

# Parkman Congregational Church

## July 7, 2024

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If there is an emergency, please call one of the Elders'  
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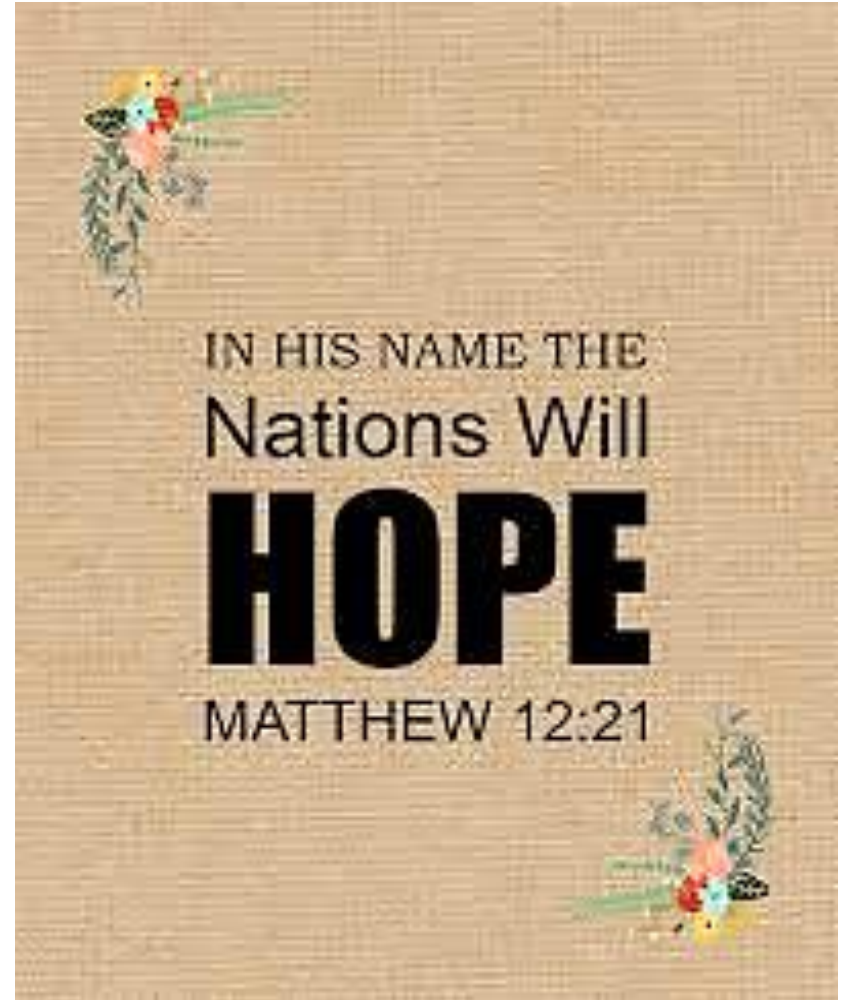
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**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM**  
**SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE 6:00 - 7:00PM**

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*Ministers: Members of this Congregation*

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## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 7	Sunday school, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am Evening Prayer Service 6-7:00 pm
Monday, July 8	Elders Meeting, 7:00 pm Women's Fellowship, 7:00 pm
Saturday, July 13	AA, 8:30 pm
Sunday, July 14	Sunday school, 9:00 am Fellowship Time, 10:00 am Worship Service, 10:30 am Evening Prayer Service, 6:00-7:00 pm



**NOT** God's plan for my life  
**BUT** my life for God's plan  
**NOT** God's vision for our church  
**BUT** our church for God's Vision

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## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*"This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church."*

*Ephesians 5:32 esv*



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**SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE, 6:00 PM**



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### It's Not About Your Marriage!

At the end of Ephesians chapter 5 where Paul's writing about marriage, we discover that Paul's deeper focus is not upon our marital happiness at all! He says: "I am talking about Christ and the church" (Ephesians 5:32). The "profound mystery" here is not marriage itself. It is the "mystery" (Meaning "revealed secret") of the gospel, which Paul clarified earlier in the letter: namely, that people of every background are being reconciled to God and each other through the death of Christ, to manifest God's triumphant wisdom over destructive evil powers, in the spiritual realms in His church.

So, the "one flesh" union of a Christian marriage under Christ, between two people who may be incredibly different from each other, is a powerful demonstration in the spiritual realms of the wisdom of God's eternal plan to unite everything under Christ! The power of the gospel to motivate a Christian wife to submissively support her husband, and to motivate a Christian husband to sacrificially love his wife, despite their sins and their differences, provides a powerful witness in our earthly churches of the victory of God over destructive evil powers. To put it simply, if God can keep Christians together in marriage, it's obvious that his eternal plan is working!

- Richard Coekin