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Pastor's Message

Dr. Greg Davis, Senior Pastor

Rx for the Soul

Mr. Perkins was 105 when I talked to him about getting the flu – back in 1918, when he was in the Army. He would've died except for the help of a Native American. He was fortunate, 675,000 other Americans died.

A lot has changed since 1918, but there are disturbing similarities, particularly the way the infection spread through crowds and the Woodrow Wilson administration downplayed the enormity of the epidemic. It's a reminder that history matters. Learning from the past, we can be better equipped to deal with the present.

One hundred two years later, we are experiencing what our ancestors went through. Everything shut down then, and it's happening again. Restaurants are closed. Cultural events are cancelled. There are no sports. Our schools and universities are empty. Churches are empty, though those with the technology are offering worship online. While some folks are claiming this is a hoax, it's prudent to remember Ben Franklin's adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." (Even if the prevention weighs more than a ton right now!)

Yes, it's overwhelming right now. Yesterday I had trouble praying. I get Paul's words now in Romans 8: "We don't know how to pray."

What I mean is this: we must remember who we are and whose we are. We are people of faith. We are children of God.

Then Cynthia and I went walking. It was cool and cloudy. The clouds broke and we felt the warmth of the sun. We marveled at the fresh green leaves on the oaks. Several times I paused to take closeup photos of azaleas. The birds were singing brightly.

We ran into the Cox family, who were taking a walk of their own. Margaret Cox had stuck a huge azalea bloom on the top of her head. We had a laugh. It was good to see church members!

All this made me think: "social distancing" doesn't mean being on lock down inside 24/7 with a TV. There's a beautiful world out there. You don't have to have your temperature taken to feel the sun on your face. In fact, during the 1918 epidemic, patients were moved into the sunshine to encourage their healing.

Here's my Rx for your soul. Go outside! Feel the sun. Hear the birds. Let God speak to your troubled soul through the beauty of creation.

And one more soul-thing: keep your eye on the ball. We cannot let the devil of

fear cause us to lose our identity.

What I mean is this: we must remember who we are and whose we are. We are people of faith. We are children of God. We know through life experience that God does not forsake us, even when it appears to be so.

Turn to the Psalms. So often they begin in raw emotion: anger, fear, depression, illness,

uncertainty, and yes, God-forsakenness. Psalm 22 begins with those terrible words that Jesus quotes upon the Cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

What is instructive to us is that the writer hangs in there with God, honestly laying out his fear, his problems. And he remembers! He remembers God has acted in the past, and he works through his fear and agony until he is assured of the strong presence of God. His faith lifts his spirit.

Friends, that's what people of God do in times of crisis. We turn to God. We honestly lay out how we're doing. It does not remove the crisis, but it restores us so that we can work through the crisis, aided by the strong presence of our Lord. As Moses told Joshua: "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

Keep washing your hands, but do it with a song in your soul. God bless and keep safe.

Tune in at 11 AM Sunday to watch the services. Yes, the bugs have been ironed out!

Go to the BUMC webpage at: broadmoorumc.org and click on the appropriate button to view the service you prefer.

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Pastor's Message

Rev. Kelly Berne, Executive Pastor

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

The first time I heard the song, *Even If*, by MercyMe, I was moved to tears. It was after a sleepless night with James. The laundry at my house was out of control, I was making mini dogs out of the dog hair in the corners of the house, and somehow the sink was full of dirty dishes yet again. I was missing my husband who was deployed overseas. I was tired, I was deflated, and I didn't want to have to keep doing this parenting thing alone. And I hear these words from this song, "I've stood on this stage night after night, reminding the broken it'll be alright, but right now, oh right now I just can't." And I thought to myself, "God, how am I supposed to get up and preach from a pulpit to everyone that it will be alright when I myself am not alright?"

And it is true. It is so easy to be light and breezy and sing when life is going well. But when life isn't going well and when we feel like we are held to the flame,

...I won't stop praising him and his good works. Because God represents everything GOOD in this world. And I will never stop being thankful for the GOOD in this world.

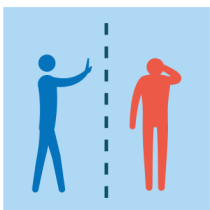
what then? And then I hear the words, "Oh give me the strength to be able to sing, it is well with my soul." So, I cried out to God, "Give me the strength because I do want to sing, it is well with my soul." And you know, in that moment, I felt the presence of God overwhelm me. Jesus says all it takes is the faith of a mustard seed to move mountains. And in that instant of just a tiny little bit of faith, God moved my mountains. My house is a wreck, but I have a home. The laundry is out of control, but it is clean laundry and my children have clothes to wear. The dishes are piled up in the sink but that also means there are no hungry bellies. And I am tired, but I am thankful beyond measure. I found the strength I needed to persevere and keep going. However, I also realized that even if the mountains remained unmovable, I won't stop praising him and his good works. Because God represents everything GOOD in

this world. And I will never stop being thankful for the GOOD in this world.

