
Sermon Notes

1. What hinders your relationship with God?

2. What parts of your life do you need to surrender to God?

3. Would you consider these things sinful? Do you need to ask for God's forgiveness?



Observing a Holy Lent

Devotional time Pick up a devotional in the foyer starting Wednesday, March 2nd and spend time every day with God.

Bible Study: Our Lenten focus is on forgiveness this year. Join one of the bible studies that are offered during Lent. See table in the foyer for details.

Serve

Be intentional about serving during Lent. There are opportunities to serve both in the church and in the community. See serving survey on the welcome table in the foyer.

Lord hear our prayers...

Christian sympathy to Anne Darring and family on the loss of her dad, Walt Darring who passed away on February 19th.

Christian sympathy to Merri Gay Biser and the family and friends of Rev. Roy Biser who passed away on February 24. Roy was a former pastor of St. John's.

- 2-6 Linda Johnson Adams, Debbie Collins, Gina Rosales and baby Emilio Eden, Cheryl Scott, JoAnn Mooberry, Burnis Maac Hughes, Sr.
- 2-13 Doris Glanz, Ralieg Hernandez, Vera Bozeman, Lane Bailey, James Ingram, Bryan Williams, Kristin Ward
- 2-20 Kylie Ferrell, Evan Harvey, Mike Haney, Toni McCain-Bremner, Pat Callahan
- 2-27 Randy Thomas, Joyce Vyvial, Calvin Treybig, Dan Koster, Sylvia Yanas, Cody Patterson, Cora Post, Tom Casey, CJ and Carolyn Crawford

Those in Care Facilities: Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Dolores Boatman (Brookdale Senior Living), Mary Jenkins (Sodalis), Pam Syers (Lillian's Love), Barbara Williams (Regal Estates), Walter Wilson (The Crossings)

Those Who are Homebound: J.T. Agregard, Grace Boyd, Joy Holder, Mozelle Lubojasky, Mildred McLemore, Louise Ovesny, Tommye Pitman

For the people of Ukraine, our church, those in the military.



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A United Methodist Congregation

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Director of Traditional Worship - Dr. James Heffel
Praise Band Leader - Azzie Jerice
Accompanist - Sophie Chapman

Prelude Dr. James Heffel

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer Rev. Cindy Riddick
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:16–17)

O God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy on us.
O God the Son, redeemer of the world
Have mercy on us.
O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,
Have mercy on us.
Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God,
Have mercy on us.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

*Hymn *Lift High the Cross* UMH #159

Scripture Psalm 32:1-5

Homily “I Need Forgiveness” Rev. Stephanie Hughes

Special Music *Lamb of God* Dr. James Heffel

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of the Ashes

Confession and Pardon Litany (Various people in congregation read.)

Pastor: Let us listen to these words of confession...

Reader 1: God, we confess our weakness, our brokenness, our separation from you and each other.

Reader 2: Empower us with your strength—the force of love.

Reader 3: We confess that we are often afraid and deny our worth and strength.

Reader 4: Forgive us when we fail to sense your love for us.

Reader 5: We confess that we are sometimes apathetic and turn from acts of justice.

Reader 6: Fill us with a sense of your call to be strong and courageous.

Reader 7: We confess and repent from our powerless stance.

Congregation:

Forgive us, God, and renew us with your spirit, empowering us to be your people in this place and time.

All Offer Prayers of Confession and Silence

*Hymn *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* UMH #286

Reflection (by Katherine Lee Baker)

Our hearts burst for Jesus Christ

Our thirst cries out in awe.

The one who has broken bread for us

Was broken without flaw.

And blood was poured to quench our lives.

Never as we had thought

But salvation came and taught us love.

We reflect upon our lot.

Silent Reflection

Here the good news! Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God’s love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God! Amen!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Everlasting God, because of your tender mercy toward all people, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his patience and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn *Lord, Throughout These 40 Days* UMH #269

Benediction

Depart in Silence

**Please stand as you are able.*