

Second Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m.

March 13, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

8:30 - *Meditation on "Jesus"* - Dean Wagner

11:00 - *Meditation on "Beautiful Savior"* - Cathy Moglebust

Call to Worship

Come now, says the Lord,

let us reason together;

Though your sins are like scarlet,

they shall be like snow;

though they are red like crimson,

they shall become like wood.

Opening Hymn No. 362 - Nothing but the Blood

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

O precious is the flow

that makes me white as snow;

no other fount I know;

nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see:

nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this my plea:

nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Refrain)

Nothing can for sin atone:

nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Naught of good that I have done:

nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Refrain)

This is all my hope and peace:

nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my righteousness:

nothing but the blood of Jesus.

(Refrain)

Invocation

Ancient of Days, in your goodness, love and wisdom, you see all things from a place beyond our comprehension, working all things together for the good of those who love you. Grant us humility of mind and enlightenment of our eyes: that we might understand ourselves through your grace, and see the world

around us with your patience and compassion, and in doing so align ourselves with your goodness and will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

Scripture Reading

Job 16:6-9, 38:1-7 (Old Testament page 465/441)

'If I speak, my pain is not assuaged,
and if I forbear, how much of it leaves me?

Surely now God has worn me out;
he has made desolate all my company.

And he has shrivelled me up,
which is a witness against me;
my leanness has risen up against me,
and it testifies to my face.

He has torn me in his wrath, and hated me;
he has gnashed his teeth at me;
my adversary sharpens his eyes against me.

The Lord Answers Job

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Anthem (11:00) - *10,000 Reasons* - Lloyd Larson

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem

8:30 - *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* - Mark Miller

11:00 - *Jesus is Calling* - Aaron Miller

Sermon - *The Questions of Evil*

Rev. Jon Priebe

Hymn of Response No. 462 - *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,

and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
neath the healing, cleansing flood!
(Refrain)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace.
(Refrain)

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end.
(Refrain)

Discipleship Moment

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.

Lenten Spiritual Discipline: Silence

Prayers of the People and 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 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.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn No.526 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

Benediction and Choral Response - (Hymn No. 298)

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Postlude -*Laudate Dominum (Praise the Lord)* - Charles Callahan



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given:

In memory of Frank and Louella Averill, by their family.

Service Music: 8:30 - Epworth Choir; Ava Sabatucci, solo; 11:00 - Wesley Choir, directed by Dean Wagner;
Jocelyn, Christopher, and Marcus Wilson, soloists; Chancel Choir

Altar Guild: Carol Lewis, Paulette Wagner

Music: One License A-731491

****Please rise as you are able. Please silence all cell phones and other electronic equipment. Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex. CDs of the service are available by signing up at the Welcome Center.**

CHURCH NOTES

Wesley Choir: The Wesley Choir will stay in church today after they sing, but there will be Children's Worship for children ages K - 3 during the 11:00 a.m. service. Lenten Boxes and the children's choir schedule through May will be available at the Welcome Desk for those who did not receive them last week. Children's choirs, bells, and ROCK are tonight from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Blessing Box: Our little blessing box is a true blessing to those in our community in their time of need. We are running low on the following items: Drink mixes, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned tuna, individual packets of oatmeal, flavored rice/ pasta mixes, individual servings of cereal, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly. Please remember to not donate items in glass jars, as these items may break due to the cold weather.

Organ Recitals: The Thursday Organ Recitals have returned for Lent. Dean Wagner will present half hour concerts of live music in the sanctuary every Thursday from Noon to 12:30. Feel free to come in and hear the organ only as the organ can be heard!

Altar Flowers: We are still taking orders for altar flowers in 2022. The cost is \$38 and the church takes care of ordering and delivery. If you would like to reserve a date, contact Christy Meyers at cmeyersfallsumc@gmail.com or Ext. 210.

Stewardship: During our recent Stewardship campaign, we were reminded that living all our membership vows is a two-way street. We take on responsibilities as members, but the church covenants with us to help fulfill those vows. Our Stewardship team has obtained a Ramsey+ site license to help, and we're offering it as a free gift to help you achieve your goals of living a debt free life, giving generously, living the life you are called to live, and sharing this gift with your family. Pick up a card at the welcome center for more information, or talk to Pastor Karol.

Easter Flowers: Now is the time to order the flowers which will adorn our altar on Easter morning. The plants are \$8.50 each. The list of donors and those memorialized or honored will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please place your order in the offering plate and indicate the number of each plant that you are ordering. **Deadline for orders are THIS Tuesday, March 15 by noon.**

___ Tulips ___ Hyacinths ___ Lilies ___ Daffodils

In memory or honor of (circle one) _____

Donor _____ Phone _____

Items Needed: With snow falling and covering the ground, Easter seems a long way, but our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 9, from 11 am to noon. We are in need of small toys and candy, preferable nut free as well as small boxes of raisins and individual bags of chips. They need to be dropped off by Sunday, April 3. If you would like to help with this community outreach, please contact Pastor Karol.

Montgomery Scholarship: It is hard to believe, but the school year is quickly winding down, and this means it is time for interested graduating seniors to apply for the Reid and Roberta Montgomery Scholarship. Applications may be picked up in the church office beginning Monday, March 28, and the deadline to submit applications will be Friday, April 22. Applicants must be a member of First Church, be a graduating senior, and be planning to enroll in college or a technical school for the 2022-2023 school year.

Next Steps

Why Do Good Things Happen to Bad People?

Job 16:7 – Job seems to be the epitome of “*Why do bad things happen to good people?*”

Tragedy and injustice have the power to shake us to the core of our faith

Job 38:4 – We assume incorrectly that our view of justice should determine God’s actions

A Limited Vantage Point

Job’s only imperfection is his inability to see the whole universe – a deeply human condition

Job 40:4 – How would we do at running the universe from our vantage point?

The universe is good and wild and wonderful, but we have no guarantees that it is also safe

Questions for Reflection: God mentions two wonderful but wild creatures to Job when responding to Job’s accusations of injustice. The Behemoth and Leviathan aren’t meant to describe dinosaurs or give us a scientific taxonomy system, but rather to show us that maybe if God is to create a good and wonderful universe, it must be wild and a little unsafe. Would I rather a safe universe that was less good? Or a perfectly good universe that is then, by its nature, unsafe?

Questions for Discussion: If you could run the universe for a day, what would you change? What unintended consequences could harm others or create injustice from the changes you might make? How long could you make the best, correct choices for everyone and everything from your vantage point?

Memory Verse: Romans 8:28 – *“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”*

Readings this Week: Romans 8:28-39, Luke 8:26-39, Romans 12:9-21

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DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

Martha Shoults and family on the death of her husband, member Dick Shoults on 3/5.
Sue Yates and family on the death of her brother Denny on 3/9.