

# A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ

## September 11, 2022

### *Reach Out to Jesus*

#### Chorus

He is always there hearing every prayer, faithful and true.  
Walking by our side, in his love we hide all the day through.  
When you get discouraged just remember what to do;  
Reach out to Jesus. He's reaching out to you.



This hymn, by Ralph Carmichael, is written in a pop music style and came out in 1968. It was recorded by Elvis Presley in 1971 and apparently was very popular—but not being an Elvis fan back then I was unaware of it. I learned it while worshiping at the Bucks County Jail in 1980. I was part of a prison ministry team led by members of the King of Prussia Church of Christ in Pennsylvania.

I was the song leader and asked the inmates if they had any requests. Not being familiar with this song I asked them to sing it for me—and sing it they did! Not only were the words powerful, these inmates sang it like they'd lived the lyrics—because they had. Since then it has been one of my favorites. This week I will begin with the Chorus and then tackle each verse.

I think all of us knows what it feels like to be discouraged. Entering my 42nd year of ministry I've had to deal with discouragement—personally and professionally. It can weigh you down and tie you up with the chains of despair if not dealt with properly. The chorus of Reach Out to Jesus tells us just how to deal with discouragement.

It starts by understanding our Lord. He not only hears our prayers he is faithful. Paul, in 2 Timothy 2:13, reveals that his faithfulness is tied to his very nature—"...he cannot disown himself." We may be faithless, but he by nature is faithful—we can count on it.

Next, we understand that he is true—he is the real deal, not some counterfeit used to give us false hope. John declares in his gospel chapter 1:9 & 14 that Jesus is the "true light" and the eternal "Word" that "became flesh." He dwelt among us and was in fact the "one and only Son" who is "full of grace and truth."

And he is not far away; he walks by our side through the indwelling of the Spirit.  
(John 14:17) We don't have to come to him, he comes to us when we reach out to him in saving faith. No matter where we are, no matter what we've done. Therefore, despair is not our inevitable destination when we get discouraged. Through our Lord and Savior, we have one who is faithful and true and will walk beside us as we deal with our trials and temptations.

Yes, we will be discouraged, but we will not be defeated by despair!

Remember, reach out to Jesus, He's reaching out to you!

Your Brother, Roger Woods  
Walled Lake Church of Christ, Michigan

(See page 4 for the song info and a link to hear the song)

**POCOC Web Site** ( <http://pococ.weebly.com/> )

- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristen Herbert and Roy Merritt. Click on Bulletin & Newsletters
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous recordings, too:
- [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL\\_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ) then click on the video.  
Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online – Click on **Teachings**
- Current Event Calendar - Click on **News & Events**



<p><b>Sunday Worship for September 11, 2022</b> (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed after communion for Children’s Church)</p> <p>Watch live stream or after our worship time: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ</a></p>				
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing: Jon Powless	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Wayne Hammock	Communion: Dave Snyppe
Servers:	Gary Chasteen	Rick Velasco	Brian Bungart	
<b>9:30am Adult Class:</b> Auditorium The Life of Christ: Trent Herbert		<b>Children Class:</b> Downstairs Combined Class		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID				
<b>Acts Class</b> (Zoom) No class for the rest of summer		<b>Prayer &amp; Praise Meeting</b> (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm		
<b>Men’s Fellowship</b> Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		<b>Ladies Prayer Group</b> (Zoom) Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
<p><b>The Sing Thing</b> – Thursday 6:00pm at the building We’ll sing our favorite hymns &amp; spiritual songs. This will also be a great time to learn (or help someone else learn) to sing one of the harmony parts.</p>				

**Communion and Tithes & Offerings**

Communion will again be available on the table at the front. Or you may pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

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	If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

**Happy Birthday!**

**September:** Barbara Byrd – 9, Dave Lawrence – 13, Jon Powless – 15, Kayli Benjamin – 17, Charlie Fender – 21, Pam Woodrow – 25, Eunice Orser – 29.

**October:** Tim Duffy – 4, Kristy Hall – 4, Bob McDaniel – 8, Lisa Bratcher – 13, Brian Bungart – 15, Cindy Snead – 17, Brittany Pringle – 19, Paula Hill – 20, Laura Fry – 24, Sandi Warner – 25.

