

Elder's Meditation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation. You may eat the Bread as it is passed, but hold the Cup to drink together.)

Communion Music

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.

All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion in the blood of Christ. Amen.

Benediction

*Recessional ***Take My Life (vs. 1, 2)*** No. 609

Postlude ***How Firm a Foundation*** arr. Mark Hayes
Dee Dee Gain, organ

(Please remain in your pews until the Acolytes have left the aisle.)

**All who are able, please stand*



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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude ***Give Me Jesus*** arr. Mark Hayes
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit

*The Processional ***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*** No. 606

*Responsive Reading

Leader: We are called to follow Jesus.

People: Called to move among the people as He did.

Leader: Called to name the oppressions of this world, as He did.

People: Called to discern the gifts of life found deep within each one of us.

Leader: Called to share the gifts of our hearts and our hands.

People: Called to place our gifts in God's hands.

All: Called to serve as Jesus served.

Called to love as Jesus loved.

*Invocation

*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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever,

Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 35

Children's Message

PRAYER

Prayer Hymn **O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee (vs. 1, 2)** No. 602

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

(If you want someone to pray with you after this service, please meet an Elder in the church gallery just to your right as you leave the sanctuary)

PROCLAMATION

Offertory Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology No. 46

*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem ***Here I Am Lord*** Craig Courtney

Scripture Readings Matthew 20:20-28 (pg. 22 N.T.)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon ***Spiritual Exercise #4: Serve***

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Communion ***Jesu, Jesu (vs. 1, 2, 3)*** No. 600

(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Sermon Outline

“Spiritual Practice 4: Serve”

Spiritual exercises necessary for Spiritual health

Worship (3/1) Prayer (3/8)

Study (3/15) Serve / Kindness (3/22)

Generosity Sharing our faith

Matthew 20:20-28

Discipleship is not about what we attain as much as what others attain through us

The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve.

God’s primary way of working in the world is through people

Through our service to others

Matthew 22:34-40

To love God IS to love our neighbor

Cannot have one without the other

Isaiah 1:11-17

Seeking justice and defending the vulnerable is just as important as worship in the sanctuary

Teresa of Avila (16th century mystic)

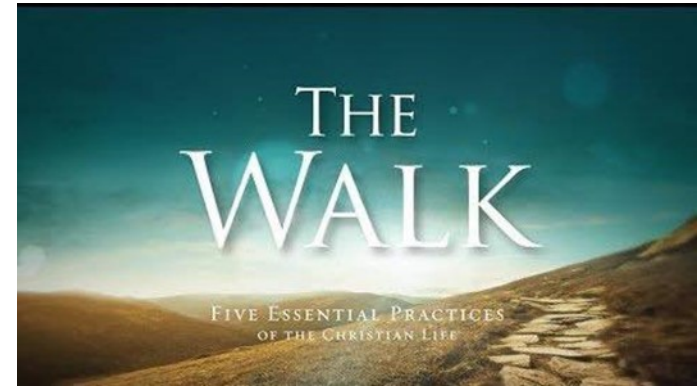
Christ has no body now but yours

Caring for the most vulnerable

James 1:27 – religion that is pure is caring for widows and orphans

Spiritual challenge for the week:

Five acts of kindness!



Matthew 20:20-28 (NRSV)

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. ²¹ And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” ²² But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?”^[a] They said to him, “We are able.” ²³ He said to them, “You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father. ²⁴ When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶ It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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