

Sunday Service: October 11, 2020

“Just Who is the Lord Of the Flies?”



“There comes not seldom a crisis in the life of men, of nations, and of worlds, when the old forms seem ready to decay, and the old rules of action have lost their binding force. The evils of existing systems obscure the blessings that attend them, and, where reform is needed, the cry is raised for subversion.”
— Benjamin N. Cardozo

Consider how the “old order” of corrupt religious and political institutions is rotting from within. The old way of doing things may still look viable on the outside, but it is decaying inside and the stink is all around us. This is far from what God desires.

Jesus liked to use metaphors and Steve will be sharing one of them on Sunday – because, as we all know, flies are often used to represent decay!

1. GATHERING

Musical Prelude (Stan)

Call to Worship

- **All:** Good and upright is the LORD; all paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness.
- **Leader:** We live in troubled times, waiting for God’s burst of light into our dark world. Take heart! God will make things right.
- **People:** As we wait, we pray that the Lord will sustain us and help us to walk in a right path. May God cast out the fear of darkness and light up our lives with hope
- **Leader:** We greet Jesus’ coming to make things right.
- **All:** We greet Jesus’ coming to make things right.

Opening prayer

Music

2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scriptures

Exodus 8: Then the Lord said to Moses, "Rise early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh... and say to him, '...Let my people go... For if you will not let my people go, I will send swarms of flies on you, your officials, and your people, and into your houses; and the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies... The Lord did so, and great swarms of flies came into the house of Pharaoh and into his officials' houses; in all of Egypt the land was ruined because of the flies.

Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron, and said, "Go... So Moses went out from Pharaoh and prayed to the Lord. And the Lord did as Moses asked: he removed the swarms of flies... But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and would not let the people go.

Matthew 23:27-28: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth. So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Message: "Just Who is the Lord of the Flies?" (Steve)

3. RESPONDING TO GOD

Music

Joys and Concerns

Offering and Music

Closing

"It was once said that the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped." — Hubert H. Humphrey



"The deterioration of a government begins almost always by the decay of its principles." — Montesquieu