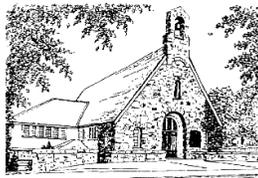


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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Beloved of God,

Across the street from our church is an elementary school not unlike Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Atherton Hough, like all our nation's schools, should be among the safest places in our communities, full of learning, fun and happy memories. They should not be places of horror and nightmares.

This week's school shooting in Texas is now the third deadliest school shooting in modern U.S. history, behind only Virginia Tech and Sandy Hook. If you are a parent, grandparent, or simply a concerned citizen, you have to be furious with those who have the power to act and save lives but are afraid to do anything to end this uniquely American epidemic. Some argue that it's a mental health problem not a gun problem. Yes, it is a mental health problem, one that needs serious attention. But someone with a mental health problem who doesn't have access to an assault rifle is not going to murder 21 innocent people in a matter of minutes.

I know there are members of Congress who fear what will happen if they cross the gun lobby and vote for any piece of gun safety legislation. But I also know that their fear is nothing like the fear those children in Texas felt as their lives and the lives of their classmates ended in a hail of bullets. Or the fear the parents must have felt when they were alerted that there was an active shooter situation happening at their kids' school.

Connecticut's Senator Chris Murphy said it best to his colleagues in the Senate, "What are we doing?" Until now, we know the answer to that question - nothing.

Congress knows how to solve this problem. Congress knows the steps we can take to protect our kids in their classrooms. They know because this is the only country in the developed world where this kind of slaughter happens on a routine basis. They just need the courage to act. And if they do not act, then we must elect a Congress that will.

I dare to offer this epistle as a prayer in Jesus' name. I believe that through his tears he is waiting for us to say, AMEN.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

Weekly Lectionary for June 2022

Season after Pentecost Year C	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Day of Pentecost June 5, 2022 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	* <u>Acts 2:1-21</u> or <u>Genesis 11:1-9</u>	<u>Psalm 104:24-34,</u> <u>35b</u>	<u>Romans 8:14-17</u> or <u>Acts 2:1-21</u>	<u>John 14:8-17, (25-27)</u>
First Sunday after Pentecost June 12, 2022 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31</u> <u>Psalm 8</u>		<u>Romans 5:1-5</u>	<u>John 16:12-15</u>
Second Sunday after Pentecost June 19, 2022 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a</u> <u>Psalm 42 and 43</u>	<u>Isaiah 65:1-9</u> <u>Psalm 22:19-28</u>	<u>Galatians 3:23-29</u>	<u>Luke 8:26-39</u>
Third Sunday after Pentecost June 26, 2022 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14</u> <u>Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20</u>	<u>1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21</u> <u>Psalm 16</u>	<u>Galatians 5:1, 13-25</u>	<u>Luke 9:51-62</u>
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HNCC STRAWBERRY TABLE

Saturday, June 18, 2022

10am – 2pm



HNCC members will sponsor a Strawberry Table at the Houghs Neck Community Yard Sale Located on the Grounds of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church. We'll have Strawberry Jam, Strawberry Shortcake, Strawberry Jam Squares, Strawberry Lemonade and more.

Stop by the table and enjoy the goodies!!

All proceeds will benefit Houghs Neck Congregational Church.

SPIRITUAL MESSAGES



God's Love Letter

Scripture: The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 119:130

Quote: The Bible is a letter God has sent us; prayer is a letter we send to him.

Matthew Henry

Receiving the Holy Spirit

Scripture: Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

1 Corinthians 2:12

Quote: We should pray that the Holy Spirit would give us his illumination and thereby help us to understand rightly when we study Scripture or when we ponder situations in our lives.

Wayne Grudem

Eternal Wisdom

Scripture: However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

1 Corinthians 2:6

Quote: The heavens declare Thy glory, Lord, in every star Thy wisdom shines.

Isaac Watts

God's Loving Kindness

Scripture: The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you."

Jeremiah 31:3

Quote: Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!

Charles Wesley

A Robust View of Heaven

Scripture: For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

Quote: If God can create all the beauty and excitement of our current universe, he's certainly capable of creating an eternally stimulating and rewarding experience for his followers in the new heaven and the new earth.

Clay Jones

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY!!
WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY WITH A SMILE, A CALL
OR A CARD TO OUR JUNE BIRTHDAY FOLKS!

JUNE

Jean Rounseville (Kenney)
Jennifer Bassett
Diane Haskins Duncan
Barbara Renken
Ralph Freeman Jr
Douglas Haskins
Clifford Hallett
Ian S. MacLean

William Sparks
Moe Flores
Denise Robbins Murphy
Peter D. Johnston
Alicia Amato
Erica Amato
Eric Stimpson
Kenneth Morris
Jason Mackay

NOTES FROM
NEAR AND FAR

Dear HNCC,
It's too soon for me but summer
has arrived early in Southern
Texas! We have begun our
yearly migration to the indoors
to hibernate. I look forward
to some outdoor summer days
in God's Country Houghs Neck.
I do enjoy my time near
the sea.

- *Dannette Costas-Carrion*
Houston, TX