

WELCOME



If you are a first time visitor please fill out one of our **Information Cards** available at the Information Center or in the Sanctuary. We want to thank you for joining us today as we celebrate God's grace and goodness together. Please be sure to introduce yourself to us and thanks again for coming.

TODAY:

Today we will continue with our eighth and final sermon in our present series **"Messages from the Message"** (Christ's Sermon on the Mount) Matt. 5: 9 **"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God"**.

****Wed. night Prayer Meeting will be suspended for the month of August and will resume again on Wednesday September 17****

I encourage you to find time to meditate and pray for your family and our church family, during the month of August. Prayerfully read a selection of the Psalms; like Psalm 1, 23, 37, 51, and 103. Allow the Word to wash over your soul and mind and encourage your heart.

"For the grace of God has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope-the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good." (Titus 2: 11-14)



JUST FOR KIDS

During the summer months our children will gather for **Kid's Summer Praise and Worship** at 10:00 AM. After worship they will head outside (weather permitting) on the church property to enjoy activities. They will be supervised by our workers and upon returning inside they will have a snack and gather for a special Bible lesson.

Nursery is available during the worship service, led by Len Hoh (Chan).

Parents please note that your child needs to be signed-in and signed-out every Sunday.



SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Sharing is Caring! As we continue to care for and share the love of Christ with our children at Summer Explosion Day Camp, please pray for the children and our leadership team.



MANNA

"From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' (which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?')(Matt. 27: 45-46)

(Psalm 88: 18) "You have taken from me friend and neighbor-darkness is my closest friend" This Psalm predicted what Jesus actually experienced, as it was recorded in Matt. Christ was truly abandoned by God and was totally engulfed in the blackness of rejection, cosmic loneliness, and hopelessness. He experienced this for us and because of us. He is our divine substitute!

At times we may feel that God has abandoned us, but if our faith is in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are, in truth, secure in God's love. **"Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus..."** (Rom. 8:1)

At times we may feel that God has no purpose for what we are going through, but in Rom. 8: 28, it declares that he is working **"all things"** out for good. As believers, we are in Christ. That means that he has already absorbed our loss, abandonment, and darkness. **"We are more than conquerors through him who loved us"** (Rom. 8:37). We are not victims in this life; on the contrary, we are victors in Christ.

COMING:



Rev. Fraz Mirza, Sunday, August 17. Fraz is the Associate Pastor in Sudbury, at Glad Tidings Church.

Rev. Clyde Williamson, Sunday, August 31. Clyde and his wife Marion are members here at ROCC. They founded "First Century Foundations" ministry.

John Hageman , Sunday Sept. 7. John attends ROCC with his wife Cindy. They served at Elim Bible College, N.Y., USA, for several years.