Notes:
Sermon Text
Subject
Spiritual "To Do List" (things God has shown me today)

Service Music
Pre-service - Into the Word - E. Whitsett
A Closer Walk - H. Lillenas

Prelude - Open My Eyes - C. Scott Special Music - GARDEN - C. Miles

For the Christian, meditation means having "the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Colossians 3:16). It is not, like secular meditation, "doing nothing and being tuned in to your own mind at the same time," but it is feeding our minds on the words of God and digesting them slowly, savoring the texture, enjoying the juices, cherishing the flavor of such rich fare. Meditation that is truly Christian is guided by the gospel, shaped by the Scriptures, reliant upon the Holy Spirit, and exercised in faith.

—David Mathis, desiringGod.org

Christian meditation, very simply, is the ability to hear God's voice and obey his word. It is that simple. I wish I could make it more complicated for those who like things difficult. It involves no hidden mysteries, no secret mantras, no mental gymnastics, no esoteric flights into the cosmic consciousness. The truth of the matter is that the great God of the universe, the Creator of all things, desires our fellowship...

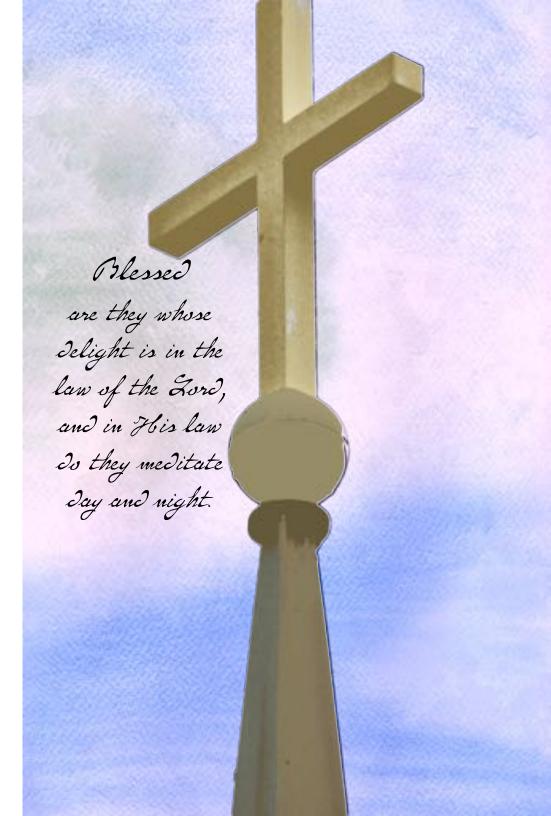
...For all the devotional masters the *meditatio Scripturarum*, the meditation upon Scripture, is the central reference point by which all other forms of meditation are kept in proper perspective.

Whereas the study of Scripture centers on exegesis, the meditation of Scripture centers on internalizing and personalizing the passage. The written Word becomes a living word addressed to you. This is not a time for technical studies, or analysis, or even the gathering of material to share with others. Set aside all tendencies toward arrogance and with a humble heart receive the word addressed to you. Often I find kneeling especially appropriate for this particular time.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer says, "... just as you do not analyze the words of someone you love, but accept them as they are said to you, accept the Word of Scripture and ponder it in your heart, as Mary did.

That is all. That is meditation." (*The Way to Freedom*, p.59) When Bonhoeffer founded the seminary at Finkenwalde, a one-half hour silent meditation upon Scripture was practiced by everyone.

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A warm welcome is extended to all who worship with us today! Let us enjoy the presence of the Lord together, as we fix our eyes on Him who is the Author and Perfecter of our faith.

Announcements

- March 17 9-11 p.m. Prayer Night.
- March 21-23 Ministerial Convention.
- April 2 Palm Sunday / Quarterly Communion Sunday
- April 2 8 Holy Week
- April 7 Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Community Service at the Reformed Church
- April 9 Easter Sunday
- Choir rehearsals for the Community Good Friday service are Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall at the Reformed Church.

Call To Worship

Master Chorus Book #156 Verse solo by leader, congregation joins on refrain.

ALMIGHTY GOD, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—BCP

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Cobleskill 4:00 p.m.— WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m. Sunday morning services are livestreamed at www.facebook.com/nyphc

Notes:

Prayer Requests

- This week we are praying especially for our sister church at Strattanville, PA. James Davis is the pastor.
- **Pray** for our nation during this uncertain time. **Pray** for the pulling down of the strongholds of evil in our land. (II Corinthians 10:4)
- Pray for Christians in danger all over the world.
- **Continue** to pray for:
 - Special requests for those on our hearts, especially Byron S., Ethan, Rowan S., Joshua M., and others not mentioned by name.
 - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
 - Missionaries: Nichole Barr, the Davises, the Easleys, B. Fay. the Himelicks, R. Hock, the Millses, R. Moulton, the Samborskis, Jack Sherman, Judy Sherman, and the T. Shermans.
 - Bible Colleges GBSC, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
 - Safety and protection for our Armed Forces.
 - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Pray for these physical need requests:
 - B. Cook, Fern, Herb V., Stephen Mills, Stephen and Nicole Cassady, Larry C., Paula Myers, the Rooneys.
- Other requests:
 - Rosemary Snyder, Ron Sperbeck
- Early Woodland requests:
 - Hope, Fiore, Maureen, Dick and Doris, Joanne, Kathy, James, Bob.

Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
OT Numbers 16:41-18 NT Mark 16:1-20 PSA Psalm 55:1-23 PROV Proverbs 11:7	3:32 Numbers 19:1-20:29 Luke 1:1-25 Psalm 56:1-13 Proverbs 11:8	Numbers 21:1-22:20 Luke 1:26-56 Psalm 57:1-11 Proverbs 11:9-11	Numbers 22:21-23:30 Luke 1:57-80 Psalm 58:1-11 Proverbs 11:12-13
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Numbers 24:1-25:18 Luke 2:1-35 Psalm 59:1-17 Proverbs 11:14	Luke 2:36-52 Psalm 60:1-12	Numbers 26:52-28:15 Luke 3:1-22 Psalm 61:1-8 Proverbs 11:16-17	Numbers 28;16-29:40 Luke 3:23-38 Psalm 62:1-12 Proverbs 11:18-19

Other announcements	
& prayer requests	





I Am Resolved

