

March 29, 2020

MEDITATION

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: Services are “listen live” only through our website at nrscf.com. If you have trouble accessing this method, please call Mr. Timmer at 231-942-1389.
9:30 a.m. Rev. Vergunst (Combined with Waupun)
6:00 p.m. Rev. Vergunst (Combined with Waupun)

2:00 Adult Class – *if you did not get an email with a link, please let us know*

-All the Lord willing-

Children’s Puzzles will resume this week. They will be mailed out and can be alternatively downloaded from our website.

Offerings may be sent to Mr. Norm deWit. The March 22 2nd offering would have been for the North American General Mission and today’s offering for Disaster Relief. (*Please mark your gifts.*)

We Remember in Prayer (*and please remember in your personal devotions*):

- All those affected by the coronavirus: those who are ill, unemployed, suffering financial hardship, and suffering in various ways.
- The healthcare workers during this time, especially from our congregation, for safety and strength.
- Our elderly and those who are vulnerable due to health conditions, for safety.
- Our government, for wisdom.
- Our widows, widowers, and elderly as they experience their loneliness even more during this time of staying at home or in their places of care
- Our congregation, that during these unprecedented times, they would remain faithful to using the means. That the gift of free time that we’ve been given may be used to seek the Lord and not spend on this world.
- Our churches, for a returning to the Lord.
- Prodigal sons and daughters, for a returning to the Lord and His Word
- All those with hidden crosses.
- Our mission team in Bolivia, as well as missions across the world, who face many more difficulties in the lock downs than we do in our country.

“...And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.” (Judges 16:20c)

The child of the Lord is sleeping, but the enemy of God is awake. As the child of God sleeps, the enemy is busy making a breach between God and His child. The scissors are there in the hand of the enemy, and the enemy knows how to use them on the one who is upon a reckless, careless, sinful walk. The hair which is a sign of the Lord’s favor in the life of Samson is cut off and falls to the ground.

The devil has many scissors, and he knows how to use them; one hair lock after the other falls away. It begins in one’s life with a prayerlessness which is astounding. In that first time of being drawn, it seems as though I may always come by the Lord and tell Him about my fears and joys. Now day and night I can go over the earth as though there is not a just God and a lost sinner. Satan grabs another scissors, and another lock falls. At one time I could say again and again with David, “*Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.*” In those days there was such a hunger for Christ; now it seems as if I do not need that hiding place anymore. Another hair lock falls to the ground. That wonderful low place is gone, and in my heart I feel a pride which is nothing but sin in the sight of God. How is it possible that Satan can use those scissors to make a breach between God and His children – a careless walk in enemy territory, asleep when we should be watchful.

In the home of Delilah, the child of God is asleep and has no knowledge that the Lord has departed. He awakes out of his sleep and says, “*I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from Him.*” Now the enemy has free access in the life of this child of God. The first thing they do is to put out his eyes – those eyes which wandered through the world never being satisfied, those eyes are now taken away. ~Rev. J. den Hoed

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Oh, may the power which melts the rock, be felt by all assembled here!
Or else our service will but mock, the God who we profess to fear!
Lord, while Thy judgments shake the land, Thy people’s eyes are fixed on Thee;
We own Thy just uplifted hand, which thousands cannot, will not, see.

How long hast Thou bestowed Thy care on this indulged, ungrateful spot!
While other nations, far and near, have envied and admired our lot.
Here peace and liberty have dwelt, the glorious gospel brightly shone;
And oft our enemies have felt, that God has made our cause His own.

But, ah! Both heaven and earth have heard our vile requital of His love;
We, who like children, He has reared, rebels against His goodness prove.
His grace despised, His power defied, and legions of the blackest crimes,
Profaneness, riot, lust, and pride, are signs that mark the present times.

The Lord, displeased, has raised His rod; Ah! where are now the faithful few,
Who tremble for the ark of God, and know what Israel ought to do?
Lord, hear Thy people everywhere, who meet to mourn, confess, and pray;
The nation and Thy churches spare, and let Thy wrath be turned away.
~J. Newton

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Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. Isaiah 26:20

Consistory

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Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.