

**+ Our Lenten Journey to the Cross & The Empty Tomb”
Today “Jesus and His Disciples and Us!**



+ The People of Mount Zion-Finksburg +

The Second Sunday in the Season of Lent+ March 5, 2023+

Worship 9:55 a.m. + The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Wm. Louis Piel Pastor + Leslie Gabler, Director of Music

**Ushers LaDonna Schemm & Eddie Wessel + Worship Charles Beckhardt +
Bill Tighe, Jim Mirfin**

TODAY’S KEY PASSAGES OF HOLY SCRIPTURE +

- + “Then Jesus said to Simon, Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching people. When they had brought their boats to shore, they (the fishermen) left everything and followed him (Jesus) Luke 5.10)
- + “Jesus called the crowd with his disciples and said to them ‘If you want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it and those who lose their life for my sake and the sake of the gospel will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the while world and forfeit their life? Indeed what can they give in return for their life?’” Mark 8.34ff
- + “A dispute also rose among them (the disciples) as to which was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.” Luke 22.24ff.

Musical Prelude Let us prepare for the worship of God by listening. + God is still speaking +

Congregation Singing “Verses One & Six” + “#154 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Our Worship Themes

This morning March 5th Second Sunday in Lent + Holy Communion

Message "Jesus has to deal with his disciples and that isn't easy"

Next Sunday March 12th Message "Jesus has to deal with the religious leaders and that isn't easy because they want to kill him!"

March 19th Message "Jesus has to deal with Simon Peter who is up one day and down the next" – a reflection of many of us!

March 26th Message "Jesus has to deal with the crowds who one day are with him shouting "Hosanna" and the next day "Crucify-Kill Him!"

Call to Worship (Unison-Over)

As the season of Epiphany gives way to Lent

As the color green gives way to purple as darkness begins to give way to light
and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

We come today to be reminded of God's amazing love for us.

Like the green shoots of renewed life,
stirring beneath the soil,

We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.

In this time of reflection and repentance,

We journey with our Lord to Jerusalem, Holy Week and Resurrection

We affirm our identity, we claim our security,
as children of God.

Opening Hymn for Lent "To God Be the Glory" #98 UM Hymnal

Opening Prayer

We Welcome our Children

Even if we do not have children in congregational worship we remember all God's children.

"Jesus love me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so." UM Hymnal #191

Informal Moments + Reception of our Tithes & Offerings

Offering Response (Hymnal #94) "Praise God" with Alleluias

Anthem "The Healer" The Faithful Few "On the cross crucified in great sorrow, He died, the Giver of life was He. Yes, my Lord was the despised and rejected of men, this Jesus of Calvary. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities.He has healed my sick soul, made me whole, and He'll do the same for you."

Message "Jesus has to deal with his disciples and that isn't easy"

Morning Prayer and our Lord's Prayer (Unison) Bill Tighe Prayer Leader

+ Our Prayer Song + "People Need the Lord" (black) #2244 "The Faith We Sing"

(Unison) 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.

We offer You our Lenten observance, and today we place our feet
on the road to Easter, and walk the Way that You have walked before us. Amen.

(Let us pray the "Our Father" together)

Our Father, which 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 that trespass against us.

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

For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

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Hymn "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UM Hymnal #349

++ The People of God Celebrate the Holy Communion ++

**(Unison) Here is bread, Good News for the world with a headline that says:
let all who are hungry for justice come and eat!**

**Here is wine, Good News for all who long
with a headline that says: let all who thirst for righteousness come and drink!**

**Here is the table, Good News for all who are lost
with a headline that says: all who are weary come and gather here!**

**Here is community, Good News for all whom the world ignores
with a headline that says: behold I make all things new, come and be renewed!**

**Here is Jesus, Good News for all who wait with a headline that says:
I have come that all may have life come and live life fully! Amen.**

**Scripture Lessons + I Corinthians & The Gospel of Luke
+ Hymnal #890 Hymnal Prayer of Confession + Words of Forgiveness +**

Consecration of the Elements + Bread & Wine (Pastor)

**Receive this bread; feed on it with thanks;
it is the gift of God to sustain and nurture; it is Jesus incarnated and given for us.
Give thanks.**

**Drink this wine with thanks; it is the gift of God to bring us joy;
it was a hard won battle; it is Jesus poured out for our redemption. Give thanks.**

(We sing together) Hymnal #621

**“Be present at our table Lord, be here and everywhere adored, thy creatures
bless and grant that we may feast in paradise with thee.**

Communion of the Faithful + Take & Eat + Take & Drink

(Please come at the direction of the ushers)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (After all have communed)

Closing Hymn “Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God” U.M. Hymnal #405

Closing Words – Sending Forth (In Unison)

This morning, we have sung, we have prayed,
we have worshiped together.

Now we go back out into the world.

We came together to build relationships, relationships with each other,
and our relationship with Jesus.

We go out as people who are strengthened by our connections
Ready to love and to serve.

Ready to carry God's love to the world.

As you journey through the ups and the downs of the coming week,
let us remember that God, who has invited us into relationship, is always with us.

Go with God, as the people of God.

So be it! Amen

We Sing Together “God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide uphold
you. With his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet. Till we meet at Jesus’ feet, till we meet, till we meet. God
be with you till we meet again.”