



“How often should I forgive?”

9/17/2023

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Traditional Worship: 8:30 am  
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**10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

September 17, 2023

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## 8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

SIXTEENTH DAY OF PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN #634 – “ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME!”**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be God,  
the one who forms us,  
✝ Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.**  
**We are overwhelmed  
by the world’s violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.**  
**For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.**  
**For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.**  
**For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**  
**Lead us back to you  
and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
**Amen.**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## **KYRIE** (*Sung responsively. Music on p. 138 in front of hymnal*)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (*Music found on p. 140 in hymnal*)

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength,

and honor, blessing, and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

The first reading is from Genesis chapter 50, verses 15-21.

*After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

The second reading is from Romans chapter 14, verses 1-12.

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Music on p. 151 of hymnal*)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia.**

The holy gospel according to Matthew chapter 18, verses 21-35.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR BETH GILLER**

**HYMN #608 – “SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING”**



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

**“SING A NEW SONG”**

**Stan Pethel**

**LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL** (*Music on p. 182 of hymnal*)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing,  
gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(Music on p. 152 of hymnal)*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *(Music on p. 153 of hymnal)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **LAMB OF GOD** (*Music on p. 154 of hymnal*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **DISMISSAL**

P. Go in peace, serve the Lord,

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN #618 – “GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER”**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **HOLY BAPTISM (10:30 service)**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors for the candidate, in turn, present the candidate:*

We present Wren for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism the child who is not able to answer for themself:*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Wren baptized into Christ?

*Response:* We do.

As you bring her to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that she may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help her grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* We do.

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Wren in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* We do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support Wren and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BAPTISM

I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Wren with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Wren, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

# LYRICS

## BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE

Paul Baloche, Brenton Brown Arr. Keith Everette Smith

### Verse

As we come into Your presence  
We remember ev'ry blessing  
That You've poured out  
so freely from above

Lifting gratitude and praises  
For compassion so amazing  
Lord, we've come to give You thanks  
for all You've done

### Chorus

*Because of Your love  
We're forgiven  
Because of Your love  
Our hearts are clean*

*We lift You up  
With songs of freedom  
Forever we're changed  
Because of Your love  
(Repeat last time through)*

Yeah, yeah

(Repeat Verse)



## **MIGHTY TO SAVE**

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### Verse

Everyone needs compassion,  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness,  
The Kindness of a Savior  
The Hope of nations

### Chorus

*Savior, He can move the mountains,  
My God is mighty to save,  
He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave*

### Verse

So take me as you find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender

### Chorus

### Bridge

Shine Your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing, for the glory of the risen king,  
Jesus Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen king

### Chorus

[repeat chorus]

## GRACE LIKE A WAVE

Aaron Robertson, Chris Brown, Jane Williams, Lauren Anderson, London Gatch, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, Wad, Music by Elevation Worship Publishing (Admin. by Essential Music Publishing LLC), CCLI license #1526594

### Verse 1

You have brought me to the water,  
where my past can be swept away  
In the current of Your mercy,  
and I know I'll never be the same  
There's no limit to Your promise,  
Jesus You have done it all for me  
Jesus You have done it all for me

### Chorus

*Grace comes like a wave,  
crashing over me  
Grace comes like a wave,  
crashing over and over and over*

### Verse 2

I will jump into the water,  
where my soul can be satisfied  
And Your love is overflowing  
from within me and it won't run dry  
There's no limit to Your promise,  
Jesus You have done it all for me  
Jesus You have done it all for me

### Chorus (2 x's)

### Bridge

There's healing in the water  
with a love that flows so deep  
Wash over me, wash over me

Forgiveness in the water  
with a love that flows so deep  
Wash over me, wash over me

Salvation in the water  
with a love that flows so deep  
Wash over me, wash over me

### Chorus (2 x's)

### Repeat Bridge

## GOD IS FOR US

Jesse Reeves, Michael Farren, James Tealy, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, James Ferguson, Tiarne Tranter Arr. Dan Galbraith  
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### Verse 1

We won't fear the battle,  
we won't fear the night  
We will walk the valley,  
with You by our side

You will go before us,  
You will lead the way  
We have found a refuge,  
only You can save

### Chorus

*Sing with joy now,  
"Our God is for us"  
The Father's love  
is a strong and mighty fortress*

*Raise your voice now,  
no love is greater  
Who can stand against us  
if our God is for us*

### Verse 2

Even when I stumble,  
even when I fall  
Even when I turn back,  
still Your love is sure

You will not abandon,  
You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward  
with never ending grace

### Chorus

Bridge 2 x's  
Neither height nor depth  
can separate us  
Hell and death  
will not defeat us

He who gave  
his Son to free us,  
holds me in His love

### Chorus 2x's

**LECTOR** (8:30 Service) – Judy Zimmerman

**OWL'S LUNCHEON** – (Older Wiser Lutherans) This month's meeting will be on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am at Waters Edge Restaurant at Maumee Bay. Please contact Kathy Agoston to reserve your spot. Phone: (419) 508-5453 or Email: kagoston@sbcglobal.net.

