

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 26, 2023**

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***Invocation***

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in my place condemned he stood;  
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***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 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.

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*See him at the judgment hall,  
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**Invocation**

**O God, by the example of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, you taught us the greatness of true humility, and call us to watch him in his passion. Give us grace to serve one another in all lowliness, and to enter into the fellowship of his suffering; in his name and for his sake.**

**Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION

*The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages*

### **Scripture Reading**

Psalm 116:12-19 (Old Testament p. 564/533)

What shall I return to the LORD

for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call on the name of the LORD,

I will pay my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD

is the death of his faithful ones.

O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.

You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice

and call on the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows to the LORD

in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the LORD,

in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

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

### **Gloria Patri**

**Glory 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 without end. Amen.**

**Anthem** (11:00) - *God So Loved the World* - John Stainer

### **God's Word for Young Disciples**

(Those in grades K-4 may be excused for Children's worship during the 11:00 service. They may be picked up in Asbury Hall.)

### **Scripture Reading**

Matthew 26:36-45 (New Testament p. 30/29)

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could

you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

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

**Sermon** - *He Gets Us: Jesus Felt Alone, Too*

Pastor Jon Priebe

### **RESPONSE**

*The people of God respond to the Word*

**Hymn of Response No. 165\*\*** - *Hallelujah! What a Savior*

*Man of Sorrows! what a name  
for the Son of God, who came  
ruined sinners to reclaim.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
in my place condemned he stood;  
sealed my pardon with his blood.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*Guilty, vile, and helpless we;  
spotless Lamb of God was he;  
full atonement can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*Lifted up was he to die;  
"It is finished!" was his cry;  
now in heaven exalted high.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*When he comes, our glorious King,  
all his ransomed home to bring,  
then anew this song we'll sing:  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

### **Discipleship Moment**

**Offertory** - *Jordan* - David Johnson

*(Please fill out the attendance sheet found in the pew pads.)*

***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.

***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 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. 290\*\* - Go to Dark Gethsemane***

*Go to dark Gethsemane,  
ye that feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see,  
watch with him one bitter hour.  
Turn not from his griefs away;  
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.*

*See him at the judgment hall,  
beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;  
O the wormwood and the gall!  
O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
learn of Christ to bear the cross.*

*Calvary's mournful mountain climb;  
there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry;  
learn of Jesus Christ to die.*

*Early hasten to the tomb  
where they laid his breathless clay;  
all is solitude and gloom.  
Who has taken him away?  
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes;  
Savior, teach us so to rise.*

***Benediction and Choral Response*** - (Hymn No. 292)

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

***Postlude - O Sons and Daughters of the King*** - Alfred Fedak



**The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God.**

**Thank you** to Cathy Poremba, our guest organist.

**Service Music:** 11:00 Chancel Choir

**Music:** One License A-731491

### **CHURCH NOTES**

**Camp Sunday:** Today is Camp Sunday at Children's Worship so we would like to invite all children up to grades 6 to attend to find out about the opportunities available.

**Stations of the Cross:** The Confirmation Classes prepared a Stations of the Cross prayer journey as a thank you to the First Church congregation for your support. The devotional exercise of visiting and praying in front of each of the stations and meditating on the Passion of Christ stems from the practice of early Christian pilgrims who visited the scenes of the events in Jerusalem and walked the traditional route from Pilate's house to Calvary. The 15 stations will be available in the two confirmation rooms through April 16. Stations 1-8 are in Confirmation 1 (across from the youth lounge) and stations 8-15 are in the Confirmation 2 room (the corner room in the Sunday school halls, where the 2 hallways meet).

**Epworth Home Concert:** Be sure to join us next Sunday, April 2, at 7 p.m. when the Epworth Choir will present their tour concert to the folks here at home! It's always a wonderful way to spend an evening and appreciate the youth of First Church.

**Thursday Organ Concerts:** During Lent, be sure to join us every Thursday at noon for a short organ concert by Dean Wagner. This Thursday he will be on the Epworth Choir Tour, but has recorded music on the organ for the concert.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place this Saturday, April 1, at 11 a.m. Bring your children, friends and family for the egg hunt and for a light lunch afterward.

