

# A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ

## February 18, 2024

### Living in a Fallen World

We live in a fallen world. Religious and non-religious people both know this. It is evident to all that something is not right. The world is not a just place.

#### How do we respond?

As followers of Jesus, we should respond differently. We should not be like the world. We should not take part in its ways. However, the great temptation we face is to do exactly this. These are the lies we are told:

If the world fights unfairly, we should fight unfairly.

If the world is ugly, we should be uglier.

If the world is mean, we need to be meaner.

If the world cheats, we should cheat, too.

We are told that the only way to defeat the world is to utilize the tactics of the world. This is a lie. You do not defeat darkness by introducing more darkness. You do not overcome hate by adding more hate. Only light can conquer darkness. Only love can defeat hate. This is the way of Jesus. When we choose any other way, we only add to the problem.

#### How do we respond?

If the world is unkind, we are kind.

If the world does not show grace, we show grace.

If the world hates, we love.

If the world is violent, we are peaceful.

If the world uses words to tear down, we use words to build up.

If the world despairs, we hope.

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”

**Hebrews 6:10 NIV**

We will never outdo the world in being worldly. The answer to the problems of the world is Jesus. We need to walk in his way. We need to embrace love in the presence of overwhelming hatred. We need to do good amid great evil. We need to forgive in a world that never forgives.

#### This is how we respond.

This is how we overcome. It is not always easy, but it is doable. Practice these things: Do one good thing. Encourage someone. Forgive someone who needs to be forgiven. Love someone who is hard to love. Be better to someone than they deserve. Reject violence. Practice reconciliation. Be a peacemaker. Refuse to speak ill of others. Choose hope. Do it repeatedly and notice how you and the world around you begin to change.

"Be the change you wish to see in the world." - Ghandi

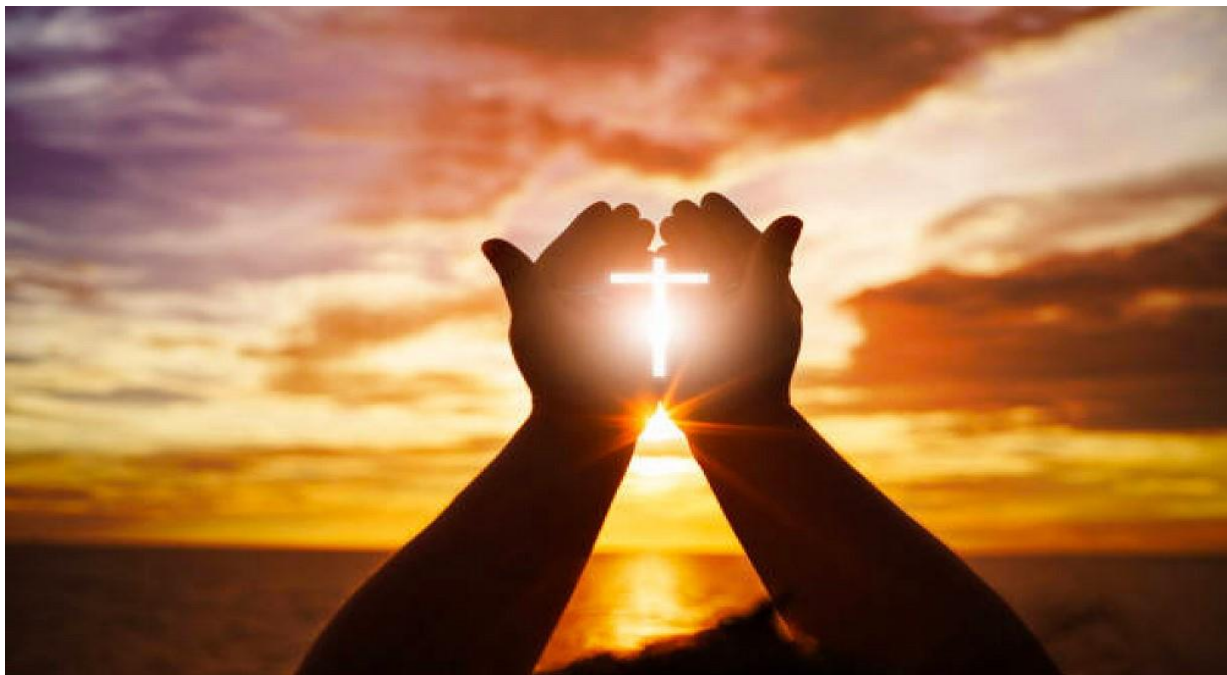
"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." - Martin Luther King Jr.

