



## JESUS OFFERS MORE THAN CAMELOT

Based on Psalm 68:1-10 and John 17:1-1

In the last scene of the musical Camelot, King Arthur spins out a song filled with memories of what had been the most idyllic place on earth. Alone on stage, the broken, but forgiving King Arthur begs us to remember:

*"Ask ev'ry person if they've heard the story,  
And tell it strong and clear if they have not,  
That once there was a fleeting wisp of glory  
Called Camelot!"*

In Jesus final prayer for his disciples before his betrayal, arrest, denial and crucifixion, he offers them – not an idyllic life, but the assurance that he will be present with them always. Jesus also prays that they “will be one” and live in unity/harmony with God and with each other. Jesus wants the same for each of us.

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**May 24, 2020**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

### **PRELUDE**

***"No Golden Carriage"***

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Gathered here and through the Spirit virtually we are the people of God and we come open to the Word of the Lord for us today.

**People:** **Gathered are we, children of God and disciples of Jesus Christ, to hear the teachings of our Lord.**

**Leader:** Gathered are we, as those first disciples gathered with Jesus long ago, to be inspired by the words and prayers of Christ.

**People:** **We *are* the people of God and pray with Jesus that we all may be one as he and God, our Creator are one.**

**ALL:** **Let us join our hearts and lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving.**

### **OPENING MEDITATION**

**Lord God, when Jesus spent his last hours with his disciples he shared so much with them and prayed for them – and for us. There were many of his teachings that he wanted them to remember and later “tell it strong and clear” to everyone who did not know the story of God’s love. Jesus knew that in the stories of God’s love people would be drawn together so that all “may be made one”. Guide us in our worship and guide us in working together with all your servants in your work of ministry and mission in your world. Amen.**

**HYMN #321**

**"The Church's One Foundation" (verses 1, 2 and 5)**

The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heaven he came  
and sought her  
to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation:  
one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
may live eternally.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Your Son, our Lord and Savior, called for us to all be one in your love.

People: **Yet we are divided and we chose sides and we judge some to be "in" and others to be "out".**

Leader: Catholic and Protestant, Baptist and Methodist and Episcopal and Pentecostal and Mormon and Presbyterian and more.

People: **We focus too much on the things we find that brand us "different" and too little on Christ who makes us one.**

Leader: Remind us there is only ONE Jesus who died for us all.

People: **On Calvary.**

Leader: Compassionate and forgiving God, show us how we can all meet at the foot.....

People: **Of the cross.**

ALL: **And be one, even as you and the Son are one. Amen**

**A READING FROM PSALMS** Psalm 68:1-10

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *"Whispering Hope"*

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 17:1-11

**SERMON** **"Jesus Offers More Than Camelot"**

Pastor Dave Henry

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced and  
to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

## CALL TO OFFERING

### PRAYER OFFERTORY

Leader: Together, O Lord, we can do so much more for the good of your kingdom.

**People: Together, O Lord, we can share our time, our talents and our treasures to meet the needs of those in our community and beyond.**

Leader: Give us the courage to work together with others and to share sacrificially.

**People: Teach us how to become one as you and your Son are one. AMEN.**

## VIDEO TRIBUTE TO CHARLENE BILLINGS

### PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN #300**

#### ***"We Are One In The Spirit"***

We are one in the Spirit;  
we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit;  
we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity  
may one day be restored:

REFRAIN:

And they'll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other;  
we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other;  
we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news  
that God is in our land: (REFRAIN)

We will work with each other;  
we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other;  
we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity  
and save human pride: (REFRAIN)

All praise to the Father,  
from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus,  
God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit,  
who makes us one: (REFRAIN)

## BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

#### ***"My Hope Is Built"***

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#### **MISSION PRAYER**

Please pray for our community neighbors who are struggling in so many ways right now - fearful of becoming sick, worried about loss of jobs or working in unsafe conditions, providing enough food for their families, finding adequate child care. Pray for all our local ministries that stand with these families daily.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME!** - Welcome Certified Accountant, business owner Carol Kaylor as our outside vendor handling Church Admin duties. Carol may be emailed at: [Churchadmin@fpcjcmo.org](mailto:Churchadmin@fpcjcmo.org). Carol provides certified accounting and church leadership development for our neighbors at First Baptist and First Christian. Hence the acronym "CALD" services. Carol feels called to helping churches. She enjoys her grandsons and quilting.

**SUNSHINE MOMENTS WITH PASTOR ANGELA** - On Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/fpcjcmo](http://www.facebook.com/fpcjcmo)) at 10 a.m. daily Monday through Thursday with Pastor Angela. You can also follow Pastor Angela's Sunshine Moments anytime on Youtube.com at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/FPCJCity>. Subscribe and like us!

### **STORYTIME WITH PASTOR DAVE**

Monday – Friday at 2:30 pm on Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/dave.henry.5430>)

**CARD SHOWER!** – We would like to help celebrate Sargena (Jean) Reed's 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on June 2nd! Let's shower her with good wishes and cards. Since she is not receiving mail at home, please send cards to: Sargena Reed c/o Gene Reed, 12625 Northview Dr., Holts Summit, MO 65043.

**2020 COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/GRADUATE SCHOOL GRADUATES** - If you are graduating (or have graduated) this Spring, or you have a daughter or son who is graduating, please contact Pastor Dave with the following information for our June Newsletter:

Name

School from which you are/have graduated

Date of Graduation

Degree earned

Special honors earned

Future plans

**Our Faith Family wants to celebrate with you!**

**UPDATE ON OUR FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS** - As we continue to try to meet the need for food for many of our community neighbors we have members of our faith family who are using donated "Food Pantry" funds to purchase non-perishable foods (canned fruits and veggies, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, beans, peanut butter and jelly, etc. and volunteers handing our bags of groceries to community neighbors on Tuesday afternoons and Sunday evenings. We are also handing out and delivering "snack packs" – bags with ready to eat or easily microwavable single serving items - for folks who have limited access to cooking facilities, limited cooking ability, are homeless and families with children who may have to get their own meals when parents are at work. The following or like items are needed for these snack packs. If you purchase items and would like to have them picked up, contact one of our Pastors.

Juice pouches - capri sun or kool-aid

Mac n cheese cups

Ravioli cups

Spaghetti cups

Ramen cups

Single pack cookies

Single pack crackers

Single pack granola bars

Individual pk popcorn

Single cup fruits

Other single pack easy open items

*"I am really grateful to have received the many calls, letters and prayers from so many of my church family members. I am feeling better now, and continue to stay at the Lake of the Ozarks with my daughter, Dixie. We pick up my mail at Heisinger once per week. I miss everyone! I am very thankful to be healthy to celebrate my 97th birthday today and I am looking forward to seeing my grandchildren and great-grandchildren tonight with Zoom video. Thanks so much for everyone's thoughts, support and prayers."*

*--Eleanor Trout*

During this time of transitioning, the Church Staff will be working staggered hours at the church office. If you need to stop by - PLEASE CALL FIRST, so we can be sure someone is there and proper COVID-19 safety protocols are observed. Marilyn Hofmann can be reached on her cell phone at 353-9160. Thank you!