



We Seek to Better Understand
the Teachings of Jesus—
and Live those Teachings.

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WELCOME

Whoever you are,
and wherever you find yourself
on the journey of faith, you are
welcome to this church as you
are to receive the riches of
God's grace...

The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.

This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

7th Sunday after the Epiphany February 20, 2022

The right words for victory in Jesus

My mom tells a story of me as a preschooler, swinging in our backyard and singing loudly (and off key, I'm sure): "Oh victory in Jesus, my Savior forever. He *socked* me and *bopped* me with his redeeming blood." Though that isn't an example of how to effectively share Jesus with your neighbors, the mistaken words might contain a nugget of truth.

In 1939, a stroke partially paralyzed hymnwriter Eugene Bartlett. Bedridden and unable to perform anymore, he penned his final, most beloved song, "Victory in Jesus." The actual lyrics read: "O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever. He *sought* me and *bought* me with his redeeming blood."

It's beautiful to realize that Jesus did indeed seek me out and pay the ultimate price for me. But sometimes I forget — and that's when he "socks me" and "bops me." Jesus loves me too much to let life's chaos and struggles distract me from him and what he's done. Let's all remember to celebrate our victory in Jesus! —Janna Firestone



March 13th | 12pm | \$8 donation
Carry-Outs Available

LOADED POTATO BAR

100% Proceeds to help with expenses for
Filling and Shipping shoeboxes.

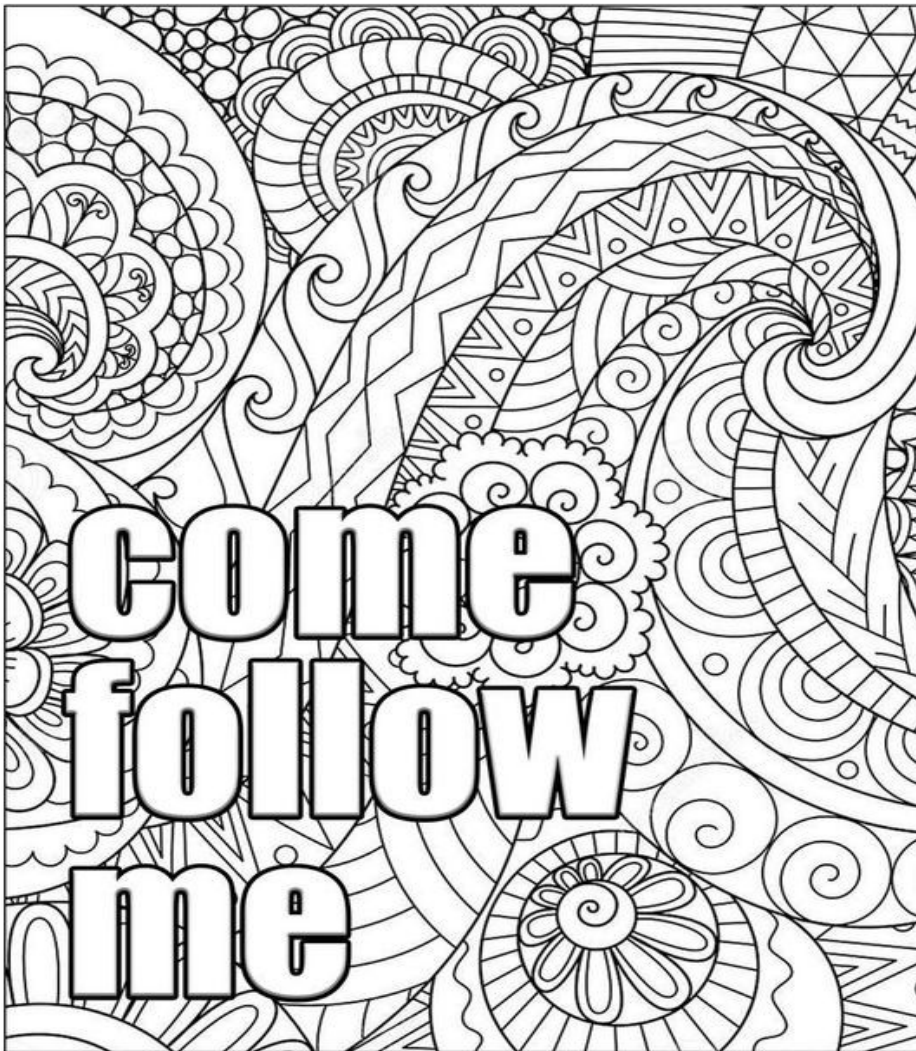


Worship Service @ 7pm
March 2nd
Everyone invited!

