Parkman Congregational Church July 13, 2025

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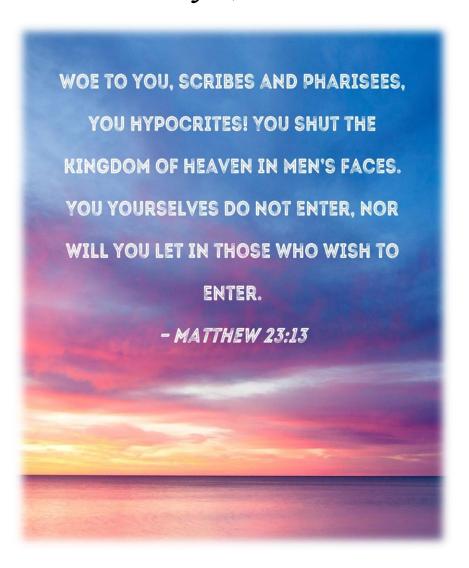
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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30am SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE 7:00pm

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 13	Sunday school, 9:00 am
	Fellowship Time, 10:00 am
	Worship Service, 10:30 am
	Evening Service 7:00 pm

Monday, July 14	Elder's Meeting, 7:00pm
	Women's Fellowship 7:00pm

Friday, **July 18** Titus 2 Ministry, 6:15 pm

Saturday, **July 19** AA, 8:30 pm

Sunday, July 20 Outdoor Worship, 11:00 am
Picnic after service

Evening Prayer Service, 7:00 pm

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH – MATTHEW 23: 27-28

(27) "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. (28) So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Matthew 23:27-28 ESV

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The Jews had cemeteries, but many people buried their loved ones in private plots. Of course, God had given the Israelites very strict laws

regarding purification and ritual cleanliness, and these laws dictated that people not come into contact with the burial vault, a gravesite, or a sepulcher. Anyone who did have such contact was ceremonially defiled, and he had to go through several days of cleansing rituals before he could resume worship with the people of God and other activities (Numbers 19:11-16). So, those who had private tombs and burial sites regularly applied whitewash to the surfaces of those gravesites so that anyone who happened to be journeying near would see immediately that he was in the vicinity of a grave. No groups in Israel were more judicious in obeying this principle than the scribes and the Pharisees.

But Jesus' point was that the scribes and the Pharisees themselves were like such whitewashed tombs. In their strict observances of Jewish rituals, they appeared to be the very embodiment of men of God. Like whitewashed tombs, they were beautiful on the outside. However, as Jesus noted, even the most beautiful tombs contained dead men's bones and the remains of corpses that would cause defilement if touched. The scribes and the Pharisees were like that. Although they gave the appearance of zeal, faith, and piety, they were spiritually dead inside. As Jesus put it, they were filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness, and John tells us, "Sin is lawlessness" (1 John 3:4b).

- Sproul

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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



Our Annual Outdoor Worship and Picnic is fast approaching! On Sunday, July 20th we'll gather outside under the big walnut tree for our Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

After service we will enjoy our potluck-style picnic.

Hamburgers, hot dogs (and toppings), beverages, and paper products will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share.

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Kids Camp will be July 28th -July 30th from 5:30-8:00pm.

Volunteer and kids sign-up sheet is posted

