

**NO CHURCH SERVICE:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**WELCOME:**

**FIRST TIME VISITORS:**

**WARM GREETING:**

**TITHES/LOVE OFFERINGS:**

**SERMON:.. “Do you have the firstfruits of the Spirit?”**



**CHURCH EVENTS UPCOMING: 2020**

**NO EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF JUNE! WATCH FOR MORE UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENT.**



**PRAY FOR OUR NATION:**

[Instructions Concerning Prayer] Therefore I exhort first of all that you make supplications, prayers, intercession, and thanksgivings for everyone, for kings and for all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty, for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior...(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

So Father, we stand in a nation and Portland that is so full of hurt, pain, trauma, and rage. There are so many people that don't know what to do or where to go. There are so many things causing people to be divided. Even in the midst of that, we stand up today as the Ekklesia, as the Church. We come to the bow of the boat, as Jesus did, and we say, 'PEACE, BE STILL!' We come to the bow of the nation and Portland and we see the storms raging. They seem so insurmountable to us that they cause us to say, as the disciples did, "Do you care that we perish? We know, Father, that You do. So from a place of peace, we speak to the storms of anger, violence, rage, and decimation. We speak to the storms of injustice. We

speak to the storms of fear. We speak to the storms and release the sound of shalom (peace), and we say, "Peace, be still". We say to hearts that are hurting and hearts that confused, "We release the shalom of God, the peace of Jesus, into your lives and into these situations across this nation and Portland. We release a great calm over cities in this nation and over neighborhoods in Jesus' peaceful Name.

## **GOOD NEWS!**

Recently Multnomah County targets June 12 for PHASE I reopening of COVID-19 stay home order.

## **PROPHECY NEWS!**

**NEWS:** Is America headed for a post-apocalyptic currency collapse? America's cities erupted into flames, Antifa and BLM-organized rioting, looting, violence, and mayhem have pushed cities across the country pandemonium (a place of riotous uproar or utter chaos or unrestrained disorder).

**NEWS:** Swarm of millions of locusts devastate crops in India amid pandemic-created economic crisis.

**NEWS:** Millions of Americans skip payments as tidal wave of defaults and evictions looms.

**NEWS:** Trump: Violent riots a 'crime against God'.

**NEWS:** Riots, like military org., 'Attack and dethrone God'—former FBI agent.

**NEWS:** Trump 'approves plan' to withdraw U.S. Troops from Germany.

## **“Do you have the Firstfruits of the Spirit?”**

**(Romans 8:22-23, pt 1)**

**(v. 22)** “For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now. **(23)** And not only they (creation), but ourselves also, who have the Firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit (as, like, even as) the redemption of our body.”

1. What is this 'firstfruits'? It means “to make a beginning” in sacrifices. Also it means 'chief' or 'principal part', in other word 'the earliest ripe of the crop or of the tree'.
2. Lists of the firstfruits of the Spirit to anyone who received Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord:

- **2 Thess. 2:13:** “But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved of the Lord, because God has from the **BEGINNING CHOSEN** you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth”.
- **SALVATION:** It is the Firstfruits of the Spirit that delivers and saves man. **Luke 11:13:** “How much more shall your heavenly Father **GIVE** the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?” **Romans 6:23:** “But the **GIFT** (Holy Spirit) of God is **ETERNAL LIFE** through Jesus Christ our Lord.” **Romans 8:23 EEB:** “...we have received God's Spirit as the **FIRST** of His gifts to us...” **Romans 8:9:** “If anyone **DOES NOT HAVE THE SPIRIT** of Christ in them, that person **DOES NOT BELONG TO CHRIST.**” What does it mean? It means this person is **saved** or **not saved**.
- **NEW CREATURE: 2 Corinthians 5:17:** “Therefore if any person be in Christ, a person is a **NEW CREATURE**: old things passed away; behold, all things are become **NEW.**” **Romans 8:23 Barclay Translation:** “...although we have received in the Spirit a foretaste of what the **NEW LIFE** will be like, groan inwardly...” another **TIL:** “...the Holy Spirit is a glorious firstfruit of what God **PLANS** to give us...” **Ephesians 1:13-14:** “In Christ Jesus you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in Christ Jesus also after that you believed, you were **SEALED** with that Holy Spirit of **PROMISE**, who is the **EARNEST—DOWNPAYMENT—FIRSTFRUITS** of our inheritance until the **REDEMPTION** of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.” **Romans 8:23 ERV:** “...We have the Spirit as the first part of God's **PROMISE**...”
- **SANCTIFICATION: 2 Corinthians 6:17 EEB:** “And so, the Lord says: ‘Come out from among them (non-Christians, worldly people, sinners) and **BE SEPARATE**. Do not touch anything that is dirty and wrong. Then I-God the Father will accept you.” **Romans 8:23 EEB:** “...but we also cry inside ourselves. We are waiting for the time when God will finish His great work...” **Romans 8:23 MSG:** “...the Spirit of God is **AROUSING** us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs.” **Romans 8:23 SEB:** “...groan with pain also. We are waiting to **BECOME TRUE SONS and DAUGHTERS**...” **Romans 8:23 TRUTH:** “...although we know the Spirit **IS ALREADY AT WORK WITHIN** us, we **LONG** for the time...” **John 15:2-3 The Pure Word:** “Every small branch in Me (Jesus) bring not fruit. He (Father) takes away, and anyone that is bringing fruit, HE (Holy Spirit) is **SPIRITUAL CLEANSING** him (you and me), that he (you/me) should be bringing much more fruit. Already yourselves are purified, because of the Spiritual Word that I am now uttering (speaking) to you.”