# Notes:

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

"The prayer life that existed between those chaplains is something that existed long before the ship was attacked. They had become friends and were often at prayer together. That attitude of prayer brought them together in a way that will never be forgotten." — Rev. James F. Koenigsfeld

## The Story of the Four Chaplains

A convoy of three ships and three escorting Coast Guard cutters passed through "torpedo alley" some 100 miles off the coast of Greenland at about 1 a.m. on February 3, 1943. The submarine U-223 fired three torpedoes, one of which hit the midsection of the *Dorchester*, a U.S. Army troopship with more than 900 men on board. Ammonia and oil were everywhere in the fast-sinking vessel and upon the freezing sea. The four Chaplains on board, two Protestant pastors, a Roman Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi, were among the first on deck, calming the men and handing out life jackets. When they ran out, they took off their own and placed them on waiting soldiers without regard to faith or race.

Approximately 18 minutes after the explosion, the ship went down. The Chaplains were the last to be seen by witnesses; they were standing arm-in-arm on the hull of the ship as it went down, each praying in his own way for the care of the men. Almost 700 sailors and soldiers died also, making it the third largest loss at sea of its kind for the United States during World War II. The Coast Guard Cutter *Tampa* was able to escort the other freighters to Greenland. Meanwhile the cutters *Comanche* and *Escanaba*, disobeying orders to continue the search for the German U-Boat, stopped to rescue 230 men from the frigid waters that night.

The four Chaplains were Father John Washington (Roman Catholic), Reverend Clark Poling (Reformed), Rabbi Alexander Goode (Jewish) and Rev. George Fox (Methodist). These four Chaplains were posthumously honored by the Congress and President. They were recognized for their selfless acts of courage, compassion and faith. According to the First Sergeant on the ship, "They were always together, they carried their faith together." They demonstrated throughout the voyage and in their last moments, interfaith compassion in their relationship with the men and with each other.

0 LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

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With what shall we come before the Lord? Let us vow to worship and serve God by acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly, as we glorify God and show our loving kindness to one another.

Welcome, dear friends! Welcome in the name of the Lord.

## Call to Worship

Our words are nothing but noise, when we don't have love.

Our ideas and knowledge are empty, when we don't have love.

Our generosity and service means nothing, when we don't have love.

Forgive us, O Lord, for our lack of love.

Teach us to love, O God.

Teach us to love.

Today, the Lord shall send us.

Today, the Lord shall teach us how to speak.

Let us worship God, who has always known us.

Let us worship God, who loves us.

-From I Corinthians 13 and Jeremiah 1

#### **Announcements**

- The second offering this morning is our monthly Building Repair offering.
- February 10 Ministerial Benevolence Fund Offering
- February 13 First Day of Lent (the seven weeks before Easter)
- February 15 Conference-Wide Day of Prayer and Fasting

SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m Cobleskill 4:00 p.m. Evening 7:00 p.m. — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m. — FRIDAY: Women's Fellowship 10:30 a.m.

### **Prayer Requests**

- Our sister church to pray for this week is **Pierrepont Manor.** The pastor is Perry Case.
- Pray for revival in our church and community.
- Continue to pray for:
  - Special requests for neighbors, relatives, and friends on our hearts, especially Leonard H., Rowan S., and Annette F.
  - Rachel Owens's need for a regular ride to her ministry at Freedom Chapel.
  - Missionaries: B. Fay, C. Hostetler, the Hunters, the Kisers, the Kurtenses, the Mayles, the Millses, the Mussers, the D. Shermans, the J. Shermans; and the Himelicks and others at VICM.
  - Our **young people**, those in school, at work, and those who need jobs.
  - Bible Colleges GBS, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
  - Our armed services personnel.
  - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Pray for these physical need requests:
  - Susan Ford, Dan Heckman, Sandy Griesemer and her mother, Ada, David Young, Cindy Owens, Mike Fuller, Thelma Heckman, Lillian Jamison, Dick Bunzey, Ed Snyder, Kathy Moltzen, Claire Tolan, Mark Vosburgh, Duane Maxey (very low), Michael Wright, Clayton Jones.
- Please let us know of anyone who is ill, facing a time of hospitalization, or would like a home visit.

### Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
OT NT PSA PROV	Exodus 17:8-19:15 Matthew 22:34-23:12 Psalm 27:7-14 Proverbs 3	Exodus 19:16-21:21 Matthew 23:13-39 Psalm 28:1-9 Proverbs 4	Exodus 21:22-23:13 Matthew 24:1-28 Psalm 29:1-11 Proverbs 5	
Wedne	sday Thursday	Friday	Saturday	

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Exodus 23:14-25:40	Exodus 26:1-27:21	Exodus 28:1-43	Exodus 29:1-30:10
Matthew 24:29-51	Matthew 25:1-30	Matthew 25:31-26:13	Matthew 26:14-46
Psalm 30:1-12	Psalm 31:1-8	Psalm 31:9-18	Psalm 31:19-24
Proverbs 6	Proverbs 7	Proverbs 8	Proverbs 9

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Other announcements & prayer requests

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