

**Pastor Drollinger's**  
**Devotionals for June 15-28, 2020**

**Devotionals will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.**  
**Worship Words and Videos will continue on Sunday mornings.**

**June 15, 2020 – Days 91-92**

Greetings to Friends and Family of Hallie and Zion UMC,

Wow, weather-wise, we had a beautiful weekend. I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors over the past few days. With many of us still practicing social distancing, it was so good to be doing some activities outside. I suppose it sounds like a broken record, but the virus is still around and all your efforts to combat the spread are so important and helpful. It is also good that, carefully, we are trying to open more businesses and activities.

This coming Sunday, June 21st, will be our first worship services at our Hallie and Zion church buildings. Expect to follow all the good guidelines in order to remain safe from the COVID-19 spread. Also, expect to have a great time of praising God and encouraging each other safely in the promises of the Lord.

Meanwhile keep one another in prayer:

- Pray for our friend Wendy Attoe (Hallie UMC) who is dealing with some major health concerns.
- Pray for our community, nation, and world as we learn new ways to fight racism and disease.

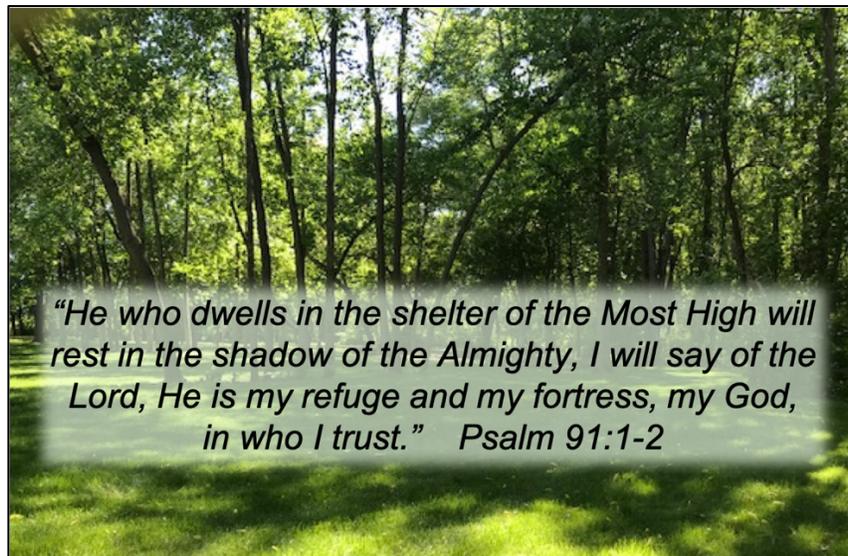
*“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty, I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in who I trust.” Psalm 91:1-2*

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**June 17, 2020 – Days 93-94**

Greetings to Friends and Family of Hallie and Zion UMC,

Happy “Hump Day” to you and yours. I hope this week is bringing you new blessings and new hope. As you may know, we are going to be in worship this coming Sunday (06/21/20) in our buildings. We highly recommend wearing masks and we will be practicing safety guidelines and social distancing closely. We will have masks available if you do not have your own. Following worship on Sunday, we will evaluate and decide whether we will continue worship in our sanctuaries on an on-going basis. With the COVID-19 virus still in our nation and state, we want to keep each other safe and healthy. Please be understanding and flexible in the decisions that are made.

Our intent is to continue offering online worship for the next few months even with worship in our buildings. A big shout out to Dan, Carol and the Acoustic Grace praise team for the great music we have enjoyed over the past 3 months. Keep praising the Lord, washing those hands, spend your money locally and share with others generously.

*“To love God with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”*

*Mark 12:13*

Prayer Concerns:

Keep Sue Berry and Wendy Attoe in prayer for healing.

Keep Ken & Shirley Froelich in your prayers as Ken’s brother, Fred, is in hospice and in a very fragile time.

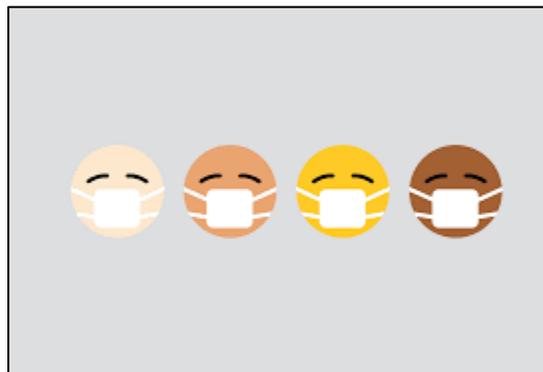
Keep Kathy Reed’s mother, June, in prayer as her life is drawing closer to the end.

