

SERMON NOTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

REV. DOMINIC TOMMY

Theme: Reflections on Love and Marriage: God’s Presence in Broken Relationships

Introduction:

Text: Psalms 146:1-10

1. *What are some of the causes of broken relationships?*

- A. _____ B. _____
- C. _____ D. _____

2. *What are some preliminary steps in restoring relationships?*

Reconciliation is possible -Realize you were reconciled to God through Jesus (Eph.4:31-32; Romans 5:10)

3. *What are Biblical ways to restore broken relationships?*

- A. _____ B. _____
- C. _____ D. _____

4. A warning against putting one's trust even in good people (v.3, 4) “princes” “material things” or “our own ability.” The point is that even the best of people is not adequate to help in times of terrible stress. Even princes are mortal and are not able even to help themselves. “It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes” (Psalm 118:9). Your relationship with the Lord can bring comfort in these stressful period (see 8-9).

5. There is a blessing on those who find help in God (vv. 5-7).
“My soul---while I live” is a solemn vow that he will trust in the Lord (in spite).

Lenten Bible Study by Pastor Dominic Tommy

Topic: **NAMES OF GOD—Investing and Appreciating God’s Name**

In the Bible, God reveals Himself to us through various names. In this 13-lesson study of the names of God, the names will be studied in order, as God progressively reveals Himself through dispensations. From studying these 13 names of God, you will have a wonderful "Lenten journey into knowing God."

Lesson titles include: *The God Who Created You, When You Are Afraid, A Name You Need To Remember, When You Really Know God, When You Feel God Doesn't Care, Experiencing God's Power, When Life Seems Unfair, Don't Worry—Trust God, Receiving God's Healing, Enlisting God in Life's Battles, Finding Inner Peace, When You Feel Guilty, and When You Feel All Alone.*

This will be a part of the Lenten Experience for you. We’ll divide it into two parts for 6-weeks of learning and fellowship. Class begins at 10:30 AM on Tuesdays from February 20 through March 27. Each session will last 90 minutes. We will meet in the Sunday School classroom upstairs.

Welcome to



Central Church

Our Mission

Central United Methodist Church Glorifies God through the Work of Ministry and the Making of Disciples of Jesus Christ.

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CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Celebration Service

February 11, 2018

6th Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign, pass, and return red friendship pads in each pew at this time.
Also prepare Prayer Request Sheets during this time.*

INTROIT "Make Me A Servant" Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Words of Richard Gillard ©1977 Scripture in Song)

We are pilgrims on a journey; we are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**
I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

*OPENING HYMN "Morning Has Broken" Hymnal 145
Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

**O Lord, you are indeed the healer of all our ills. We bring to you, Lord,
our bodies, minds and spirits hurting and broken by the violence, ills,
trauma and cares of a world separated from you. Come to us now with
healing powers. Give us strength, health, wisdom and knowledge found
only through you. Send your life-giving Spirit so that we may live our lives
with courage in the profound peace of your love. Grant this through
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

ANTHEM "Be Thou My Vision" Chancel Choir
arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

SHARING PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus be with You!

And Also with You!

(Please take this time to greet one another in the Name of Christ by saying,
"Peace be with you" and your neighbor says "And also with you")

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Children age 4 & under are welcome to leave for the nursery
downstairs after the *Children's Moment*.

INVITATION FOR OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" TFWS 2031

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS

**Holy Lord, you have perfected love among us by sending your son to be
the atoning sacrifice for our sins. We humbly acknowledge your gift
is an overwhelming pronouncement of grace. We share these tithes
and offerings today with the hope that your children everywhere will be
blessed with the knowledge that your perfect love casts out all fears.
Receive our Gifts! Amen.**

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

Please stand for the reading of God's word, as you are able.

*SCRIPTURE Psalm 146:146:1-10 Pew Bible OT 549

SERMON "Reflection on Love and Marriage: Rev. Dominic Tommy
"God's Presence in Broken Relationships"

*CLOSING HYMN: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Hymnal 172

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE The Family of God (Gaither)
I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God,
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His Blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family,
The Family of God.

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

Looking Forward to Lent and Easter

- **Fat Tuesday Celebration** – Sunday, February 18
- **Ash Wednesday Service** – February 14 at 6 pm
- **Six-week Lenten Bible Study** – Beginning February 20 (see back page).
- **Palm Sunday Service** – March 25, 10:30 am Celebration Worship. *Parents and grandparents: Please bring your children for the Palm Sunday Parade.*
- **Holy Thursday Service** – March 29 at 6 pm
- **Community Good Friday Service** – March 30 at 1 pm
- **Community Easter Egg Hunt** – March 31, 10:00 am to Noon, Lake Odessa Park; family-friendly activities for children.
- **Easter Sunday Service** – April 1 at 10:30 am

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If you did not get a February Newsletter last week, copies are available on the ushers' tables or in Fellowship Hall. You will also find Prayer Calendars to use in your daily prayer practice. Camping brochures have also just arrived!

