



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.

5th Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ April 2nd

9:00am ~ Blythe Chapel

10:30am ~ Fort Branch First
& Live Streaming

Easter Sunday ~ April 9th

7:00am ~ Sunrise Service w/Communion

@ Blythe Chapel UMC

w/ Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast
following

Holy Thursday ~ April 6th

7:00pm ~ Communion

@ Fort Branch First UMC

9:00am ~ Easter Worship Service

w/Communion & Live Stream

@ Fort Branch First UMC

Good Friday ~ April 7th

6am-6pm ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil

8:00am ~ Easter Morning Breakfast



SPECIALTY DRINK SUNDAYS

Let's Celebrate the
FINAL FOUR
With **FOUR** different flavors of
SMOOTHIES

served in a lidded cup to take into the sanctuary.

Let laughter 'spring' forth!

"Spring is when you feel like whistling,
even with a shoe full of slush." (Doug
Larson)

"Easter is the only time when it's perfectly
safe to put all of your eggs in one
basket." (Evan Esar)

"Spring is the time of year when it is
summer in the sun and winter in the
shade." (Charles Dickens)

"The world is mud-luscious and puddle
wonderful." (e.e. cummings)

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you
should smell like dirt." (Margaret Atwood)

Spring

A God with scars

If anyone has ever asked you why a loving God allows suffering, you've probably developed a theodicy. That's a fancy word for defending belief in divine goodness despite evil's existence. Theologians who tackle this profound mystery note that God himself wasn't spared from pain. Despite his sinlessness as true God, Jesus endured crucifixion as true man. As proof of that sacrifice, his body was scarred.

Those marks feature in a poem by English pastor Edward Shillito. Seeing wounded combatants return from World War I, he wondered how the Gospel could seem like good news to them. When Shillito realized that Christianity alone features a God who suffered, he wrote "Jesus of the Scars" to offer comfort and hope. The poem concludes:

The other gods were strong; but thou wast weak;
They rode, but thou didst stumble to a throne;
But to our wounds only God's wounds speak;
And not a god has wounds, but thou alone.

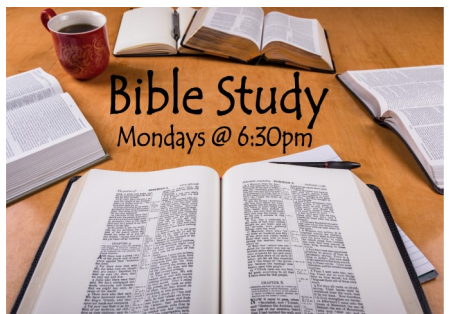


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METHODIST
YOUTH HOME
#StillServing



random
Acts of kindness

Brian Price, cancer treatment
501 S Main
Fort Branch, IN 47648



This 12 Hour Prayer Vigil is to center ourselves with God as we prepare to reflect on the gift Jesus gave us. Starting with Maundy Thursday services all through Easter Sunday, we will have several opportunities to hear what Jesus did for us. You may pray for the blessings and sacrifices given for you either at your home, in the church sanctuary or wherever you feel most comfortable.

Good FRIDAY

12 Hour Prayer Vigil
6am ~ 6pm

The vigil is scheduled for 12 consecutive hours with specific prayer commitments in half-hour increments. Utilize the board in the Narthex or on our website www.fbfirst.org to reserve your desired prayer time.

Easter Breakfast

8am
Worship @ 9am

Everyone is invited to share breakfast at the buffet style gathering.

Sign up sheet for suggested food items to share is posted on the bulletin board & www.fbfirst.org

Celebrating with you!

Hannah Bryant ~ 27th
Rachelle Kifer ~ 29th
Kirsten McGowen ~ 30th
Philip Beckett ~ 1st
Sarah Fuhs ~ 1st

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when found in the Order of Service
invites you to stand - if able.

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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 Fort Branch First.



