

Sermon Notes

1. What will you fast from this season?

2. How can you bless the poor and unsheltered this season?

3. Read Hebrews 12:2. How will you stay focused on Jesus this season?



Lenten Devotionals Available

The season of Lent has begun. Pick up the devotional booklet for Lent, **Eyes on Jesus**, from the table in the foyer. You are encouraged to spend a few moments each day during the 40 days of Lent learning more about who Jesus is and what Jesus has done for us. A donation of \$3.00 helps us cover the cost of these books.

Lord hear our prayers...

Christian sympathy to Ingrid Clark and her family on the passing of her dad, Desmond Hutchinson, on Feb. 20.

- 1-29 Linda Johnson Adams, Debbie Collins, Rusty McClellan, Ron Collins, Amy Allgood, Claudio Herrera, Nadia Venegas, Rob Frengel
- 2-5 Lupe Aguilar, Steven Stogsdill, Sandy Vinardi, Nezzie Marsden, Tommy Toups, Ronny Stanley, P.J. Cowan
- 2-12 Brian Wasson, Joan Hutchinson, Debbie Vyvial, Lori Campbell, Corban Warren, Rae Ann Newton, Henry Blevins
- 2-19 Dan Koster, Gary Scoggin, Bob Viglini, Hudson Caro, Ingrid Clark and family, Susie Packerd, Doris Glanz

Those in Care Facilities: Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Grace Boyd (Heartis Clearlake Senior Living), Mary Jenkins (Sodalis), Carol Spealman (Magnolia Crossing), Pam Syers (Sodalis), Barbara Williams (Regal Estates)

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

Our church, nation and those serving in our military. Those recovering from natural disasters.



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Prelude My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Barbara Wallace

Call to Worship Rev. Cindy Riddick
O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2).

Jesus come and save us,
We are but dust, we are like ashes, but you can touch our unclean souls.

Jesus come and forgive us,
Our hearts are heavy, our burdens are great, cleanse us with the water of life.

Jesus come and heal us,
Restore our sight, teach us truth, speak to us words that bring us wholeness.

Jesus touch us with your heart of love,
Cleanse us with the water of life, restore our sight that we may see, teach us truth that we may lead Godly lives.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Tithes and Offerings

Special Music *Lamb of God* Dr. James Heffel

*Hymn *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* UMH #349

New Testament Reading: Mark 14:3-9

Homily "Misjudging Eyes" Rev. Stephanie Hughes

Thanksgiving Over the Ashes

Imposition of the Ashes

Confession and Pardon

O God of life, we confess the ways we turn away from the fullness of life that you offer. *(Silent Reflection)*

God of love, we confess the hatred we hold in our hearts.
(Silent Reflection)

God of compassion, we confess our indifference. *(Silent Reflection)*

God of justice, we confess that our lives are linked to oppressive systems. *(Silent Reflection)*

God of peace, we confess the violent movements of our hearts, the violent realities of our world. *(Silent Reflection)*

Holy God, we confess our sins to you. Forgive us, God, and renew us with your spirit, empowering us to be your people in this place and time.

*Hymn *O Crucified Redeemer* UMH #425

O God, help us to use this season of Lent to examine our attachments, and to sense where You invite us to live more simply and deeply. Shine the light of Your love into the private corners of our lives where we have acquired so much clutter that it has begun to restrict our freedom. Grant us the strength to free ourselves from appetites and needs that drive us into taking, having and wanting more than we need or have time for. Teach us that in letting go we become free, rather than deprived, generous rather than covetous, and spacious rather than restricted.

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

Lead us, O God, by the power of your Spirit to live as the Lord requires: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ until this mortal life is ended, and all that is earthly returns to dust. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection.

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised* UMH #396

Benediction

Depart in Silence

**Please stand as you are able.*