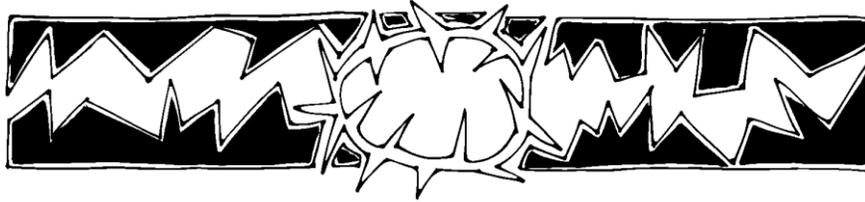


Faith United Methodist Church

April 5, 2020



Palm Sunday

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sin and speaks words of mercy. **God's love endures forever.**

Hymn

We've a Story to Tell the Nations

#569

*We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.*

Refrain:

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.*

(Refrain)

*We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.*

(Refrain)

*We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod, that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God.*

(Refrain)

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-19

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the

garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.'

The Lord God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.'

To the woman he said,

'I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children,
yet your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.'

And to the man he said,

'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
"You shall not eat of it",
cursed is the ground because of you;

in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

R – *Remember the wonderful works of the Lord! Praise God, give thanks, and sing!*

I cry aloud to God, aloud that God may hear me.

In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord, in the night my hand is stretched out continually; my soul refuses to be comforted.

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

I will meditate on all your work, and muse on all your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy.

What god is great like our God?

You are the God who works wonders, you manifested your might among the peoples.

**You redeemed with your arm your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. R**

When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you,
they were afraid, the very deeps trembled.

**The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder;
your arrows flashed on every side.**

The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings illumined the world;
the earth trembled and shook.

Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters;
yet your footsteps were unseen.

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron. R

Hymn

Softly & Tenderly Jesus is Calling

#348

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.*

*Refrain: Come home, come home; ye who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!*

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?*

(Refrain)

*Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me.*

(Refrain)

*O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.*

(Refrain)

Gospel Reading

John 13:1-20

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfil the scripture, "The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me." I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or

brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

Response: Thanks Be to God. Amen.

Gospel Response: *Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.*

Children’s Time

Special Music

Where He Leads Me

Prayer: O Lord, **open our hearts and lives to your word so that we may be transformed into faithful disciples. Amen.**

Witness



Affirmation of Faith

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Gloria be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A-men. A-men.

Song of Prayer: *I love you, Jesus. I worship and adore you. Just want to tell you that I love you more than anything.*

Prayers of the People

For our unity and the unity of your whole church in your mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

With leaders at every level of our common life— villages, towns, states, nations, corporations, and international associations—that there may be peace and justice for all people. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the earth, that we may be and inspire others to be good stewards of all of the gifts of your creation. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

With all who need your healing and deliverance, from physical or mental illness, isolation, deprivation, violence, and any form of oppression. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We gather all these prayers into the prayer your Son taught to us, **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

Confession & Pardon

*We have failed to love our neighbors, their offences to forgive,
have not listened to their troubles, nor have cared just how they live, we are jealous,
proud, impatient, loving over much our things;
may the yielding of our failings be our Lenten offerings.
We are hasty to judge others, blind to proof of human need;
and our lack of understanding demonstrates our inner greed;
we have wasted earth's resources; want and suffering we've ignored; come and cleanse
us; then restore us; make new hearts within us Lord!*

[Silent Prayer]

Hear the Good News. It is never too late to turn to God to ask forgiveness. God's love endures forever. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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Glory to God! Amen.

Peace of Christ

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

Song of Offerings: *Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.*

Collecting of Tithes & Offering

Doxology: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Hymn

Have Thine Own Way

#382

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!*

Benediction

Benediction Response

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity
is our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Prayer List

Margaret Arceneaux
Paul Arceneaux, Jr.
Sidney Arceneaux
Kim Craigen Ard
Lucian Adams
Dolores Anderson
Johnny & Ovelia Battaglio
Shirley Battaglio
Linda Bergen
Robert & Alicia Besser
Lloyd Betar
Mary Bevil
Bonnie Blankenship
Donna Suppa Bolton
Jo Bordeaux
Pat Borel
Glenda Brooks
Mary Callahan
Ann Campbell
Norma Campbell
Robert & Roxie Castilaw
Tana Champeau
Rebecca Chance
Billie Cherry
*Family of
Michaelalan Coleman*
Kim Wilber Conn
Derick Cooper
Kyle & Beth Craigen
Dakota Crutchfield

Jimmy & Emily Davis
Bobbye Dean
Mary Delafosse
Tammy Dufour
Lane Duhe
Julie Duplichan
Jerre Edmondson
Joe Floyd
Julie & Lucy Floyd
Family of Vance Gerald
Lorene Green
MaryJo Hebert
Christie Hale
Edna & Raymond Jones
Alice Kethley
Shirley Kethley
Kristie Key
Clyde Landry
Family of Rose Latta
Gail Lauve
Christi Leblanc
Fred Ledesma
Alice & Louis Loftin
Orianna Marchand
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Joyce Murphy
Arnold Northcut
Kelly Simmons Owens
Jim Padgett
John & Candance Perkins
Melva Phillips
Harlan Phipps
Mercedes Pierson
John Pool
Kenny Puckett
Buddy Renkema
Nikki Castilaw Rice
Edward Rivet
Randy & Darlene Rivett
Joann Savelle
Jim & Loretta Shearer
Brooke Simon
Harriet Simpson
James Sowell
Kim Streed
Bob Taylor
Loretta Thibodeaux
Sadina Hammock Ward
Mary Alice Weitzel
Mary Rose Williams
Gail Wright
Greta Zerasky



We are called to be:

Transformed by God's love, Christ's sacrifice and the Spirit's work in our lives.

Engaged with all of God's children from the small to the tall, the near and the far.

Celebrate, worship & praise God as we care for each other.

Share the Good News of God's love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

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