A prayer to our omnipotent God

Remind us, O God, that you are above us, watching over us as a good shepherd. You can see what we cannot see. Remind us that you are below us, ready to lift us up in our weakest moments. Remind us that you are behind us, to give us encouragement when we feel like giving up. Remind us that you are in front of us, calling us to move forward in faith, even when we can't see how things will work out. Remind us that you are beside us, holding our hands, no matter what we're going through. Remind us that you are within us, closer than each breath we take.

Jesus, thank you for being Emmanuel, God-with-us, and for not abandoning us. Thank you for sending us your Holy Spirit, who comes alongside to help us, even when no one else can. As we remember you, O God, strengthen our hope and restore the joy of our salvation. Amen. —Malcolm Marler, adapted



With the current tax laws, not everyone will need to itemize their
2021 Federal Income Taxes.

As to save our Financial Secretary (aka volunteer) a lot of extra work, a financial statement of your offerings and tithes will only be prepared for you upon request.

Please contact **Paul Cardinal**
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Dear Church Family,

Once again we are so grateful for the love, support & prayers you gave us during Al's passing.

We appreciate the meal, the candle lantern, calls, cards, texts & food you gave us as well as the numerous prayers & hugs you gave us during the last few years of Al & Elizabeth's lives.

They greatly loved the church & were active especially in their young parenting years bringing up their children.

We know they are together again & this gives us peace in our hearts.

God bless You All!

Bruce & Marilee and the family of Al & Elizabeth Rostron



Lauren Foster ~ 20th

Linda Russell ~ 20th

Madison Marginet ~ 22nd

Riley Bryant ~ 23rd



*Shane & Linda Springer
passing of her brother,
Lloyd Larson*

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CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship service! We do offer options. Following the Children's Sharing, children may attend Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery at First.

Nursery

Attendant:



2/20: Marilee Rostron

2/27: Margie Beal

† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Next Sunday Worship:

*"Come Follow Me~
Complete Obedience"
Matthew 19:16-30*



Jesus calls us to follow him. We start by hearing his teachings
and being strengthened through Holy Communion.
So we are here. Welcome, one and all.

The Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 707 9:00am *Hymn of Promise*
2218 10:30am *You Are Mine*

*GREETING AND PRAYER

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord.
Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please add your name to the attendance register located in your pew and pass to
the next person until reaches everyone in your row.*

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #389 9:00am *Freely, Freely*
2164 10:30am *Sanctuary*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who 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 who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.**

THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with **DOXOLOGY:**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 10:26-42 NLT

MESSAGE

“Come Follow Me ~ Decision”

*HYMN # 140 9:00am
2176 10:30am

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Make Me a Servant*

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn *Make Me A Blessing*

*Make me a blessing, Make me a blessing!
Out of my life may Jesus shine:
Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray
Make me a blessing to someone today.*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



God, when you call me to a task this week,
help me to respond like Isaiah:
“Here am I; send me!” (6:8).

Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests —last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.

Jane Marginet, Jake Prieshoff, Lynn Prieshoff, Richard Michel, Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson, Kyle Stone, Poppy Petry, Linda McKimmy, Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor, Morgan Whitehead, Lisa & Bill, Linda Reed, Amy Casavant, Randy Jones, Derek Barton, Mark Fear, Steve, Jo Eckert, Bruce Rostron, Jerry McBee, Hattie Kroeger, AJ Albert, Cathie Minton, Gary Sokeland, Ova Salyer, Karen Windell, The family of Tom Miller

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Blank lines for writing blessings.



