.

We Are to Take God's Love TO us TO Others.

LET'S PRAY...