

Second Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2023

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Prelude - *O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß* - J.S. Bach

O man, weep for your great sins. Because of which Christ left his Father's bosom and came upon the earth; From a young woman pure and gentle, He was born here for us. He wanted to become our mediator. To the dead he gave life And removed in this way all sickness until the time came when he was sacrificed for us. Bore the heavy burden of our sins for a long time on the cross.

Call to Worship

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Opening Hymn No. 185** - *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

When morning gilds the skies

my heart awakening cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer,

to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day

when from the heart we say:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

The powers of darkness fear

when this sweet chant they hear:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around

ring joyous with the sound:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

In heaven's eternal bliss

the loveliest strain is this:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,

my canticle divine:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this th' eternal song

through all the ages long:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Invocation

God of strength and mercy, by the suffering and death of your Son, free us from slavery to sin and death and protect us in all our weakness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

Scripture Reading

Psalm 36:5-11

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me,
or the hand of the wicked drive me away.

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.

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

Mark 11:12-21

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see whether perhaps he would find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, 'May no one ever eat fruit from you again.' And his disciples heard it.

Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, 'Is it not written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"?'

But you have made it a den of robbers.'

And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.

In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. Then Peter remembered and said to him, 'Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.'

Anthem

8:30 - *I Believe* - Mark Miller

11:00 - *Come My Way, My Truth, My Life*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

Sermon - *He Gets Us: Jesus Defeats Shame*

RESPONSE

The people of God respond to the Word

Apostle's Creed**

We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - *What Wondrous Love is This (Hymn 292)* - David N. 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.

Communion (Hymnal p. 12)

SENDING FORTH

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

Closing Hymn No. 626** - *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,

and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood;
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

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 - *Christus, der uns Selig macht* - J.S. Bach

Christ, who saves us by His cross, and no sin committed, in the dark of night for us was with shackles fitted, Brought before a wicked court, falsely charged, and smitten, spit upon, and mocked in sport, as in Scripture written.



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and given
in loving memory of James White by his son Gary White

Service Music: 8:30 Epworth Choir; 11:00 Chancel Choir
Music: One License A-731491

CHURCH NOTES

Thursday Organ Concerts: Be sure to join us every Thursday at noon for a short organ concert by Dean Wagner.

Wednesday Men's Group: Any men of the church and community are invited to attend the Wednesday Night Men's Group. It is modeled after John Wesley's "Class Meetings." They meet every other Wednesday from 7-8 pm in the parlor and **the next meeting will be on February 22.** Their purpose is to make themselves better disciples for Christ. They also have occasional group outings for their families. You may just come for the next meeting or if you would like more information you may contact Tom Hammonds at 330-322-8758.

Easter Flowers: Now is the time to order the flowers which will adorn our altar on Easter morning. The plants are \$9.00 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. **The deadline is noon TOMORROW, March 6.**

___ Tulips ___ Hyacinths ___ Lilies ___ Daffodils

In memory or honor of (circle one) _____

Donor _____ Phone _____

Lenten Studies: We are offering two Lenten studies this year.

The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence, will be the basis of the first study. We will use it to explore a life of worship. It will be led by Pastor Karol and done with the New Fellowship Sunday School class. It will begin next Sunday, February 26 at 9:45 a.m. and last for 6 weeks.

A joint study with our two neighboring churches will begin on Monday, February 27, at 7 p.m. It will take place at St. John's Episcopal and will be led by our 3 pastors and the pastors at the other 2 churches. It will last for 5 weeks.

First Church Feeds Needs: At our monthly distribution, we are often able to get items like soap, paper towels, and pet food from the Food Bank. However, personal hygiene items, especially bladder control products for men and women (such as Poise pads or disposable underwear) are frequently requested by our clients but are rarely available from the Food Bank. We would love to be able to offer these products on a regular basis, so we are requesting donations. Please drop off items in the bin behind the Welcome Center.

Heart4theCity: Heart4theCity is a mission church of the East Ohio Conference located in the Goodyear Heights neighborhood. They are currently asking for small electric kitchen appliances, bedding, and gloves (work style NOT cotton as they have enough of these currently) to be sold in the store they operate. Donations may be placed in the bin located outside the church library.

Walk to Emmaus: Have you taken part in the Walk to Emmaus, either locally or in a different state or country? We would like to put together a participant list of people who have. Please send Pastor Mike the following information: name, phone number, email address, and your Walk information.

Weekday Christian Preschool: Registration has begun for the 2023-2024 school year. We offer a Christian preschool program for children who will be 3, 4, or 5 years old by September 30, 2023. The program is state licensed and staffed with degreed lead teachers and trained teachers' assistants. We believe that learning takes place through discovery and play. Each classroom environment is child led and teacher facilitated. Our main objective is to foster a positive self-image in each child while nourishing their social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth.

Vacation Bible School: VBS this summer will be June 19 - 23 with morning sessions for preschool through 4th grade, a SERVE program of field trips and mission projects for 5th and 6th graders, and an afternoon extension program with activities and field trips called EXTREME. We are looking for people who are interested in spending time with our children either as a teacher or helper. We need a wide variety of skills for the different activities, so there are many opportunities for you to use your talents. Please contact Donna Curfman at dcurfmanfallsumc@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Alpha Study: The Alpha study has an open invitation to anyone who wants to participate. Join the journey at any time - Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the library. As Jesus stated in John 1 to two of his disciples - "Come and see." Here are the subjects we will be spending time on in the next couple of months: Why Did Jesus Die? (2/21); How Can I Have Faith? (2/28); Why and How Do I Pray? (3/5). All are welcome!

Next Steps

Transfigured

Matthew 17:2 –Peter, James, and John saw Jesus fully divine

vs. 4 – Peter, then, sought to express his adoration and love

vs. 13 – they could not stay on the mountaintop forever

Day by Day

When we see Jesus more clearly, we can better love and follow him

“May I know Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly.” - *St. Richard Wycke, Bishop of Chichester*

Questions for Reflection: After their mountaintop experience, these disciples are led down the mountain and into the crowds that needed Jesus’s help. Back to the busyness of their day-to-day and toward, they were told, the difficulty of witnessing their rabbi suffer in Jerusalem. In fact only Thomas spoke up among the twelve to say they should go and suffer with Jesus in Jerusalem. It would certainly be more tempting to remain on the mountain. What motivates my desire to follow Jesus and where am I willing to follow him? How am I tempted to stay on comfortable mountaintops rather than enter into the difficulties and suffering of others?

Question for Discussion: St. Richard’s prayer suggests that our ability to follow Jesus is dependent on our love for him, which is dependent on our seeing him. How do you make time for perceiving Jesus in your daily life?

Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 6:5 – “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.*”

Readings for this Week: Exodus 33:21-23, Luke 9:18-23, Matthew 21:12-22

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PRAYER BULLETIN
MARCH 5, 2023



SECOND
SUNDAY
OF LENT

MINISTERS & STAFF:

Forrest Waller

HOSPITALIZED:

MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Scott Adie Bob Ahonen Debbie Amundsen Shirley Asher Mary Ellen Atwood Jim Bailey Behrman family Mark & Cindy Blaser Robert Boyd	Larry Brimlow Don Corbett Jim Evans Jean Finnegan Rose Gregory Mary Griest Joyce Haberkost Jim Henes Phil Hennen	Gerald Lewis Pat Park Kathi Sawyer Cynthia Schrier Christina Shaw David Townsend Ken Tunstall Marilyn Waller
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DEEPEST SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

KENNY TUNSTALL AND FAMILY ON THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE, MEMBER MARY ON 2/26.