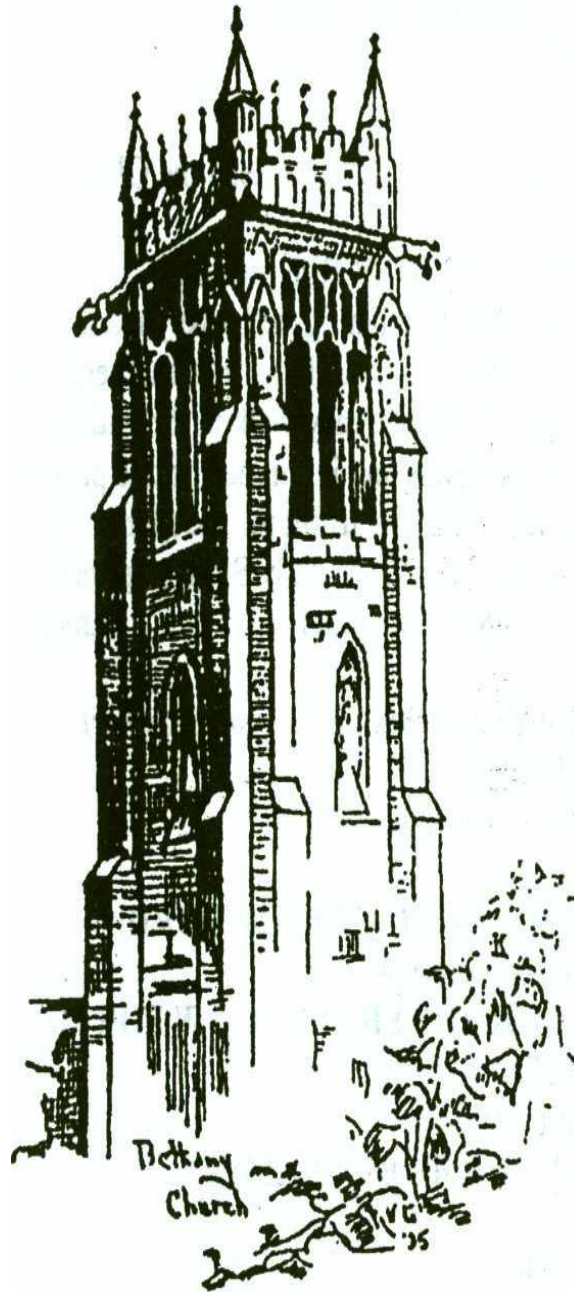


BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Quincy, Massachusetts

Founded

1832



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 26, 2020

THE LORD'S DAY – A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020

Prelude: "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Atkins/Moore

Announcements:

Solo: "Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child"

H. T. Burleigh

(Paul Frazer)

Call to Worship

Called to be branches in Christ's body,
we yearn to be connected to the vine.

Called to be mustard bushes offering shade to God's creatures,
we search for places to plant the seeds of faith.

Called to be growing with God in the midst of this world's painful questions,
we seek God's nurturing presence.

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

O God, Jesus taught that where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also. In this hour, we come bringing our treasures - all that we have and all that we are. We come seeking your treasure - treasure that does not fade, decay, or disappoint. Share with us the treasure of heaven, that we may boldly share it with others, even as we humbly pray...

THE LORDS PRAYER (debts)

THE GLORIA PATRI

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SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
(See Insert)

MUSICAL RESPONSE

SERMON

“The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...”
Rev. Patrick S. McCorkle

HYMN: “This is a Day of New Beginnings”

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(See Insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Revive Us Again”

MacKay arr. Hayes

The Worship is over. The service begins.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

More parables of the kingdom, obviously gathered from many occasions point out various characteristics of God's reign in human affairs. Many scholars look at these isolated instances as foreshadowing the time when all humanity will be governed by God's love. "Heaven" refers not so much as a place to which the faithful go beyond death but to a future experience of the whole universe.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³¹ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

The Parable of the Yeast

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with^a three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Three Parables

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Treasures New and Old

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Mission Moment

"The more you pray, the less you'll panic. The more you worship, the less you worry. You'll feel more patient and less pressured."

