

Announcements:

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

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

“People- Helping People”: Drop off your canned food items or fresh fruit and/or vegetables. Carey’s office hours are still Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 AM – 1 PM.

Sermon Link to You Tube: <https://www.mansfield1st.com/news-and-events/sermon-connect>

Prayer Requests: If you have any prayer requests, updates on requests, or even words of “praise”, PLEASE call them into the church office so that we can get them out to the Prayer Chain at the following number (419) 756-7066. If Carey is not there, you can still leave a voice mail!

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, May 17, 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 share with those present.

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

This Week at Mansfield 1st



Find us online at mansfield1st.com

Mansfield-1st-EPC



@mansfield1stepc

Mansfield 1st

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

399 S. Trimble Rd. Mansfield, OH 44906

Office: (419) 756-7066

Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri. 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Pastor Denny Finnegan

Finnegan.denny@gmail.com

Carey Slater
Office Administrator

office@mansfield1st.com

Ashley Scott
Director, Children’s Ministry and
Mansfield 1st EPC Preschool

ashley@mansfield1st.com

Nate McFadden
Worship Leader

natemcfadden20@gmail.com

“What’s the Big Deal About Fasting?”

Matthew 6:16-18

May 10, 2020

Order of Worship

Online-Prerecorded

05-10-2020

Announcements

(See the end of the bulletin after Sermon Outline)

"HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!"

Mission Statement: *"We serve to build relationships.*

We build relationships to share the Gospel."

Call To Worship (Psalm 104:30-34)

(Let's Prepare to Give Ourselves to Jesus)

Leader: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

People: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

ALL: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Almighty God, We need Christ to renew our commitment. We confess that sometimes our lack of faith has made us fearful. We acknowledge that we have sinned and gone astray; we have foolishly let our desires lead us away from Your plans and purposes. May you once more set our course firmly in Your direction. Let us not turn our faith into a lifeless ritual. Let us discern Your call upon our lives, Holy Spirit. Let us feel the healing and forgiveness from the cross, Lord Jesus. Let us hunger for the power and truth of Your Word, Heavenly Father. May your Spirit linger in our hearts today and every day and bring renewal into our lives as we go out and serve You this week. In Jesus mighty name we pray, Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

REMINDER TO WORSHIP WITH TITHES

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-15

Sermon: *"How God Likes Us to Pray"*

Song of Response:

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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

"¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For 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. ¹⁶ Let 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."

Where Do You Need a "Breakthrough" in Your Life...

Who Is Someone Who Need a "Breakthrough" in Their Life...

Where Does Our Community Need a "Breakthrough"...

Where Does Our Nation Need a "Breakthrough"...

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!

***Closing Hymn:**

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Benediction

(Asking for God's Blessing Upon Us)

Sermon Series: Outward Versus Inward

"What's the Big Deal About Fasting?"

Matthew 6:16-18

I. **"You and I Have Already Been FASTING for YEARS!"**

[Matthew 6:16a, 18]:

II. **"2 Good Reasons Why FASTING IS ESSENTIAL to Our Faith."**

A. **Good Reason #1: "To HUMBLE OURSELVES Before God."**

[Nehemiah 1:4]

B. **Good Reason #2: "To BREAKTHROUGH for God."** [Luke 4:1-2, 13]

III. **"What Do WE Want to See God Do THROUGH US?"**

[John 14:12-13]

- Application: **"The Faith-Practice of Prayer With Fasting"**.

1. Step #1: "Hunger and Thirst FOR God". [Psalm 63:1]

- A Personal Challenge: **Let's Grow Our Appetite for God and His Will!**

2. Step #2: "Fasting to Find Where God Wants to BREAK-THROUGH." [Acts 13:2]

- A Personal Challenge: **Let's God's Victory Grow IN and THROUGH Our Lives.**

- Summary: **3 Things to Remember** About *THE FAITH-PRACTICE OF FASTING*.

1. *Prayer Combined with Fasting* Is for the Pleasure of God FIRST.

Prayer Combined with Fasting Is An Essential Faith-Practice.

1. *Prayer Combined with Fasting* Helps Us To Do What Jesus Did.

LET'S PRAY...