## Our Prayer List

- Pray for Trent Herbert's mother who is currently hospitalized as the medical staff determines where the pain she is experiencing is coming from.
- Tammy White would like prayers for her cousin Kathy Johnson who has been diagnosed with leukemia. She also has Lupus.
- LaDonna's daughter, Lori has surgery for her brain aneurysm scheduled for September 15th. Pray for a successful surgery and complete recovery.
- Pam Woodrow tripped over an electrical cord and broke 2 fingers and a few ribs. Pray for complete and quick healing.
- Jon Powless has an MRI scheduled on September 15th. Pray for good results.
- Tony DelBarto was removed to Cottesmore for Rehab on Monday. Pray for his complete recovery and healing. Pray the VA application for assistance in changes in their home to accommodate his disabilities can be approved in a timely manner for when he is able to come home.
- Continued prayers for our brothers and sisters: Barbara Byrd, Frankie Gower, Sharon McDaniel, Karen Nance, Virginia Chapman, Janet McKinley, Tammy and Gary White, Troy Hill's father Glenn, with different issues.
- Pray for the workers who are fixing up the duplexes. And praise God for their dedication.
- Pray for the people of Ukraine. Pray for our Deacons, Ministerial Team, Leadership Team as they work for the good of our church.

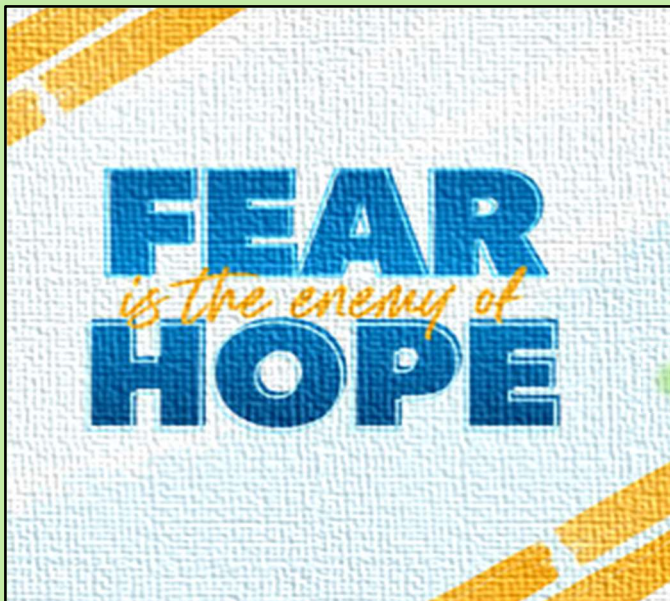
There will be a shower for  
**Beautiful Beginnings  
Learning Center.**

The Guest of honor will be *Heather Velez*.  
Hosts will be *Billie Hanson* and *Michelle Herbert*.  
The location will be the POCOC church building.

**September 25, 2022 at 5:00 pm.**

She is registered with Amazon.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/PTR7NN6BTX9D/guest-view>



### Financial Peace University

September 13, 2022  
6:00pm at the building

\$39 per couple  
(Potential Scholarships are available)

**If you haven't ever attended,  
we encourage you to come.  
You'll be glad you did.**

To register, go to  
[pococ.weebly.com](http://pococ.weebly.com)

## Reach Out to Jesus

### Verse 1

Is your burden heavy  
As you bear it all alone  
Does the road you travel  
Harbor danger yet unknown  
Are you growing weary  
In the struggle of it all  
Jesus will help you  
When on His name you call

### Chorus

He is always there  
Hearing ev'ry prayer  
Faithful and true  
Walking by our side  
In His love we hide  
All the day through  
When you get discouraged  
Just remember what to do  
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He's reaching out to you

### Verse 2

Is the life you're living  
Filled with sorrow and despair  
Does the future press you  
With its worry and its care  
Are you tired and friendless  
Have you almost lost your way  
Jesus will help you  
Just come to Him today  
(chorus)



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### Reach Out to Jesus

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