

Sunday | **March 1, 2020** | 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent

Pastor Greg

Week 1: The Wounds of Violating the Sabbath

Jesus is accused of violating the Sabbath

Plain print indicates worship leader.

Bold print indicates the people.

*Indicates please stand as able.

Prelude ~ *Karla Stubblefield*

***Opening Hymn:** #185 When Morning Gilds the Skies

***Response**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Surely Christ has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases.

Yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

Christ was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us
whole,

and by his wounds we are healed.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:8-11

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

**Most merciful God, we confess to you that
we have broken your commandments by
our own thoughts, words, and deeds.**

**We have failed to find our rest in you
and have lived in disobedience to your
commandment to worship you as our
one true God. We have not loved our
brothers and sisters as we ought, and
we have not cared for your creation. For
the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have
mercy on us, and give us the healing
power of your love that we may walk
again in your ways and live to the glory
of your holy name. Amen.**

God is gracious and merciful, and he desires
that we be made free of the burden of our
sins. Through Jesus Christ, who bore the
cross for our sake and for the sake of the
whole world, there is healing, hope, and life.
Your sins are forgiven in the name of the
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.

Amen.

Epistle Reading: Colossians 2:16-19

***Gospel Reading:** Luke 6:6-11

Children's Time ~ *Kathy Phillips*

*Following Children's Time the kids may either
attend children's worship or remain here
and worship with the grown-ups.*

Choir Anthem: Long Time Ago (*Lynne Melvin on
flute*)

Sermon

Offertory: Rescue (*Ken Franklin*)

*Ushers collect prayer requests. Thank you for
your prayers, presence, talents, treasure,
and witness.*

Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the Church, for all in need, and
for the whole of God's creation. That
throughout these forty days of Lent, you
may give your people hope that it is Jesus,
our Lord, who leads the way and takes into
his body on the cross the sins of the whole
world.

Heal us, O God.

That we may cherish your Word and know
that our souls are restless unless they rest
in you.

Heal us, O God.

That all who are restless because of the pains
and wounds in body or mind or spirit may
find relief in the consolation of your love.

Heal us, O God.

That we may be your fearless people who know no bounds to the expression of your mercies and never feel ashamed of your extending your love to the stranger.

Heal us, O God.

For all the saints who are now at rest, that we may learn from their example of wholeness in your grace.

Heal us, O God.

Into your healing, wounded hands for our sake, we commend all for whom we pray.

By Christ's wounds, we are healed.

Holy Communion

Dear friends, we are going to Jerusalem with Jesus.

He is our pardon, our healing, and our peace!

We will suffer the trial with him, resisting evil.

With him, we will walk the path to life.

But come first to the table where there is food for the journey.

With hearts full of joy we come, giving thanks to God, our maker, and offering our praise!

We are right to praise you, faithful God! You answer sin with grace; you guide our wayward steps toward home. You are mending for the broken, safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast, strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner. You reveal your kindness in every sorrow, your mercy even in death. All your creatures see your works; they sing your steadfast love. We too declare your wonder and grace as with angels and saints we sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Now, O God, our hearts ponder Jesus the Messiah whom the Old Testament prophets anticipated as the One who would come to save God's people from sin and death. (*Silence*) He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried. He relied on you for everything. He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world. He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble. He was betrayed and deserted. He died between thieves and was buried in

a borrowed grave. You gave him new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend. He loved us completely, loved us to the end, and loves us still. Even on the night of betrayal, he ate supper with his friends. On the night to which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said; "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

Holy Spirit, come! Make all things new. Bless this bread which you have given and human hands have made. Let it become for us the Bread of Life. Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. Let it become for us the Cup of Salvation. Bless us also who eat and drink, that in this sharing we may know the living Christ who is with us now, and to the end of the age. Nourish us by these gifts to be willing servants of your world until the new age of your kingdom completely comes, and every creature clearly beholds it. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to say:

Our Father...

Let us give thanks. Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this Bread and Cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own.

Give us the gifts of this Holy Communion — oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

Breaking Bread; Sharing Bread and Cup...

Communion Songs: #98 To God Be the Glory
#526 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Blessing

May the healing presence of almighty God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you
now and always.

Amen.

Brief Announcements

***Closing Hymn:** #170 Oh, How I Love Jesus

***Postlude** ~ *Karla Stubblefield*

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and New Requests This Week

Shelly Bolton (Phyllis Barrett's daughter) is having her second surgery in a month.
Molly Clements (retired UM missionary) is in Hospice.
Kaye Cousins (Laverne Swinehart's friend) is having weekly chemo treatments.
Joanne Culver has been ill with a severe sinus infection.
Lauren Frantz is home from the hospital.
Jodie (Charlene Taylor's daughter) is recovering from a very difficult surgery and will be off work for 6 weeks. Charlene will be staying with her for a while.
Marie King (John and Linda Cleveland's friend) was taken to the hospital just in time, as she has pneumonia, heart problems, and her lungs and liver are infected.
The sister of Jeff Kudary died unexpectedly last week.
Prayers for the Lynn, Kugler, and Young families (friends of Jeff and Cathy Johnson) as Debra Kugler-Young has passed into Heaven.
Janet Snyder (Vera Walker's niece) will have open heart surgery on Wednesday in Montana.