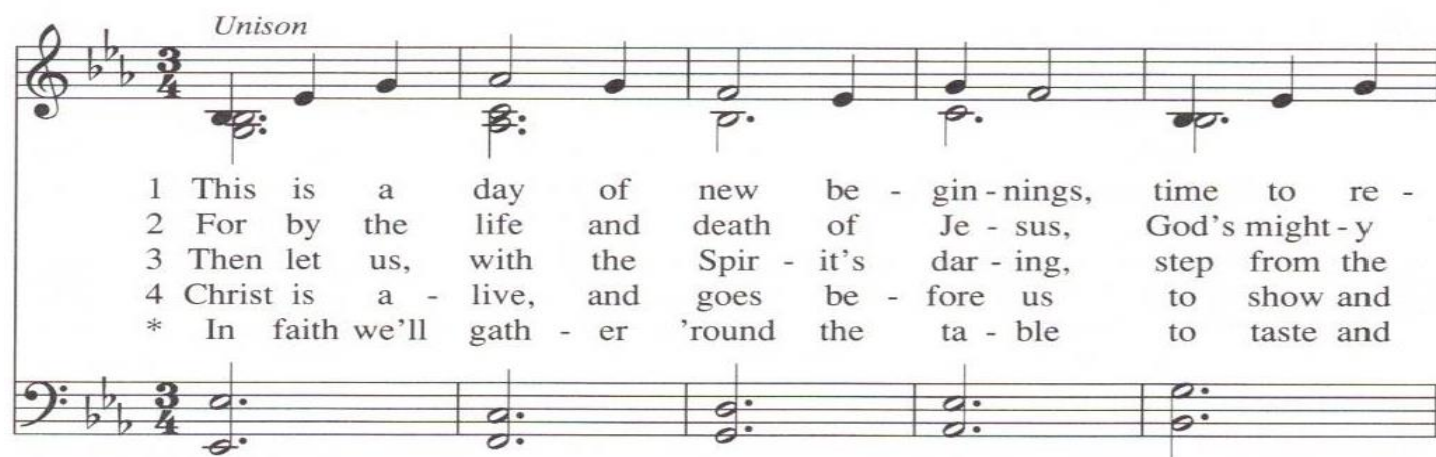
— Rick Warren

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

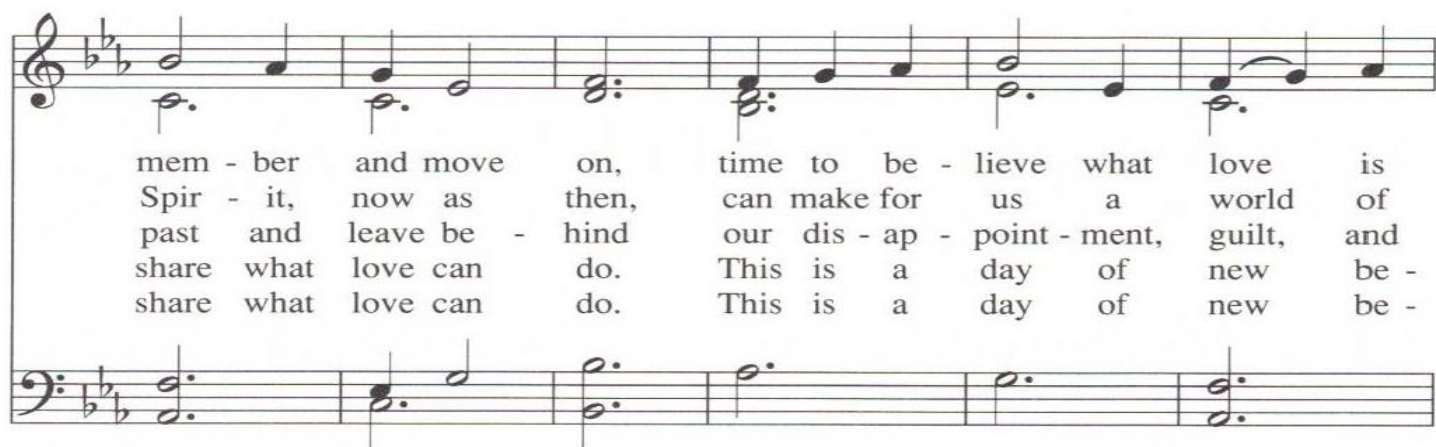
2 Cor. 5:16-17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983

Unison



1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and
 * In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and



mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -



bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.
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*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

Tune: BEGINNINGS 9.8.9.8.
 Carlton R. Young, 1987

Please join us in Virtual Sunday Fellowship at 10:30 AM.