Listening Guide
“Come Follow Me – Decision”
February 20, 2022

Scripture: Matthew 10:26-42

What decisions are tied up in following Jesus?

Being _____ (vs. 26-31)

_____ (vs. 32-33)

_____ (vs. 34-39)

_____ (vs. 40-42)

Personal Application: An invitation is only an invitation. Invitations require decisions to be made. Will I accept it? Will I reject it? What’s your response to Jesus’ invitation?



THERE IS AN INVITATION TO
FOLLOW JESUS

Matthew 10:26-42 NLT

²⁶ “But don’t be afraid of those who threaten you. For the time is coming when everything that is covered will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all. ²⁷ What I tell you now in the darkness, shout abroad when daybreak comes. What I whisper in your ear, shout from the housetops for all to hear!

²⁸ “Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. ³⁰ And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.

³² “Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Don’t imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ ‘I have come to set a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

³⁶ Your enemies will be right in your own household!’

³⁷ “If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine. ³⁸ If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. ³⁹ If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.

⁴⁰ “Anyone who receives you receives me, and anyone who receives me receives the Father who sent me. ⁴¹ If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet. And if you receive righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a reward like theirs. ⁴² And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.”

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!



Lenten Reading Plan 2022

This is a daily Lenten reading plan that follows Jesus through the events of the Passion Week.

There are readings for the forty days of Lent.

Sundays are excluded because they are considered “mini Easters.” If they were included there would be forty-six days of Lent. Also, there are no Sunday readings because Sunday Morning Worship is available on those days.

Day 1: March 2
Ash Wednesday – Matthew 21:1-11

Day 2: Mark 11:1-11

Day 3: Luke 19:28-44

Day 4: John 12:12-19

First Sunday of Lent ~ March 6

Day 5: Mark 14:1-9

Day 6: Matthew 26:14-15

Day 7: John 13:1-20

Day 8: Matthew 26:17-30

Day 9: Mark 14:12-26

Day 10: Luke 22:7-30

Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 13

Day 11: John 13:21-38

Day 12: Matthew 26:31-35

Day 13: Luke 22:31-38

Day 14: Mark 14:27-31

Day 15: Matthew 26:36-46

Day 16: Mark 14:32-42

Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 20

Day 17: Luke 22:39-46

Day 18: John 15:1-17

Day 19: John 15:18-27

Day 20: Matthew 26:47-56

Day 21: Mark 14:43-52

Day 22: Luke 22:47-53

Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 27

Day 23: John 18:1-12

Day 24: Matthew 26:69-75

Day 25: Mark 14:66-72

Day 26: Luke 22:54-65

Day 27: John 18:13-18

Day 28: John 18:25-27

Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ April 3

Day 29: Matthew 27:1-10

Day 30: John 18:19-24;
 Matthew 26:57-67

Day 31: Mark 15:1-5;
 Matthew 27:11-14

Day 32: John 18:28-38
 Luke 23:1-12

Day 33: Mark 15:6-15
 Matthew 27:15-26

Day 34: John 18:38-19:16
 Luke 23:13-24

Palm Sunday ~ April 10

Day 35: Mark 15:21-32;
 Matthew 27:33-44

Day 36: John 19:17-27;
 Luke 23:26-43

Day 37: Mark 15:33-41
 Matthew 27:45-56

Day 38: John 19:28-37;
 Luke 23:44-49

Day 39: Mark 15:42-47
 Matthew 27:57-65

Day 40: John 19:38-42;
 Luke 23:50-56

EASTER SUNDAY
April 17

Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ April 10th

9:00 am ~ Blythe Chapel
10:30 am ~ Fort Branch First
& Live Streaming

Holy Thursday ~ April 14th

7:00 pm ~ Communion
@ TBD

Good Friday ~ April 15th

6 am-6 pm ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil

Easter Sunday ~ April 17th

7:00 am ~ Sunrise Service w/Communion
@ Blythe Chapel UMC
w/ Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast
following

9:00 am ~ Easter Worship Service
w/Communion & Live Stream
@ Fort Branch First UMC
w/ Breakfast @ 8:00am