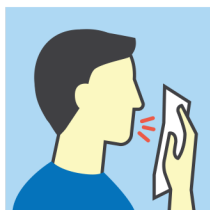
I looked up the song, *Even If*, later that day because I wanted to know the inspiration behind the song. Here is what Millard, one of the band members, had to say:

"The song *Even If* is incredibly special to me," commented Millard. "My son Sam is 15 years old, and he's been a diabetic since he was two. When you're a parent of a child with any kind of chronic illness, these things don't go away. You have a lot of good days, but some days you feel like you're losing bad. I was in the midst of one of those bad days when *Even If* was written. This song is a reminder to people in these difficult situations that don't seem to go away. God was worthy long before any of these circumstances even showed up. It's a foundation that was built long before those difficulties came to be. This song is a declaration to God that even if He went silent and never said another word, He's still worthy to be praised, and He's our greatest hope in the midst of the trial."

Covid-19 | Coronavirus Prevention



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



YOUTH MINISTRIES

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UMY Night is canceled for the next 2 weeks!

I am doing weekly devotion videos (They will go out every Monday)! They will be uploaded to youtube and then dispersed among the youth social media platforms. You can view the channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx-0D9axyz3AK3mG5QEa1MUA> or by typing «**Kyle Boston**» into the youtube search bar.

There are three text groups available if you would like text reminders.

- ◆ Broadmoor Youth- This one is for the STUDENTS! You can sign up by texting @bumy1 to 91010.
- ◆ Broadmoor Adults- This one is for the ADULTS. You can sign up by texting @bumy2 to 91010
- ◆ *NEW* Broadmoor Devotions- This one is for everyone who would like to receive a few mini devotions/ reminders a week of what we have been talking about in Sunday School. Parents and students are both welcome to join! You can sign up by texting @bumydevo to 91010

I am sending out Sunday School Materials every Friday leading into Sunday via our email chain. If you would like to sign up for our email chain, please email me at kyle@broadmoorumc.org to get added to the list!

WEEK 3 (MAR 15 - 21)

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8



And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." John 14:1

As I scroll through Facebook, news and stories about the Coronavirus flood my feed. It's all the talk with family, friends and at work as we try to navigate uncharted territory. For me there is a fine line between being in the know and becoming overwhelmed. As I take in all the information I start to worry about tomorrow and our future, what is it going to look like how are things going to turn out? I know our kids are missing school and time with friends, they are missing sporting events and competitions, school dances, celebrations and possibly graduation. Friends and family are missing out on time together because of risk of spreading the virus. As businesses close down due to social distancing, money will be lost and people will fall on hard times. All of this causes me grief and anxiety. As the fear starts to spin out of control I have to remind myself that God has overcome this world. All my worrying and fretting over what will be is not going to change my circumstances, it is only stealing my joy. God has promised us an abundant life full of joy and peace in Him. "These things I have spoken to you, that you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Friends, during times of unease we can not let our "hearts be troubled". We need to spend time in God's Word, in doing so we are reminded of the depth of His love and the promises He has made to each of us. "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Give your fears and worries over to God, be in prayer and be a good neighbor. Love and blessings!

Kristin

Since we are unable to fellowship in person, the Children's Ministry will stay connected in others ways for the weeks to come. Be on the look out for emails and Facebook posts @BroadmoorUMCKids. As always if you need to reach me you can call the church office or email me at kristin@broadmoorumc.org

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THE RIVER WORSHIP



Message

Rev. Terry Love, Pastor of Administration

Who Would Have Ever Thought?

Five weeks-ago, when I was putting the final touches on our LENTEN CHALLENGE spiritual exercise for the season, I had no idea of the other challenge we would be facing now. And yet, the chosen scriptures speak with wise vision for this very moment. They give us perspective on whose we are and assurance of God's love for us in every circumstance.

The first week we read of a devout man who led his family in respecting God, praying constantly and giving generously.

On the second week the verses gave us direction in determining what the real treasures are and how we are to store them in our heart rather than in our pocket.

Now as we are dealing with all the present realities of the Covid19 disease causing shortages, limiting activities, closing schools, and shuttering Sunday worship services, the verse of the week proclaims God's strength *"to provide you with every blessing in abundance."*

The Covid19 challenge may seem to have over-shadowed our Lenten Challenge. Yet as we stay firm in the resolve that when we remain faithful to God's wisdom and grace, we will be enabled to weather whatever storm might come our way and receive God's blessing in its midst.

Continue to read the Lenten Challenge verses daily. Pray the prayer. Keep the faith and God will sustain you.

God bless,
Terry Love

MEMORIALS

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IN MEMORY OF...

- ♦ JOY DUNKELMAN from Gaye Lefevers, The Bray Girls
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- ♦ JOY DUNKELMAN from Ann Spikes

ALL MARCH ACTIVITIES - CANCELLED

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