

## Welcome to Sunday

May 6, 2018

### Today

8:45 am Music Rehearsal

9:15 am Prayer (Prayer Room)

10 am Worship Service

Holy Communion

### Wednesday

7pm Bible Study

Women's Study Group

Children and Youth

### Thursday

2pm Women's Bible Study

### Saturday

5pm Prayer in the "Gathering Place"

### Next Sunday is Mother's Day

Bring your mom to worship with you next week as we honor all of the ladies in our congregation. The service and prayers of the ladies here at Community Church is so appreciated and we want to be thankful for each one!

### Prayer Requests

John deBlecourt – Home recovering

Tony Rinchich – cancer and severe pain

Sharon Smith – Recovering from surgery

Jackie Bess – recovering from surgery

Angela Vickers mother – In hospice care

Gracie Worline – Cysts on Brain

Josh Pratt – Low level of blood cells

## Comfortable in Our Bondage

*And they said to them, "Let the LORD look on you and judge, because you have made us abhorrent in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us." Exodus 5:21*

"It is possible for people to become so accustomed to their bondage that they resist efforts to free them. The Hebrews had been slaves in Egypt for four hundred years. Slavery meant that they were not free to do God's will or to go where they wanted. Moses had come to tell the Israelites how they could experience freedom, yet they were more concerned about the reaction of their taskmasters than they were about pleasing God. For them to be free would mean that the pharaoh they were serving would be angry! It would mean that the Egyptians they had served all their lives might attack them. Freedom from their slavery did not seem to be worth the hardships they would inevitably endure. When God sets out to free us there will often be a price we will have to pay. Grief can be a terrible form of bondage, yet we can become comfortable with it. We can grow so comfortable with fear that we don't know how to live without it. As destructive as our sinful habits and lifestyle might be, we may prefer living with the familiar, rather than being freed to experience the unknown. We may recognize the harmful influence of a friend but choose to reject God's will rather than offend our friend. As incredible as it seems, the Israelites were angry at Moses for disrupting the life of slavery to which they had grown accustomed. Have you been lulled into a comfortable relationship with your bondage? Do you fear change more than you fear God? Are you willing to allow God to do what is necessary in order to free you?"