Welcome to Worship April 26, 2020

Preparation for Worship Come near to God and he will come near to you. James 4:8 (NIV)

Opening Prayer

Father, accept the offering of our praise.

The Message ~ Made to Wait Series ~ The God Who Waits with Us Pastor Vin

Lamentations 3:25-26

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Finally, brothers & sisters, whatever is <u>true</u>, whatever is <u>noble</u>, whatever is <u>right</u>, whatever is <u>pure</u>, whatever is <u>lovely</u>, whatever is <u>admirable</u>—if anything is <u>excellent</u> or <u>praiseworthy</u>—think about (and do) such things. **Philippians 4:8** V V V V V V V

Operation Christmas Child ~ April Small Toys/Puzzles/Games Please continue to collect gifts in anticipation for when we're all reunited!

Sunday's Messages are available on our Web Site www.patchnaz.net

Practice the Presence of God

I wish you were convinced that God is often, in some sense, closer to us in times of trouble and sickness than in health. **- Brother Lawrence**

May we be reminded that He is the Great Physician of the soul. Trouble, *dis-ease*, any illnesses, are the times when we call to Him for help. Instead of us knowingly or unknowingly keep Him at arm's length, we open our arms wide and run in *His direction*. Immediately, the healing process begins!

We are strange creatures indeed. When we are well when we *perceive* life is how it ought to be, where are we placing our trust? Is the need for [support] on our radar screens? But when the "screen" is lit up with incoming bogies (enemy fighter jets) we shift to DEFCON 5! (The DEFense readiness CONdition (DEFCON) the alert state used by the U.S Armed Forces.) It is then we become *acutely aware* of our deep need for Jesus!

Whether in sickness or health, whether in poverty or plenty, we are incomplete. We live in a deficit! COVID 19 is a <u>revealer</u> of sorts. Our eyes are opened and re-opened to the Present One. He's the One who breathes new life into our souls. He's the One who holds all things together - who holds us together!

For in him we live, and move and have our being. Acts 17:28

Can you live without Jesus? I can't! Everything is changing, **everything**, right before our eyes. But there is One who remains faithful and true. He is always present. He says I will *never* leave you; I will *never* forsake you!

God bless you!

Pastor Vin

COVID-19 RELATED PRAYER REQUESTS

Give thanks as the virus curve is **flatting!** Continue to **Pray**!

All frontline essential personal: Doctors, nurses, police, firemen, grocery store employees, and all in support of the above.

Wisdom: For all our leaders in the months ahead and throughout 2020.

Janet Souza – Serving Brookhaven Hospital.

Fran Mahoney 79

Kelly Belluomo – mother David 15 – son Gabrielle 10 – daughter

Ray Rivera – is home & proclaiming the goodness of God! TY prayer warriors!

Janice – Fever free!

Mary Coyle – 2 cases in her nursing & home - Lord, protect our sister.

Coleen & Steve Sohomer's

Ann & John Salvi: Ann still hospitalized but is now OFF the ventilator! John is getting better & 3 young daughters are well.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR FAMILIES

Alan Mueller – the loss of his brother **Roy.**

For husband **Tom** & son **Lt. Dan**, for the loss of wife & mother **Rita**. For **Joyce Barci** – the loss of her brother **Bob**.