Please call or email Church Office to be put on the mailing list for Zoom meeting IDs and Church News.

zoom



If you don't have a computer or just not computer savvy, don't worry! Just call in with your cell phone or home phone and just enter the meeting ID.

Join us in fellowship online using the zoom app. On your computer or favorite device.

Follow the links in the email or text message you received.

Enter the meeting ID and Wa-Lah! You're in!

Don't worry if you don't want to be seen, just turn off your camera or cover it with tape.



ALTAR FLOWERS are given in loving memory of **Sylvia Sanchez** for her Birthday, by her family.

BETHANY CHURCH STAFF

Ministers to the World

Rev. Patrick S. McCorkle
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Thomas Boyer
Mark Simmons
Jean Wilson
Carol LaBollita
Josh Bowes

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Pastor Emeritus
Moderator
Diaconate Co-Chairperson
Diaconate Co-Chairperson
Organist/Music Director
Treasurer
Sunday School Supt.
Secretary
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July 26th Sunday

**Sunday Service in the Church and online
(Bethany Web Page)**

9:30 AM

July 26th Sunday

**Sunday Zoom Fellowship
(Zoom meeting ID and password will be
sent to Church Members by email)**

10:30 AM

August 9th Sunday

**Deaconate Meeting
(Zoom meeting ID and password will be
sent to Church Members by email)**

7:00 PM

August 17th Monday

**Administrative Council Meeting
(Zoom meeting ID and password will be
sent to Church Members by email)**

7:00 PM



**Thank you to Tom Boyer, Paul Frazer and Marsha Sherman
for providing this morning's Worship Music**



**The Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale will still be held, but at a
later date. We will update you with the new date.**

Thank you!



**Please Keep the following people in your prayers.
Don't forget to reach out with a card or a call.**

Kimberly Beers-Power

Pam and John Eagan

Bob Goodnow

Frieda Matthews

Peter and Grace Wang

Jack Douglas

Bill Ericson

Edie Goodnow

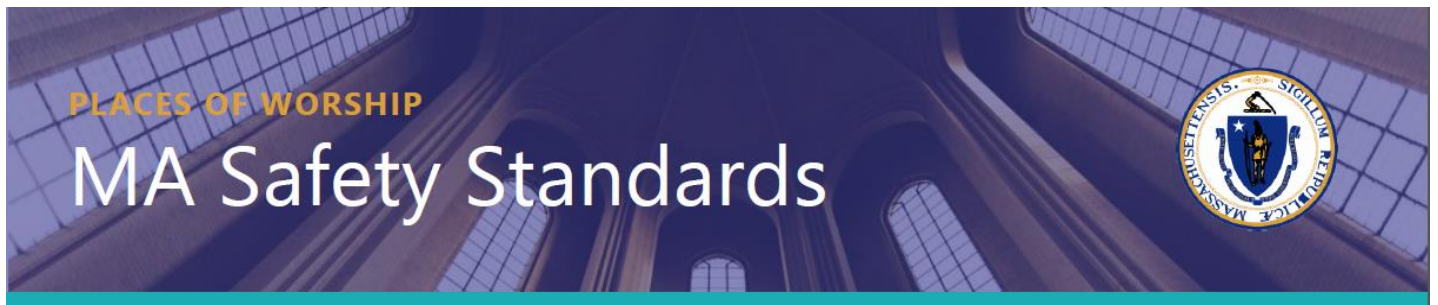
Ava Piazza

Dorothy Mersereau

Bill & Carol Harding

Estelle Weinberger

And all of our at risk members during the COVID19 crisis



MA COVID-19 update

Massachusetts has allowed Churches to open immediately in phase one of the state's re-opening plan.

As a result mandatory orders have been put in place until further notice.

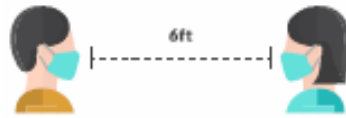
Below are the mandatory orders that apply to Churches.

As Bethany Congregational Church re-opens we will work to be in compliance with the state orders and to provide members with guidance and supplies for their safety. A firm re-opening date has not been determined yet.

MANDATORY SAFETY STANDARDS

COVID 19 up-date

SOCIAL DISTANCING



All places of worship shall limit occupancy to 40 percent of the building's maximum permitted occupancy level as documented in its occupancy permit on record with the municipal building department or other municipal record holder. The occupant count shall include all persons inside the place of worship, including attendees and staff. Staff or attendants shall monitor the number of attendees entering the place of worship to ensure compliance with the maximum occupancy level.