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Fat Tuesday will now be celebrated as

FAT SUNDAY!

NEXT SUNDAY, following Worship



The Fellowship and Caring Committee is holding our 7th Annual “Fat Tuesday” celebration but changing to “Fat Sunday.” The term “Mardi Gras” refers to events of the celebrations beginning on or after Epiphany and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday which begins on February 14. Our Education Committee has again organized a Soup Luncheon so you can start off with something warm and delicious before our competition begins on Sunday, February 18!

Everyone will be given 5 tickets to be used as “votes” to determine our winner. Additional tickets will be available by donation. The creator of the winning entry will be announced in the afternoon and will receive untold notoriety and a wonderful “traveling” trophy!

MINISTER: Every Member of This Church
PASTOR: Rev. Dominic Tommy
SECRETARY: Kim Stoepker
ORGANIST: Marilyn Noffke
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jackie Spagnuolo
CUSTODIANS: Mike McCartney / Rolando Varela
TODAY'S SERVICE:

Worship Assistant
Lori McNeill

Audio/Visual

Today: Chuck Rayner / Kay Barcroft
Next Sunday: Tony Barcroft / Kay Barcroft

Coffee Fellowship

Today: Open
Next Sunday: Fat Sunday Celebration & Soup Luncheon

Greeters

Today: Marcia Bytwerk / Dodie Denman / Warren Courtney
Next Sunday: Same

Nursery

Today: Karen Avery / Shelly Reiser
Next Sunday: Char Kendregan / Marcia Bytwerk

Ushers

Today: Dick Nelson / Warren Courtney
Next Sunday: Same

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Altar flowers this morning are presented by Virginia Decker.

**In case of a pastoral emergency, please call
 Pastor Dominic at the parsonage (374-8294) or on his cell
 (269-941-3787) or the Church Office during office hours.**

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Wilma Townsend Virginia Decker Betty Shetterly
Ron Haskins Family Dodie Denman Peg Cusack
Shannon Bennett Stacey Cole Kay

Continued in Prayer

Sgt. Branden Curtis Karl Klynstra Gary Smith
Sr. Airman Lloyd C. Corston Phylis Armstrong Ed Hilliker
PFC Steven Wakley, Jr Dale Patterson Hank Minenna
1SG Nicholas Ludema Terena Galaviz Susan Steele
PFC Jason Hilley Pam Coleman Sharon Brink
Sgt. Nathan Sparrow Travis Tucker and family Ross McDowell
Brian Rayner Judi Brandon Kim Seese
Patti Coorman Armrose LaBine Mary Shoemaker
Peg Cusack Family of Bonnie Haskins

Our Special Friends

Leah Abbott Margot Bailey Ada Dennie
Lois Goodemoot Joanne McDaniels Phil Shetterly
Ed Reiser Peg Faulkner

Our Partners In Ministry

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
Eaton Rapids First UM Church, Eaton Rapids
Hope Church of the Brethren, Freeport

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

02/12 Margot Bailey
02/14 Jessica Harms

Anniversary

02/14 Chuck & Leona Rayner – 10 years

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**Our Blood Drive is TOMORROW:
Monday, February 12, 2018
12:00 to 5:45 pm**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Soup Luncheon and Fat Sunday Celebration has been rescheduled until next Sunday.
We hope you will join us!*

EVENTS

Mon 2/12 **Missions Committee** – Front Room **9 am**
 Red Cross Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall 12:00-5:45 pm
 UMW General Meeting – Church Lounge **1:30 pm**
 AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Wed 2/14 Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall 9 am
 Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary **6 pm**
 No Choir Rehearsal
Thu 2/15 Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm Mon 1/29
 Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6 pm
Fri 2/16 *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*
Sun 2/18 Sunday School - Classrooms 9:30 am
 Worship Service – Sanctuary 10:30 am
 Fat Sunday / Soup Luncheon *immediately following worship*
Mon 2/19 **Finance Committee** – Front Room **6 pm**
 AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Tues 2/20 **Lenten Bible Study begins** – Lounge **10:30 am**
Wed 2/21 *No Choir Rehearsal*
Thu 2/22 Respite Care – Lounge 1:30 pm
 Souper Thursday Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall 4:30-6 pm
Fri 2/23 *Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787*
Sun 2/25 Sunday School - Classrooms 9:30 am
 Worship Service – *Noisy Offering* 10:30 am
Mon 2/26 AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom 7 pm
Tues 2/27 **Lenten Bible Study** – Lounge **10:30 am**

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