

COURT STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

GATHERING

Prelude	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i>	Rev. James West
Gathering		
Song of Faith		<i>Father, We Have Heard You Calling</i>
Prayer of Illumination		
Scripture		1 John 4:7-12, 18 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Act of Praise	<i>People of God</i>	Rev. Jim West
	Message:	
	<i>Fear Bravely: Don't Be Afraid</i>	
Prayer		
Offering		
Upcoming		
Song of Faith		<i>Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing</i>
Blessing		
Postlude	<i>Where He Leads Me</i>	Rev. James West

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Prayer of Illumination from a collection of prayers posted on the Wordship@North website. <https://northchurhindy.wordpress.com/>

Prayer of Dedication from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand website. <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/>

Questions for Reflection

As you reflect on this week's message and continue to meditate upon 1 John 4:7-12, 18 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 ponder these questions. Perhaps you will choose to write about them in a journal or chat with a friend.

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- What role does fear play in your thoughts, your decisions, and your life?
- What role does love—particularly God's love—play in your thoughts, your decisions, and your life?
- In what ways do you see our society being disciplined away from love and toward fear?
- What does it mean to fear God, and how does this allow us to take our eyes off the things we are afraid of?

Prayer of the Week

Risen Lord, I admit there are times when my gaze shifts from you to fear and capital F Fear. Refocus my gaze on God's love that I might drink it in day by day. Empower me to take neither a posture of fight nor flight but rather to engage my community with intention. Lead our congregation away from simply waiting for our community to come knocking on our door and move us to draw the circle wide and build new relationships. Amen.

Scripture for Next Sunday

Mark 12:28-34

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