Attendees who are not part of the same immediate household must be seated at least 6 feet apart. Members of the same immediate household are permitted to sit together and less than 6 feet apart.

If there is fixed seating, rows should be blocked off and kept empty to allow for sufficient distancing between rows.

All attendees and staff must wear face coverings or masks in accordance with COVID-19 Order No. 31 and the Department of Public Health's Guidance while inside and while entering and exiting places of worship or otherwise participating in in-person services, except where a person is unable to wear a face covering or mask because of a medical or disabling condition.

For children between age 2 and 5, the wearing of a face covering or mask is at the discretion of the child's parent or guardian. Children under the age of 2 should not wear a face covering or mask.

A person who declines to wear a face covering or mask because of a medical or disabling condition shall not be required to produce documentation verifying the condition.

Places of worship may refuse entry to a person who refuses to wear a face covering or mask for non-medical reasons

HYGIENE PROTOCOLS



COVID 19 up-date

Places of worship shall ensure that attendees and employees have access to hand washing facilities, including soap and running water, and allow employees sufficient break time to wash hands, as necessary.

STAFFING & OPERATIONS



Fellowship will be on ZOOM each week.



Places of worship shall not have communal gathering pre or post service (e.g., coffee hours or other food services).

Places of worship running food pantries or other prepackage food distribution may continue to do so.

Any childcare services shall remain closed until such time that there is additional guidance.

If a place of worship learns that an attendee or employee or other worker has tested positive for COVID-19, it shall notify the local Board of Health (LBOH) in the city or town where the place of worship is located and assist the LBOH as reasonably requested to trace likely contacts and advise contacts to isolate and self-quarantine.

CLEANING & DISINFECTING



Places of worship shall be cleaned and disinfected between each service, including disinfection of heavy transit areas and high-touch surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, bathrooms, microphones, shared instruments).

If a place of worship learns that an individual with COVID-19 attended a service or otherwise entered the place of worship, it shall conduct a deep cleaning and disinfecting consistent with the Centers for Disease Control guidance.

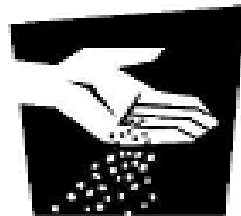
Children's Worship Bulletin

Mustard Seeds and Yeast

Matthew 13:31-33

Word Search Puzzle

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N	N	R	Q	Z	K	S	U	B	G	D	Q	W	Z	T
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O	P	B	S	I	X	T	Y	H	S	D	I	J	T	B
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MUSTARD
SMALLEST
POUNDS

KINGDOM
HEAVEN
YEAST

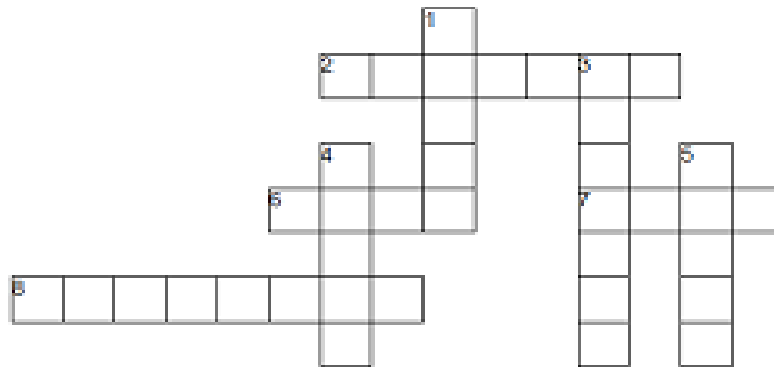
GROWS
WOMAN
DOUGH

FLOUR
PARABLE
BIRDS

LARGEST
SIXTY
SEED

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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. A story told by Jesus to help explain his teachings
6. A small grain of a plant placed in the ground for growing another plant
7. To become larger; to increase in size or amount
8. Not as big as any of the others

DOWN

1. A food made from dough of flour or meal
3. Bigger than any of the others
4. A member of the fungus family used in baking to help make the dough rise
5. A mixture of flour, water, and other ingredients to make bread

LARGEST
SMALLEST

YEAST
SEED

DOUGH
PARABLE

BREAD
GROW



Coloring Page



The Parable of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast
Matthew 13:31-33