Heather Walker is recovering from surgery in Columbus, Ohio.

Previous Requests

Camery (Teegan Phillips's friend) is battling cancer.
Jessie Farr (Joyce Newton's great-niece) has Crohn's Disease.
Amy Hofmeister (Vera Walker's dear friend and ex-neighbor) is back in the hospital with pancreatitis. Prayers are needed.
Lynne Melvin's mother-in-law is moving from her home of almost 50 years. Prayers for comfort and peace.
Prayers for Lynne Melvin and family at the death of her nephew, Danny Cole. Danny was only 52 years old and died of a sudden heart attack with no previous symptoms.
Monique's mother (Amy Phillips's friend) is in the hospital due to cancer that is now in her liver.
Ron Monroe (a very close friend of Dee's and Beth's) is recovering from hip replacement.
Joyce Newton is recovering from surgery.
Please continue to remember Janet Zang and all the family and friends in prayer.
Pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz	Robert & Carmen Parsons
Barb Griner	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Flossie Lang	Mina Willett
Nona Mattheis	Betty Witcher
Beverly Nimmo	

In Service to Our Country

Ryan Miller	Tyler Smith
Walker Polsinelli	Geoff White

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

3/1 Trace Puckett	3/5 Colleen Kiley
3/2 Harrison Barton	3/7 Mike Tuinier

Tyler Hawkins

Anniversaries

3/3 Gail Bratt	3/6 Jeff & Mary Ann Kudary
3/4 Jeff Geiger	

Today's acolytes are
Kelsie Tuinier and Kylie Tuiner

February 23 attendance:
Worship 92 Sunday School 35



The Education Building...Much Needed, But Do You Remember?

Although it was much needed to supply extra classrooms for all of the Sunday School students, it was not all that easy to get to, especially in the winter!

Why, you say? To leave the sanctuary headed for the Educational Building, you had two choices:

1) Take the door from the east end of the narthex. You will be outside, use the cement steps down to the sidewalk, take the sidewalk a few steps to enter the Ed. Bldg. Once inside, you could either take the cement steps going up or the steps going down. Hopefully, you knew which classroom your child was in. Then you went back outside for whatever you were going to do next.

2) Or you could go down into the basement from the sanctuary, go through the Blue Room (now known as the Taylor Room), walk through an enclosed tunnel into the Ed. Bldg. Now you were home free unless you needed to go upstairs in the Ed. Bldg. If so, you were required to go up two more sets of stairs. Then you had one more set of stairs to go back outside. There was no elevator until 1984.

Side note: the interesting thing about taking the tunnel, you could get a little bit of nature and weather by looking outside the windows (the space between the church building and the Ed. Bldg. was all open air and green grass, and you could stay a little bit warm by walking the tunnel instead of exiting the narthex to the outside).

Just one of the quirks of adding on when you need more space. We managed just fine, although it must have been a bit confusing for guests.

*Thoughts, memories and research
by Nancy Fulton*

Next Church Council meeting

Our next Church Council meeting will be tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the Taylor Room. ALL are invited and encouraged to attend.

March newsletter is available

The March newsletter is available at the Welcome Center. If you are not currently receiving the Tuesday report or the monthly newsletter via email, please call Polly in the church office at 649-2343.

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This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. High School Youth in youth rooms

Monday, March 2

12:00 p.m. *Senior Lunch*
6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC
7:00 p.m. Scout Troop
7:00 p.m. *Church Council in the Taylor Room*

Tuesday, March 3

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room
3:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth), FLC
6:30 p.m. Scout Pack in the FLC, Taylor Room
7:00 p.m. *Trustees in the Library*

Wednesday, March 4

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners, Taylor Rm
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, March 5

2:00 p.m. *Discipleship study at the Franklin home*
7:00 p.m. *Discipleship study at the Franklin home*

Friday, March 6 - Pastor's Day Off

no church activities are scheduled

Saturday, March 7

1:30 p.m. *Special Session of Michigan Annual Conference at Albion College*

Next Week

Sunday, March 8 - Daylight Saving Time begins

9:00 a.m. *Confirmation Class in the youth room*

Wednesday, March 11

2:00 p.m. *Caring Ministries in the Library*
6:30 p.m. *Friends of Vicksburg Youth, Taylor Rm*

Thursday, March 12

5:30 p.m. *Preschool Board in the Library*
6:30 p.m. *Scouts Distr. Roundtable, Taylor Rm*

Friday, March 13

10:15 a.m. *Blood Drive in the FLC till 4:15*
5:30 p.m. *Friday Night Dinner and Euchre Tournament in the Taylor Room*

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 tomorrow.

Crop Walk

Few local churches are participating in Crop Walk this year. Do we want to continue this tradition? Brad Addis feels it is important and is willing to do his part to make it happen, but not without some folks stepping up to help run and organize it, even if it is just our church. Please contact Brad.

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