**IT'S TIME FOR OUR NEW DIRECTORY!** – We haven't had a church photo directory in a while, and we are excited to announce that we are preparing for our new one! We will soon be setting up a sign-up table in the lobby for you to schedule your photo session time slot. Photos will be taken on Thurs. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 - 8:30 pm, Fri. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 - 8:30 pm, and Sat. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 10 am - 4 pm. There is also an online scheduling option available! To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **oh2684** the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the photos Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. Call the church office if you have any questions (419) 691-3597.

**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY** – St. Mark is getting a Little Free Library for neighborhood kids and adults to utilize in closer proximity than the closest public library! It will be placed outside near the big tree. If you are willing to help us build a collection of new or gently used books to fill the library (a large mailbox sized area) there are a few ways to help. 1) bring in books and give to Sam English (or Andrew) - think all reading abilities and levels from birth-teen, 2) bring monetary donations to Sam or Andrew to go toward purchasing books, 3) visit Amazon.com and search "registries and gift lists" using the name Samantha English and find the one labeled "St Mark Little Library" to purchase from a small wish list. Email or talk to Sam with questions! Thanks! [Sam.english1105@gmail.com](mailto:Sam.english1105@gmail.com)

**BOOK STUDY** – Beginning Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, we will start a 5-week session on “The Book of Forgiving” by Desmond & Mpho Tutu. It is written for those who need forgiveness, whether they want to forgive or to be forgiven. In person sessions will be held in the ladies lounge at 9:30 am. Evening online ZOOM sessions will be held at 7:11pm. Anyone who is interested in attending please call the church office to sign up (419) 691-3597 or email Pastor Cindy to sign up PastorCindyRitterToledo@Gmail.com.

**MENS NIGHT** – Join us Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 pm for an evening of hotdogs and target shooting at the Ottawa County Conservation League at 20998 W. Moline Martin Rd in Martin, Ohio. Bring safety glasses and ear protection. Hotdogs provided. RSVP by texting Brad at (419) 467-0288.

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**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS** is still benefiting our congregation. To sign-up or re-register, please go to [www/krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www/krogercommunityrewards.com). If you are having problems registering your card, please call customer service at 1-800-576-4377 or visit the customer service center at your nearest Kroger store. Our organization number has is **KE634**. Thank you.

**FOOD PANTRY** – We are currently looking for cans of tomato soup, if you can help, please place them in the pantry bins by the welcome desk. Thank you!



## “Dying Well” Adult Class

We all have to face the inevitable, so how prepared are you? This six-week class will focus on legal, financial and spiritual preparation. Each class will be offered on Sunday morning from 9:30 – 10:20 a.m. in the Brotherhood Room, and then repeated on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the St. Mark Lounge.

Sun. Sep. 17/Tues. Sep. 19      Overview: Planning and Legacy

We will review various legal forms and discuss Power of Attorney, end of life wishes, organ donation, legal considerations around funeral planning, etc. Laurie Pangle, Esq. will be presenting this information and her husband Bob Watrol will assist with notarizing.

Sun. Sep. 24/Tues. Sep. 26      Hospice Care: End of Life Concerns

Led by Larry Oberdorf, Jr. Larry is a hospice chaplain with Elara Caring Hospice

Sun. Oct. 1/Tues. Oct. 3      Planning and Legacy: Forms Review, Notarization

Sun. Oct. 8/Tues. Oct. 10      The Funeral Home: What to Expect

Led by Jason Fletcher, Licensed Funeral Director at Eggleston-Meinert-Pavley Funeral Home.

Sun. Oct. 15/Tues. Oct. 17      The Grieving Process and Talking to Kids about Death

Led by Laura Merrithew, Co-Founder of Donna’s Village Grief Community

Sun. Oct. 22/Tues. Oct. 24      Financial Considerations for the End of Life

Led by Brent Shimman, Financial Adviser and Co-Founder of S and D Capital

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