

**Sunday, June 3, 2018**

Worship Notes:

Your offerings and tithes may be placed in the offering box before worship, during the time of greeting or following the service. The offering box is located at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Our Community Gathers**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** (*\*you are invited to stand if you are able*)

Leader: In a world of breaking news/broken news, urgent texts from a world at once too large and too small, where lies often masquerade as fact, Remember . . .

**ALL: That the Sabbath is a gift from God to all creation.**

Leader: In a world where life can masquerade as “that’s just the way it is,” and the poor are cut off from all it’s necessities, we need to remember . . .

**ALL: That the Sabbath is a gift from God to all creation.**

Leader: In a world where fear of difference fosters suspicion and undermines community. Where threats of violence masquerades as means to peace, remember. . .

**ALL That the Sabbath is a gift from God to all creation.**

**Invocation** *Pastor Rich*

**\*Let’s greet one another with friendship and love!**

**\*Opening Hymn** **‘Be Thou My Vision’** Ch #595  
Vs. 1 & 2

**Old Testament Reading** **Psalms 139: 1-6, 13-18** *Yvonne Kimball*

**Prayers of the Gathered and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Community Hears the Word and Responds**

**Sacred Reading** **Mark 2: 23 – 3: 6** (pg. 36 NT)

**Morning Message** *Pastor Rich Pate*  
**“Keeping the Sabbath Should Be a Blessing . . . Not a Burden”**

**Our Community Celebrates the Sacred Table**

*We celebrate a fully open communion table. All those who believe in Christ our Savior, are invited to receive the Bread of Life and Cup of Hope.*

**Communion** **‘One Bread, One Body’** Ch #393

Passing and receiving of Bread and Cup  
*You are invited to eat the bread once you receive it. Please hold the cup until you are invited to drink together.*

**Prayer of Offering and Dedication** *Yvonne Kimball*

**Take and receive these gifts dear God, bless and multiply them that they may show the world your glory, shining through our lives.**  
**Amen**

**\*Sending Song** **‘Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing’** Ch #16  
Vs. 1 & 2

*Blessing*  
*May God take your hands, and work through them, take your lips, and speak through them, take your minds, and think through them, take your hearts, and set them on fire with love; by the power of Christ who goes with you. Amen*

**“Our Worship has ended - - Now our Service begins”**

## Scriptures for Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

New Testament reading: Mark 3: 20-35

Elder Old Testament reading: Psalm 138

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### **Welcome!**

*We welcome our friend, Betty Kepler, who will be filling in for Brian for this Sunday and next. Betty will also be playing for our Belmont Tower service today at 2:00. Thank you Betty!*

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### Graduation party

*Nate Whitmer – This Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00–9:00pm  
Join them in the pavilion (weather permitting) for burgers, brats  
and hot dogs!*

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*Our Random Act of Kindness for the month of June is to choose one  
of our shut-ins or homebound members each week and send them a  
“Thinking of You” card.*

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*We have been working with Spire Advertising who has updated  
our church webpage [www.firstchristianashland.org](http://www.firstchristianashland.org). It was  
unveiled last week. You might want to go and check it out!*

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*Please pray for our shut-ins and homebound Joyce Bradley, Sherry Burns, John Cochie, Pauline Deever, Jane Foster, Dick Gordon, Carol Imhoff, Betty Imperio, Bernice Lambert, Bob McCormic, Jane McVey, Kate Miller, Wanda Mish, Dick Scott, Wayne Smith, Ed Snook, Gertrude & Keith Sparks & Dale Wells. Also pray for Al & Bev Zimmerman who both have health issues. A visit, call or a card means so much to those members and friends who can't be here with us each week.*

*June 3, 2018*



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