



Ephrata Community CHURCH

CONNECTING YOU WITH GOD AND OTHERS

June 7, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Ephrata Community Church,

I want to again say how grateful we all are to gather back together as a congregation to worship together and to hear His Word. We need both God and others to live lives that honor God and reflect His heart to our communities and beyond!

It is very clear that our communities and our nation are hurting. Brokenness, violence, racism, frustration, and anger abound. We need answers! Answers and solutions that are real and authentic. Answers that do more than cover over wounds without bringing deep and needed healing.

The good news is that God is, and will continue to be, at work through this season to bring the healing needed as we seek Him.


This weekend we announced a congregational call to a season of prayer and fasting beginning on Monday, June 8, 2020. Please feel free to set the parameters of your fast as you are led by God and supported by those closest to you. Good resources can be found here: <https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/spiritual-growth/fasting/7-steps-to-fasting.2.html>

As you fast and pray, I would invite you to focus on Isaiah 58 and four specific prayer targets for this season.

1. First, let's humble ourselves before the Lord. Fasting always begins right here. Before we address issues outside of us, let's invite God to do a work in us.
 - a. Psalm 139:23–24
2. Second, let's agree together for justice and mercy to prevail. Let's pray that the spirits behind violence and injustice are broken and pray for the wholistic peace that is found in our Lord Jesus Christ to be released on the earth.
 - a. Isaiah 58:6–12

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- b. Isaiah 9:6–7
3. Third, let's pray for wisdom for all leaders. The answers required by our communities are beyond the understanding of any person. We need supernatural and divine wisdom in all levels of leadership.
- a. Isaiah 58:11
- b. 1 Timothy 2:1–4
4. And finally, let's pray together that the light of Jesus would shine through His people to the world around us.
- a. Isaiah 58:8–12

God is good and His promises are sure! One of the most commonly repeated promises of Scripture is that when we seek Him, He will be found. (Deut. 4:29, Prov 8:17, Jer. 29:13, Jer. 33:3, Matt. 7:7) Let's seek Him, based on that promise, with confidence that He will be found by us!

In Christ and for His Glory!



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