

## **Church Family and Friends,**

This past week I noted that at least five people of celebrity status or fame passed away. One of them was the great New York Mets pitcher, Tom Seaver.....or Tom Terrific as he was often called. What caught my attention was that they were all 75 year old. My dad was 75 when he died and so the number 75 is a number I sometimes think about, especially now that I am only 8 years away. It is not a fatalistic thought, but rather one of contemplation. No matter how many years lie before me they are far less than what lies behind me.

The idea of "*finishing strong*" has been a part of my life for at least 20 years. What do I do, or what should I be doing with my life to finish strong? It's a very good question for all of us. As we live our lives "*in Christ*", and see all of what our identity in Him means, each of us should think about what "*finishing strong*" would look like in our life. We should be asking how we can best reflect and represent Jesus in the years still before us.

I remember a former pastor and denominational worker I hired in Illinois to drive the spiritual growth component of our church. I will never forget seeing him pull up in the church parking lot and head into the building. He had served the Lord diligently and on that Monday morning he was still at it, although in a new context. He was 75!

Go the distance in Jesus,

*Pastor Jeff*

## **Prayer Concerns**

**Teachers and students doing school in new ways.**

**Ken Brock's sister and brother in law with serious health issues**

**Those traveling this Labor Day weekend**

**A vaccine for the Covid 19 virus**

**The need for revival in America.**

**Against satan who is having his way in our nation.**

**Those seeking wisdom with decisions they need to make in life**

**This Sunday worship live, website, and on Zoom**

**Our missionaries and organizations**

**Doug and Ann Johnson and their new friends**

**Our choir and Leigh as they prepare and record music for each Sunday**

**A thank you for Don at the organ and safety as he works in the hospital**

**The 2020 election and support for biblical teachings**

**The Allenspark Community Church now has three ways to experience worship. There is Sunday morning "live church" at 9 am, Zoom Church at 10:30, and the recording of the 9:00 am service on our website at [www.allensparkcommunitychurch.org](http://www.allensparkcommunitychurch.org)**

**The Annual Fall Meeting will be held on Sunday September 27. The Board is still working on the details of how that will be accomplished, so look for more information to come this month. Their goal is to make it accessible to everyone.**

*Organ Prelude* Don Shelley

*Welcome and Opening Remarks* Pastor Jeff

*Lord's Prayer* in unison

*Hymn #17 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* (R Robinson. J Wyeth. CCLI #11537217)

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let that goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

*Hymn #475 "Redeemed"* (F Crosby. WJ Kirkpatrick. CCLI# 11537217)

1. Redeemed--how I love to proclaim it!  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,  
His child, and forever, I am.

Redeemed, redeemed,  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed, redeemed,  
His child, and forever, I am.

3. I think of my blessed Redeemer,  
I think of Him all the day long;  
I sing, for I cannot be silent;  
His love is the theme of my song.

Redeemed, redeemed,  
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;  
Redeemed, redeemed,  
His child, and forever, I am.

*Apostles' Creed in unison:*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.  
He descended in hell;  
The third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven  
and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.  
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
And life everlasting. Amen!

*Gloria Patri*

*Scripture reading: Psalm 103*

*A Psalm of David.* Bless the LORD, O my soul, And all that is within me, *ble*ss His holy name.

<sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits;

<sup>3</sup> Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup> Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion;

<sup>5</sup> Who satisfies your years with good things, *So that* your youth is renewed like the eagle.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD performs righteous deeds And judgments for all who are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup> He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

<sup>9</sup> He will not always strive *with us*, Nor will He keep *His anger* forever.

<sup>10</sup> He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.

<sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup> Just as a father has compassion on *his* children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.

<sup>14</sup> For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are *but* dust.

<sup>15</sup> As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

<sup>16</sup> When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, And its place acknowledges it no longer.

<sup>17</sup> But the lovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children,

<sup>18</sup> To those who keep His covenant And remember His precepts to do them.

<sup>19</sup> The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all.

<sup>20</sup> Bless the LORD, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform His word, Obeying the voice of His word!

<sup>21</sup> Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing His will.

<sup>22</sup> Bless the LORD, all you works of His, In all places of His dominion; Bless the LORD, O my soul! (Psa 103:1-22 NASB)

Recognizing our tithes and offerings and Hour of Sharing  
*Doxology*

*Special Prayer Needs*

*Message IDENTITY: "Love"*

*Closing Remarks and Prayer*

*Benediction*