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Rom. 12:21)

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matt. 5:43-44)

## Our Prayer List

- Pray for Neda Herbert, who is receiving heart treatment.
- Nancy Armenta's brother-in-law Ken, whom we have been praying for, recently passed away. Also, please keep his wife Ida and the family in your prayers. Ida is in Swedish hospital, recovering from an aneurysm.
- Pray for Alyssa, our new Sister in Christ.
- Continue pray for to Michael and his medical issues. Please pray for him to have faith and trust in abundance in his new adventure with God.
- Praise God that Bittany Pringle is home from the hospital. She is feeling better, but still needs healing, so continue to pray for her.
- Pray for Peggy Hall's mother Ruth, who is out of ICU and hopes to be released by Friday. Peggy is still quarantined at her mother's house. Pray for healing for both.
- Pray for all those who are ill, traveling and struggling.
- There are a lot of illnesses currently in our area. Pray for quick healing for all those who are suffering, and for safely for all those suffering in the cold weather.
- Welcome our new elders; Gary Chasteen, Darrell Fry, Bob McDaniel, Brad Orser, Dave Snypp & Greg Warner. Pray daily for them as they take on this leadership role. Pray also for their wives and families.
- Josh Bedford, Dan Gross, Roger Taylor, Fuzzy Volpitta, and Gary White are the men who are being considered to join Cisco Velez on our team of deacons. Pray for these men and their families.
- Pray also for Trent as he continues to preach the Word to us.
- Pray for all of the ministries in this congregation and those who work so hard for their success.
- Pray for our church, that God will lead us in the direction He has planned for us. Pray for our children and their classes and groups.
- Pray for Dale Sanders' father Glen, who lives in Colorado is recovering from hernia surgery.



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

- To find our most current Bulletin, Order of Worship, & Worship Leader Schedule, Go to <http://pococ.weebly.com/> then click on Bulletins & Newsletters.
- Current Event Calendar - Click on News & Events.
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous video recordings, too: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL\\_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ) then click on the desired video.



Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.

<b>Sunday Worship</b> <b>February 18, 2023</b> (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children's church this week. – Dismissed after communion to go downstairs) 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>					
February Servers – Brian Bungart   Elijah Herbert   Dan Gross   Terry Bratcher					
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Darrell Fry	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Dave Snypp	Communion: Fuzzy Volpitta	Offering: Fuzzy Volpitta
<b>9:30 am Adult Class:</b> Auditorium Led by Trent Herbert			<b>Children Class:</b> Downstairs Two Classes: children and pre-teen		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					
<b>Men's Fellowship</b> Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am			<b>Ladies in the Word</b> Upstairs Overflow Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
<b>Bible Class &amp; Prayer</b> Colossians (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm			<b>Ladies Prayer Group</b> LaDonna's home – 10:00 am		
Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com			February 11, 2024 - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 4,207.00  If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104		

### ***Communion and Tithes & Offerings***

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also have the option to 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 below. We have a lock mailbox.

### **Happy Birthday!**

**February 2024:** John Casely – 28.

**March 2024:** Brad Orser – 12, Troy Hill – 15, Darrell Fry – 25, Roger Taylor – 31.

## Hear My Cry

When my soul is worn and weary  
And my eyes are filled with grief  
When my hands in desperation  
Reach to heaven for relief

Hear my cry, heavenly Father.  
You have known my every pain.  
You have seen all my sorrow  
Hear my cry once again

Would I find the words there waiting  
If I had the strength to start?  
Could a mortal tongue interpret  
All the sorrow of a heart?

Hear my cry, heavenly Father.  
You have known my every pain.  
You have seen all my sorrow  
Hear my cry once again

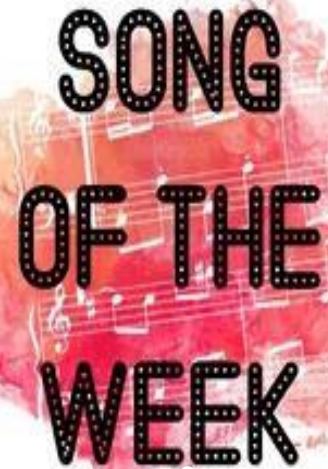
Spirit, search me in my weakness  
And discern this growing gray  
Intercede in understanding,  
Hear the things I cannot say.

Hear my cry, heavenly Father.  
You have known my every pain.  
You have seen all my sorrow  
Hear my cry once again.

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“Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.  
From the ends of the earth, I call to you,  
I call as my heart grows faint;  
lead me to the rock that is higher than I.  
For you have been my refuge,  
a strong tower against the foe.  
I long to dwell in your tent forever  
and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.”

- Psalms 61:1-4



## SONG OF THE WEEK

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[Hear My Cry](#)

## Hear My Cry

Acapella Hymn - Lyrics and Music by  
G.M. Eldridge, 2023

This is an original composition,  
started in 2020 and completed in  
2023. It is a part of Michael's CD,  
“Whatever is Worthy of Praise.”

To learn more about the song's  
background, find a copy of the CD,  
find free sheet music/slides, or  
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[acapeldridge.com](http://acapeldridge.com).