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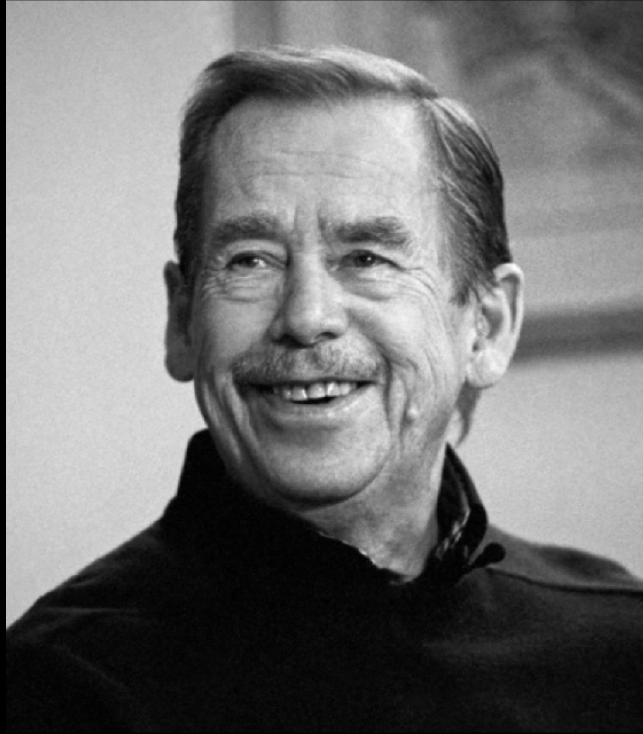


**Due to United Night of Worship, the 5 p.m.
service on April 2 will be moved to Lee Road
United Methodist Church.**

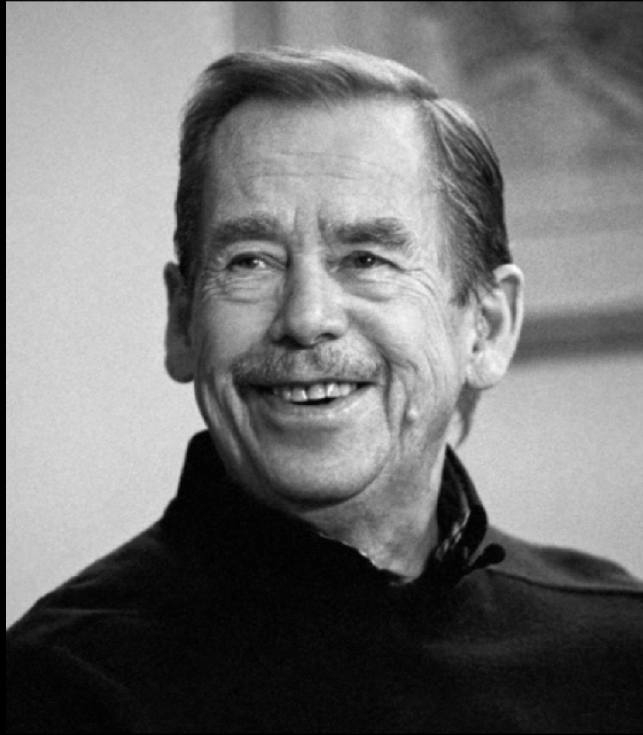
There will be no nursery or children's programs.



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“He begins to say what he really thinks at political meetings.

“And he even finds the strength in himself to express solidarity with those whom his conscience commands him to support.

“In this revolt, the greengrocer steps out of living within the lie. He rejects the ritual and breaks the rules of the game

“By breaking the rules of the game, he has disrupted the game as such. He has exposed it as a mere game. He has shattered the world of appearances.”

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“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:3

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.”

Matthew 7:15

“Do not judge by appearances ...”

John 7:24a

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness.

“So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”

Matthew 23:27-28

“I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.”

Revelation 3:1b

“For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.”

Revelation 3:17

“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence”

2 Peter 1:3

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- I will be exposed as a fraud.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!”

Psalm 139:23-24

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“For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved.” (17b)

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“for, speaking loud boasts of folly ...” (18)

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“Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons ...

“who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.”

1 Timothy 4:1,3

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- a progressive hedonism

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“... those who are barely escaping from those who live in error.” (18b)

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“They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.” (19)

“To be enslaved to oneself is the heaviest of all servitudes.”

Seneca

“Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.’”

John 8:34, 36

“What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

“Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?”

Romans 6:15-16

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3. They profess to **reform** (20-22).

“For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

“For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.”

2 Peter 2:20-21

“What the true proverb says has happened to them: ‘The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire.’”

2 Peter 2:22

How do we process this?



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- Thank God for the warnings!

“We are as sick as our sickest secret, but we are also as healthy as we are honest.”

Ronald Rolheiser

“Sobriety is only 10% about alcohol or a drug;
it’s 90% about honesty.”

Recovering Alcoholic

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- Don't be **surprised** by false teaching.

“For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

“And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

“So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.”

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

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- Rest in **your Father's** promises.

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

“And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”

Romans 8:28-32

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.’

“All that the Father gives me will come to me,
and whoever comes to me I will never cast
out.”

John 6:35-37

“But I am a great sinner,” say you.

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“I will in no wise cast out,” says Christ.

“But I am an old sinner,” say you.

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“I will in no wise cast out,” says Christ.

“But I am a hard-hearted sinner,” say you.

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“I will in no wise cast out,” says Christ.

“But I am a backsliding sinner,” say you.

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“I will in no wise cast out,” says Christ.

“But I have served Satan all my days,” say you.

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“But I have sinned against light,” say you.

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“I will in no wise cast out,” says Christ.

“But I have sinned against mercy,” say you.

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“But I have no good thing to bring with me,”
say you.

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“Fallen, anxious sinners are limitless in their capacity to perceive reasons for Jesus to cast them out. We are factories of fresh resistances to Christ’s love.

“Even when we run out of tangible reasons to be cast out, such as specific sins or failures, we tend to retain a vague sense that, given enough time, Jesus will finally grow tired of us and hold us at arm’s length

“We cannot present a reason for Christ to finally close off his heart to his own sheep. No such reason exists

“With Christ, our sins and weaknesses are the very resume items that qualify us to approach him.

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