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 13-21-19-20-1-18-4 _____
- 6-12-15-21-18 _____
- 4-15-21-7-8 _____
- 16-1-18-1-2-12-5 _____
- 19-5-5-4 _____
- 25-5-1-19-20 _____
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MUSTARD
SEED

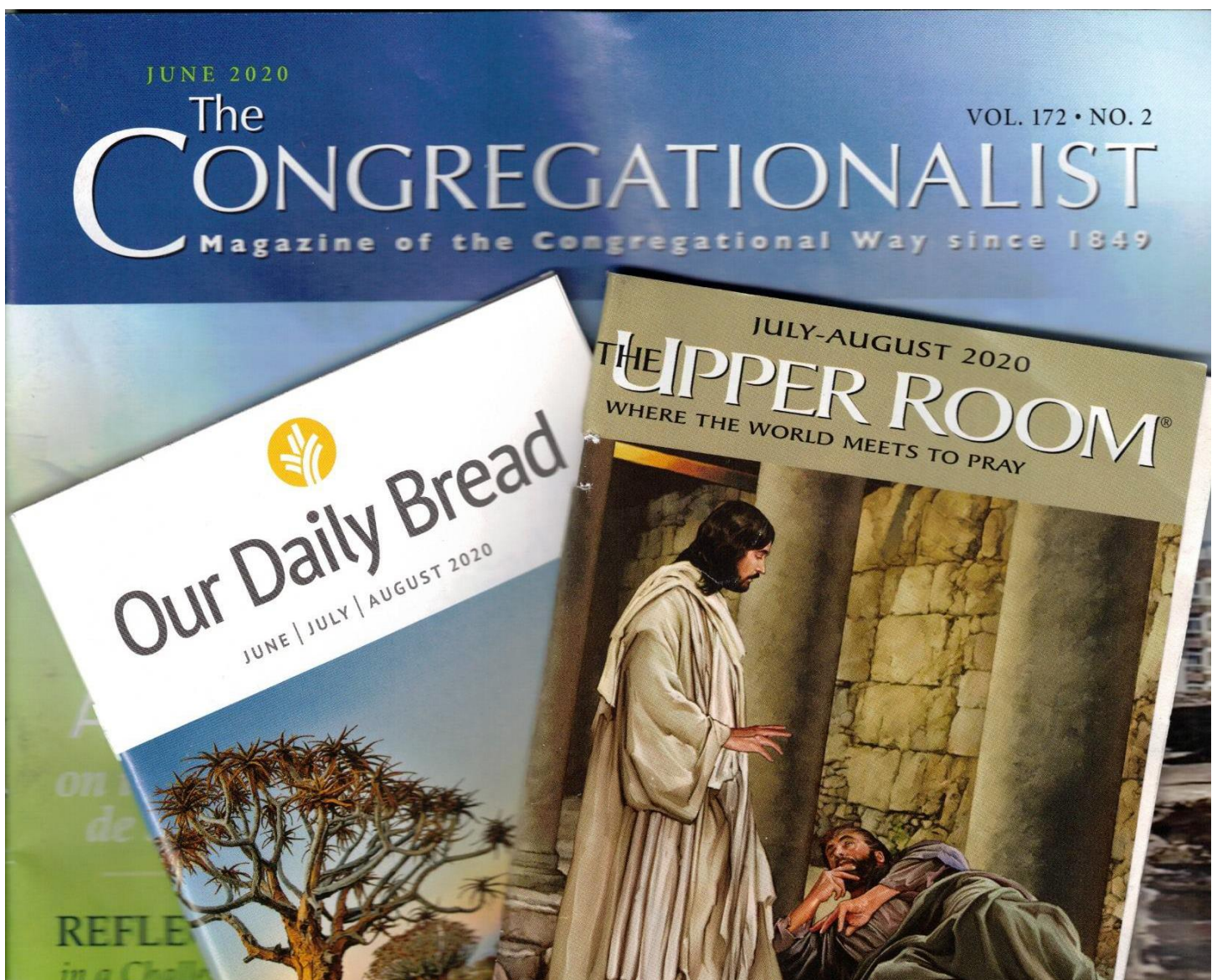
FLOUR
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YOU CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK UP PUBLICATIONS AT THE CHURCH





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**Services are broadcast on
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6 PM Thursdays**

and

10 AM Sundays

Think of helping someone during these tough times.



You can help others by:

- Helping at a food bank
- Delivering groceries
- Shopping for seniors
- Sending a card
- Reaching out with a call

