

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

SERMON NOTES

"Make My Joy Complete"

Psalm 138

Philippians 2:1-11

If... then...

Make my joy complete by...

"being like-minded..."

"having the same love..."

"being one in spirit and of one mind"

"Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences."

John Wesley

Humility: The Center of all Virtues

"Humility is having an accurate assessment of your own nature and your own place in the cosmos... humility reminds you that you are not the center of the universe, but you serve a larger order."

David Brooks

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit."

"In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

“Have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.”

He made himself nothing...

“On the path to holiness it is essential that we make this journey with a spirit of humility in our judgments toward each other.”
Bishop Kenneth Carter

“Be confident because you are a child of God. Be humble because everyone else is too.”
Glennon Doyle

Additional Notes:

“These are the few ways we can practice humility:

To speak as little as possible of one’s self.

To mind one’s own business.

Not to want to manage other people’s affairs.

To avoid curiosity.

To accept contradictions and correction cheerfully.

To pass over the mistakes of others.

To accept insults and injuries.

To accept being slighted, forgotten and disliked.

To be kind and gentle even under provocation.

Never to stand on one’s dignity.

To choose always the hardest.”

Mother Teresa

Questions for Further Reflection and Conversation...

- Why is humility so hard?
- When you think of the humble people, you personally know, who comes to mind?
- Why is humility so important?
- What is the relationship of joy and humility?
- Reflect on Mother Teresa’s “ways” for becoming more humble? Anything you would add to her list?