

# The Spider & The Fly

Reasons for Joy / Philippians #11  
(Philippians 4:10-23)



*Real contentment in life only depends on Jesus Christ,  
always delights in authentic gratitude, and relentlessly  
disposes of self-centered greed.*

Notes:

*“Gratitude is a vaccine, an antitoxin, and an antiseptic.”  
This is a most searching and true diagnosis. Gratitude can  
be a vaccine that can prevent the invasion of a  
disgruntled attitude. As antitoxins prevent the disastrous  
effects of certain poisons and diseases, thanksgiving  
destroys the poison of faultfinding and grumbling. When  
trouble has smitten us, a spirit of thanksgiving is a  
soothing antiseptic.” - Clinton C. Cox*

*I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty.  
I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation,  
whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.  
- Philippians 4:12 -*



**Covenant Presbyterian Church  
of  
Reno, Nevada**

**July 20, 2025**

# Service for The Lord's Day

## July 20, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. - Philippians 4:19-20

### We Gather in the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

**Prelude** Nancy Tedford, piano

**Welcome and Church Family News**

**Call to Worship** Psalm 136 (hymnal p.835) Steve Marsh

### To Our God & Father Be Glory for Ever and Ever

**\*Songs of Praise** Samuel Dueñas & the CPC Praise Band  
"Every Step" & "His Mercy Is More"  
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**\*Time of Greeting**

**Children's Prayer Time** Katie Guerrero

### We Confess Our Sin to God Who Meets All Our Needs

**Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance & King of Kings**  
Praise the Father, praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, three in one.  
God of glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.

**Time of Offering**

**Special Music** "I Need You, Lord" – Hull, Maher Jay Hull

**\*Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### From God's Word We Learn the Secret of Contentment

**\*Hymn of Preparation** "Let All Things Now Living" #125

**Scripture Reading:** Philippians 4:10-23 (p.983)

**Message:** The Spider and The Fly Pastor Jay Hull  
(Reasons for Joy/Philippians #11)

### We Respond by Rejoicing Greatly in the Lord

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we  
forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

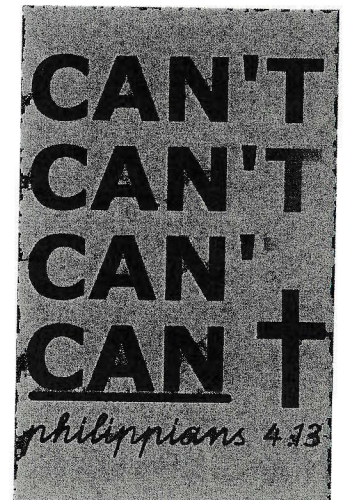
**\*Closing Hymn** "Now Thank We All Our God" #98

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude** Nancy Tedford, organ

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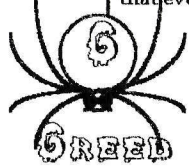
*We Go Forth as God's People,  
Able to Do Everything Asked  
of Us through Him Who  
Gives Us Strength*





# The Spider and the Fly Philippians 4:10-23 Sermon Notes

"Will you walk into my parlour?"  
said the Spider to the Fly,  
"Tis the prettiest little parlour  
that ever you did spy..." (Mary Howitt, 1829)



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Notes:

## A Spider and a Fly Jay Hull

One a spider, one a fly, call them Gratitude and Greed,  
On the web of life I'm weaving, one is food for the one I feed.  
I am living to say "Thank You" or to say "I want! I need!"  
I am dying to have more or else content to know I'm freed.

It is Gratitude and Greed, one a spider, one a fly,  
By the choices I make daily, one will watch the other die.  
Which my spider? Which my fly? Watch my life. It cannot lie,  
As I do the deadly dancing of the spider and the fly.

## Philippians 4:10-23

<sup>10</sup> *I rejoiced in the Lord greatly*

that now at length you have  
revived your concern for me.  
You were indeed concerned for  
me, but you had no opportunity.

<sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in  
need, for I have learned in whatever  
situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know  
how to be brought low, and I know how  
to abound. In any and every circumstance,  
*I have learned the secret of facing plenty  
and hunger, abundance and need.*

<sup>13</sup> *I can do all things through  
him who strengthens me.*

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was kind of you to share  
my trouble. <sup>15</sup> And you Philippians  
yourselves know that in the beginning  
of the gospel, when I left Macedonia,  
no church entered into partnership with  
me in giving and receiving, except you only.

<sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help  
for my needs once and again.

<sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift,

but I seek the fruit that increases to  
your credit. <sup>18</sup> I have received full  
payment, and more. I am well supplied,  
having received from Epaphroditus the  
gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a  
sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

<sup>19</sup> *And my God will supply every need of yours  
according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

<sup>20</sup> *To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

<sup>21</sup> Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are  
with me greet you. <sup>22</sup> All the saints greet you,  
especially those of Caesar's household.

<sup>23</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.