

Devotion for Holy Week

The Next Line

There are some truths that are like the sun,
if you look at them too long, they may burn you.
You may never see the same again.
And yet, nothing can grow without the sun.
So, we summon our courage
and speak the truth of our lives.
We sing, prone to leave the God I love.
We let the honesty of those words
crack our hearts in two.
We admit it to our fight-or-flight,
boomerang nature, and
before the grief even begins to pass,
God is there.
God is turning toward us,
closing the distance,
inviting us to sing
the next line of the song.

By Sarah Speed



The symbol above is a music note overlaid with a crescendo symbol which means to get louder gradually. What truth about Jesus have you learned from Peter this Lent? Is it a truth you can speak aloud to others?



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Let us remember how all this began: with an abundant catch and a charge to drop everything and follow. Peter has walked on water and clung to Jesus for rescue. He has pronounced his faith confidently and been told to get out of Jesus' way. He has asked questions and learned about the expansiveness of grace. And now, the end is near. Peter stands among the crowds as they sing songs of loudest praise. How will he respond? *Used with Permission – Sanctified Art*

Palm Sunday

Gathered to Worship

March 24, 2024

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Song *Again, I Say Rejoice* Praise Team

Lenten Candles

As the days lengthen, we follow Jesus on his journey to the cross. The light grows dim as we anticipate Jesus' sacrifice and as we hope for the dawn of Easter morning.

Lenten Response A Prayer of Confession Rich

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we lose our way or we turn away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us, by your Spirit, to follow in his way. Give us courage to witness the death that leads to life.

Assurance of Pardon

The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Receive the good news. In Jesus Christ, grace is abundant.

Scripture John 12:12-16 Pew Bible p 106

Receiving of the Offering

Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross UMH 298

Sermon Songs of Loudest Praise Rev. Blom
Song *Were You There* UMH 288 Praise Team

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Closing Song *We Are One* Praise Team

Benediction / Extinguish Lenten Candles



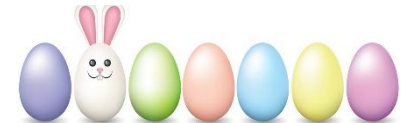
A Drop In Event on Maundy Thursday, March 28

Self-guided reflection/interaction stations will be available in the sanctuary 11 am – 1 pm. The stations will be "Through the Eyes of Peter" as Jesus makes the final steps toward the cross.



Volunteers Needed Monday, March 25 from 4:00-6:00 pm

Tomorrow, we host the families of our preschoolers for an egg hunt in the courtyard.



Volunteers will be needed to welcome families and hide eggs. We have three volunteers and need a couple more. If you are available, please contact Elsie.



Grab Your Copy of the Book!

United in Faith, our quarterly book club, is reading *The Loneliness Epidemic* by Mettes. We will meet to discuss the book on May 21 at 6:30 pm. Copies of the book may be purchased for \$10. Please see Pastor Tammy.