**Parents' Meeting:** All parents of children and youth are invited to attend an important meeting next Sunday, April 2, in Asbury Hall during the Sunday School hour. We want to inform you about changes being considered for the fall which will impact your children and families.

**Walk to Emmaus:** If you completed a Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, or a different 3 day Upper Room event, please attend our agape party on Saturday, April 8, at 11:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall. We can join together to make agape for the upcoming walks. Please bring snacks to share, since food makes everything more fun!

**Need Youth Names:** If you have a student who will be entering 7th grade in the fall and would like to receive information on Epworth Choir and YF, please send an email to [epworthyouth2@gmail.com](mailto:epworthyouth2@gmail.com). There will be an opportunity for your youth to come to Youth Group on Sunday, May 2, to see what it's all about! We would also like to have the names of all graduating seniors so that they can be recognized at the church service on Sunday, May 21, Senior Sunday. Please send it to Jen McKenna at [epworthyouth2@gmail.com](mailto:epworthyouth2@gmail.com) or call the church office.

**Habitat For Humanity:** Would you like to participate at a build day with Habitat for Humanity? We have set up one more day in April for our church to participate at the house on Germaine. Our last date is April 8. This will be probably finishing touches. Contact Kim Kerr at 330 606 7736 or [kdk3rr@gmail.com](mailto:kdk3rr@gmail.com) to participate. We are able to have 7 volunteers.



**Do You Knit Or Crochet?** Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of people who are willing to knit and crochet prayer shawls. ministry has been going on for more than 15 years but we have lost most of our crocheters and knitters. you be interested in helping this wonderful ministry of First Church? If so, please call Sue Yates (330-322-4938) for more information.

**Rejoicing Spirits Worship and Reunion:** Saturday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m. in Asbury Hall. Come share God's love and celebrate Christ's Resurrection!

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS registration begins April 1 with complete details and a QR code on the fliers. VBS is for children aged 3 (by September 30) through 4th grade, the SERVE program for 5th and 6th graders, and the afternoon Extreme program for children in 1st through 6th grades. There are limits for each group and registrations, so register early.

### **Holy Week Worship**

#### **Palm Sunday (April 2)**

Pastor Jon Priebe preaching  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

#### **Maundy Thursday (April 6)**

Father Brian Bechtel (from St. John's) preaching  
7:00 p.m.  
(Pre-worship meal at 5:30 p.m.)

#### **Good Friday (April 7)**

Pastor Jon Priebe preaching  
7:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church

#### **Easter Sunday (April 9)**

6:30 a.m. Sunrise service at Pilgrim United Church of Christ  
Pastor Mike Ward preaching  
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. here at First Church  
Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

## Next Steps

### Let Down

vs. 38 – all Jesus asked for was some company while he prayed

vs. 37 – Peter, James, and John were also at the Transfiguration

### The Sound of Silence

On that mountain, God spoke from heaven to call Jesus the Beloved

In the garden, when Jesus was utterly alone, God was silent

### Can't Go Around It...

*Luke 22:44* – In his anguish, Jesus prayed more earnestly

*Deuteronomy 31:8* – The Lord will never leave you nor forsake you

Questions for Reflection: How do I respond when people on whom I am counting let me down? From where can I draw the strength to trust them again? Spend some time memorizing the Bible verse for this week to let God reassure you in places where you have felt abandoned or let down or alone.

Question for Discussion: In the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve chose their will over God's will. On Maundy Thursday in Gethsemane, Jesus prayed the opposite, "Not my will but thine." How else does Jesus's evening in Gethsemane differ from and how is it similar to Adam and Eve's time in Eden?

Memory Verse: **Matthew 26:42** – *"He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."*

Readings for this Week: Matthew 21:1-11, Zechariah 9:9-12, Deuteronomy 31:7-9

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**DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:**

FORREST WALLER AND FAMILY ON THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE, MEMBER MARILYN ON 3/8.