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**June 19, 2020 – Days 95-96**

Greetings to Friends and Family of Hallie and Zion UMC,

Each day holds new possibilities. Today, I simply want to remind us all that the God who created the world and all that is in it...is STILL GOD!! He ultimately is still in control. So as we continue this COVID-19 virus journey, please remind ourselves that just as God cares for the birds of the air and flowers of the field; God cares so much more for you.

This Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, our Hallie and Zion churches will be open for worship services. Some of you will be attending, while some of you will be staying home. For those staying home, be sure to watch our video message and song on Facebook by following the link that will be provided as we have done for the past 10 Sundays, since Easter Sunday, April 9, 2020, during COVID-19.

Some additional notes:

1. Both Church Councils met this past week and thanksgiving was expressed for the support that is being given to the ministry and our people.
2. Please remember in prayer the families of Kathy Reed. Kathy's mother, June, died early Thursday.
3. Thank you for supporting our mission efforts over the past few months. In the month of June, we will continue supporting our local community services and missions (The Open Door Clinic, Salvation Army, Mobile Meals and local food pantries.)

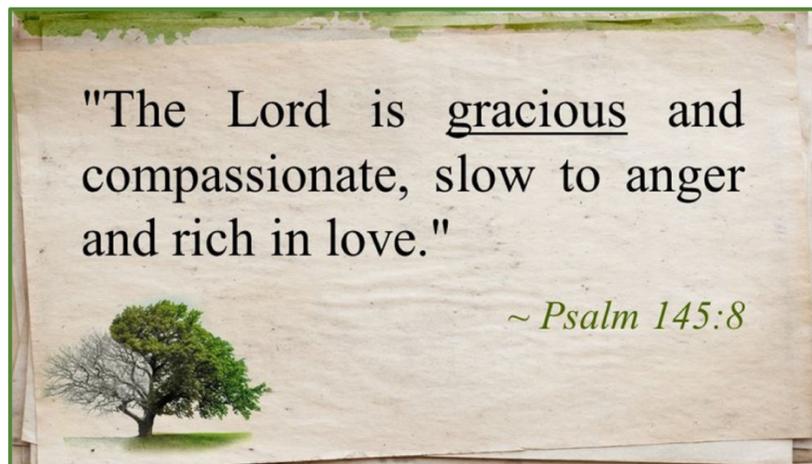
***"The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love" Psalm 145:8***

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**June 21, 2020 – Days 97**

Greetings to Friends and Family of Hallie and Zion UMC,

Happy Father's Day to everyone! I hope each of you have or have had a male figure in your life that filled the so important role of "Father." Often, it is our biological father, sometimes it is our adopted father, or one of many other fathers...so, let me say it again, Happy Father's Day.

Happy Sunday! Our Scripture lesson is from Mark 2:1-12. Jesus has a really good day and many find blessings. For better results in life and a life with more joy, do the following:

- Live with Anticipation
- Live with Responsibility
- Live with Urgency
- Live with Power
- Live with Awe

Link to Pastor Don's message for today <https://youtu.be/21R6nR0XNoE>. Following the Sunday message, be sure to listen to the song, "Act of Faith" sung by Acoustic Grace at <https://youtu.be/razfi7ySDbE>.

This is a new music video for the song, "Act of Faith," which was recorded for the CD, "Seasons of Grace," released by Acoustic Grace in December, 2019. The song was written by Zion UMC worship leader Dan Lea. It is inspired by James 2:14-26, which begins:

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup> So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

"Act of Faith" is performed by Acoustic Grace musicians Carol Dean, piano; Colin Orth, trumpet; Jacey Lea, vocals; Ed Ebert, vocals; Pam Hotle, vocals; Patty Mewhorter, vocals; Dan Lea, vocals, guitar, and bass guitar; and Kelly Wohlbiel, drums. It was produced and engineered by Kyle Culver at Sprinter Studios, and mixed and mastered by Justin Andersen.

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## June 22, 2020 – Days 98-99

Greetings to Friends and Family of Hallie and Zion UMC,

Happy Monday morning. I hope you had a good weekend!

For those who celebrated Father's Day, I trust you had a good day of remembrance and celebration. We began our live, "in-the-building" worship at our two churches on Sunday, June 21, 2020, and it was so good. We will also continue putting our messages and music on our Facebook Pages and YouTube channel for the next few months.

