

First United Methodist Church

Pastor Chris Hardy

Loving God, Loving Others



March 17, 2019
Worship 11:00
Second Sunday of Lent
Sermon Series: Sayings of our Savior on the Cross

Greeting & Announcements

Gathering Meditation

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that it might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.” – Jesus, John 3:16-18 (NRSV)

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

Holy God, through the generations you have spoken to us. You have sent voices crying out in the wilderness and prophets to proclaim your glory. Between two thieves, you have sent the assurance of a condemned man on a cross. Quiet in us any voice but your own. By the power of your Spirit, let us hear the words that you speak to us today.
Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us claim the freedom
Christ offers us by his sacrifice on the cross.

People: May our hearts be led to accept God’s grace.

Leader: For in our sin, we are in captivity.

People: Lord, remember us when you come into your kingdom.

***Praise Song**

“Hallelujah”

Kelley Mooney

***Affirmation of Faith**

from Romans 8:35, 37-39

#887

***Opening Prayer**

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. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His love so that we may

be remembered in his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Children's Message
† Coins for Kids**

Pastor Chris

**A Time of Prayer – Sharing our Joys & Concerns
The Lord's Prayer**

***Hymn** "What Wondrous Love Is This" #292

Reading of Holy Scripture Luke 23:33-43 (NLT)

Message "Salvation" Pastor Chris

***Passing of the Peace**

**Giving Back to God with our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory**

***Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Holy One, we give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation that you have done and continue to do. Bless these offerings of thanksgiving that they may further your kingdom in this world; through Jesus Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Hymn** "Do, Lord, Remember Me" #527

***Postlude**

*Please stand if you are able

†Each Sunday our children will be accepting coin donations that will benefit a ministry or project of their choosing.



You're Welcome Here

Here at our church we extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, straight, filthy rich, comfortable, dirt poor, have lived here for decades, just moved in, or are passing on through.

We extend a special welcome to those that are newly married, never married, married again, or married for longer than they can even remember... or choose to remember. We welcome families of all shapes and sizes, those with one child that is as quiet as a mouse, those with a whole basketball team, and even moms and dads with crying new-born babies.

You're welcome here if you can sing like Garth Brooks or if you can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woke up or just got out of prison. Those that serve in our military or work in our community as first responders, you're welcome here, too. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Bishop of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, or if you haven't been in church since your little nephew's baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters and food connoisseurs.

We welcome those who are in recovery or are still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps. We welcome you even if don't like 'organized religion' or you call yourself 'spiritual.'

If you blew all your money on the horses or the blackjack table, you're welcome here, too. We offer a welcome to those who work too hard, don't work at all, can't spell, or come just because grandma is in town and she made you go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost on route 191 and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts, and all those at different locations on their own journey of faith... and we welcome you!

We hope that you'll visit us for worship on Sunday at 11:00 and consider making us a part of your family. You're welcome here.

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