As you head into this new week, remember the outline from Sunday's sermon based on Mark 2:1-12 – For better results and a life with more joy, do the following:

1. Live with Anticipation
2. Live with Responsibility
3. Live with Urgency
4. Live with Power
5. Live with Awe

*Isaiah 40:31 ... but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

I will be out of town for a few days this week, our Wednesday and Friday devotions will come from our Bishop and or one of the Cabinet members of our Wisconsin Conference.

In case you missed Sunday's message:

Sermon Link to Sunday, June 21, 2020: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21R6nR0XNoE>.

Musical Link to "Act of Faith" sung by Acoustic Grace at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=razfi7ySDbE>.

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## June 24, 2020 – Days 100-101

Greetings to Friends and Family of Hallie and Zion UMC,

Barb and I were driving through downtown Chippewa Falls and we saw Ken and Shirley “wining and dining” at a local coffee shop. It seemed good to see businesses open and more of life moving in some normal places.

When able, try to continue supporting our local economy, our non-profits, and our churches. Together, we will get through this COVID-19 time that grips our land. Keep vigilant when in groups of people by wearing masks and keep physical distancing in mind. Enjoy the outdoors where safety is often found.

Today, I would like to thank you for all the efforts being made to support missions, outreach, volunteerism, and checking up on neighbors and friends. Stay safe!

*I The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners. 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, Isaiah 61:1-2*

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**June 26, 2020 – Days 102-103**

Greetings to Friends and Family of Hallie and Zion UMC,

In the Bible, the prophet, Micah, was instructed by the spirit of God as to what the Lord required of us. *“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” Micah 6:8*

Today, I want to invite each of us to consider that admonition of God. I am not asking the police, I am not asking the people doing violence, I am not asking the protestors, and I am not asking the government. I am asking you to consider in your life...

...are you acting justly in thought and deed?

...do you love doing acts of mercy?

...are you daily walking humbly with God?

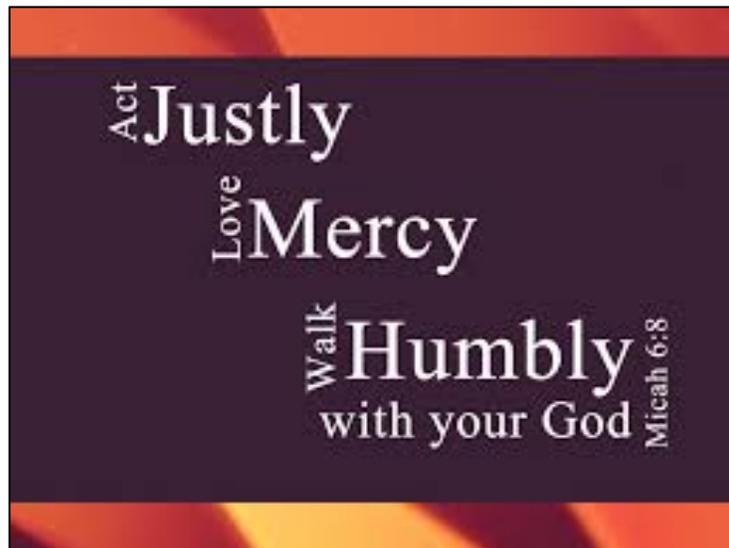
More than ever, we need people who not only believe in Jesus by actually follow Him. Keep growing in your faithfulness to the ways of Jesus. We are the peacemakers and Jesus is the Prince of Peace. We change the world with *one step of faithfulness at a time.*

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**June 28, 2020 – Days 104**

Good Sunday Morning,

Welcome to this time of devotion and praise. Hope you are taking time to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors this weekend. God blessed us with gorgeous weather, the flowers, the crops and the trees and all together they are proclaiming God's greatness.

Today, my message grows out of Hebrews 12:1-12 and we will discover, "A Pathway to Healing" from the past pain and painful memories.

To move away from a painful past and toward a new joy, we should consider the following...

1. Surrender to God...
2. Share with others...
3. Study your situation...
4. Skills and health choices...

Consider today's message carefully and enjoy the music link that follows.

Sermon Link: <https://youtu.be/uUSck99Q1OQ>

This morning, Carol Dean, Zion's pianist and member of Acoustic Grace shares an original musical composition entitled, "In the Morning." Musical Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQ6kSCPwZkk>

"In the morning when I rise, hear my prayer."

This song was written in August 2019, upon the arrival of my electronic keyboard. The keyboard has become an important tool for Acoustic Grace as it is often the starting place for the music we're able to share on Facebook and You Tube. In this composition, I had fun adding a "finger-picked" guitar sound along with a piano keyboard, strings, percussion, and I included a trumpet part, too, in case our trumpeter was home from college and able to join us. This recording, though, is entirely electronic voices.

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