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

This Sunday Lent ~ week 5
9:00am † Worship
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~
6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday

**Next Sunday: Palm/Passion
Sunday**

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

Complete Schedule @ www.fbfirst.org

Next Sunday's Message:

"LENT ~
JESUS' EXAMPLE OF FAITH,
The Faith of the King"



Welcome to Worship

....May God's Word help us each see something or
someone in a new way today.

Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

***THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US**

***HYMN #530**

9:00am

Are Ye Able

#530

10:30am

Are Ye Able

*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.*

LENT REFLECTION & CANDLE LIGHTING

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 #314

9:00am

In The Garden

#2164

10:30am X2

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

Derek Robicheaux ~
Jenni Schleter ~ The Commission

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 15:21-41 NLT

MESSAGE

“Lent, Jesus’ Example of Faith:
Jesus’ Faith in Death”

*HYMN #504 9:00am
#504 10:30am

The Old Rugged Cross
The Old Rugged Cross

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD
Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: (insert) *Rolled Away*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



Prayer Requests

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

*Jane Marginet, Richard Michel,
Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson,
Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn,
Alec Taylor, Morgan Whitehead,
Terri Jarboe, Derek Barton,
Jo Eckert, Ruby Wilkerson,
Scotti Pitts, Deanna Wilson, Don
Colvin, Gretchen Young,
Effie Dilbeck, Frances Burns,
June Regenhold, Sam Smith,
Ruth Ann Sokeland, Margie Beal,
Lesia Prater, Brian Price*

With the current tax laws,
not everyone will need to
itemize their

2022 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

email: redbird937@hotmail.com

The Crucifixion

²¹ A passerby named Simon, who was from Cyrene, was coming in from the countryside just then, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. (Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.) ²² And they brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha (which means "Place of the Skull"). ²³ They offered him wine drugged with myrrh, but he refused it.

²⁴ Then the soldiers nailed him to the cross. They divided his clothes and threw dice to decide who would get each piece. ²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ A sign announced the charge against him. It read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷ Two revolutionaries¹ were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

²⁹ The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Ha! Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days." ³⁰ Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!"

³¹ The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus. "He saved others," they scoffed, "but he can't save himself!" ³² Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!" Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him.

The Death of Jesus

³³ At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. ³⁴ Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" which means "*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*"

³⁵ Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. ³⁶ One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. "Wait!" he said. "Let's see whether Elijah comes to take him down!"

³⁷ Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

³⁹ When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God!"

⁴⁰ Some women were there, watching from a distance, including Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James the younger and of Joseph), and Salome. ⁴¹ They had been followers of Jesus and had cared for him while he was in Galilee. Many other women who had come with him to Jerusalem were also there.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Listening Guide
“Jesus’ Faith in Death”
March 26, 2023

Scripture: Mark 15:21-41

How does Jesus show His faith as He prepares to die?

He _____ **(vs. 21-28)**

He Kept _____ **(vs. 29-32)**

He Received _____ **(vs. 33-36)**

He _____ **(vs. 37-41)**

Personal Application: It takes a lot of faith to die when it is anticipated. Does it bring you comfort to know that Jesus needed a lot of faith to face His death?

4. Rolled Away

W.D.K.

Traditional
Arr. by Norman Johnson

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Rolled Away'. It is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score is arranged in two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the melody and bass line. The lyrics 'Rolled a - way, rolled a-way, rolled a - way, Ev -'ry bur-den of my heart' are written below the notes. The second system contains the next two lines of the melody and bass line. The lyrics 'rolled a - way! Ev -'ry sin had to go 'Neath the crim - son flow, hal - le-lu-jah!' are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system begins with a repeat sign and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. Above the first system, the word 'Fine' is written above the first line of the melody. Above the second system, the words 'D.C. al Fine' are written above the first line of the melody.

Rolled a - way, rolled a-way, rolled a - way, Ev -'ry bur-den of my heart

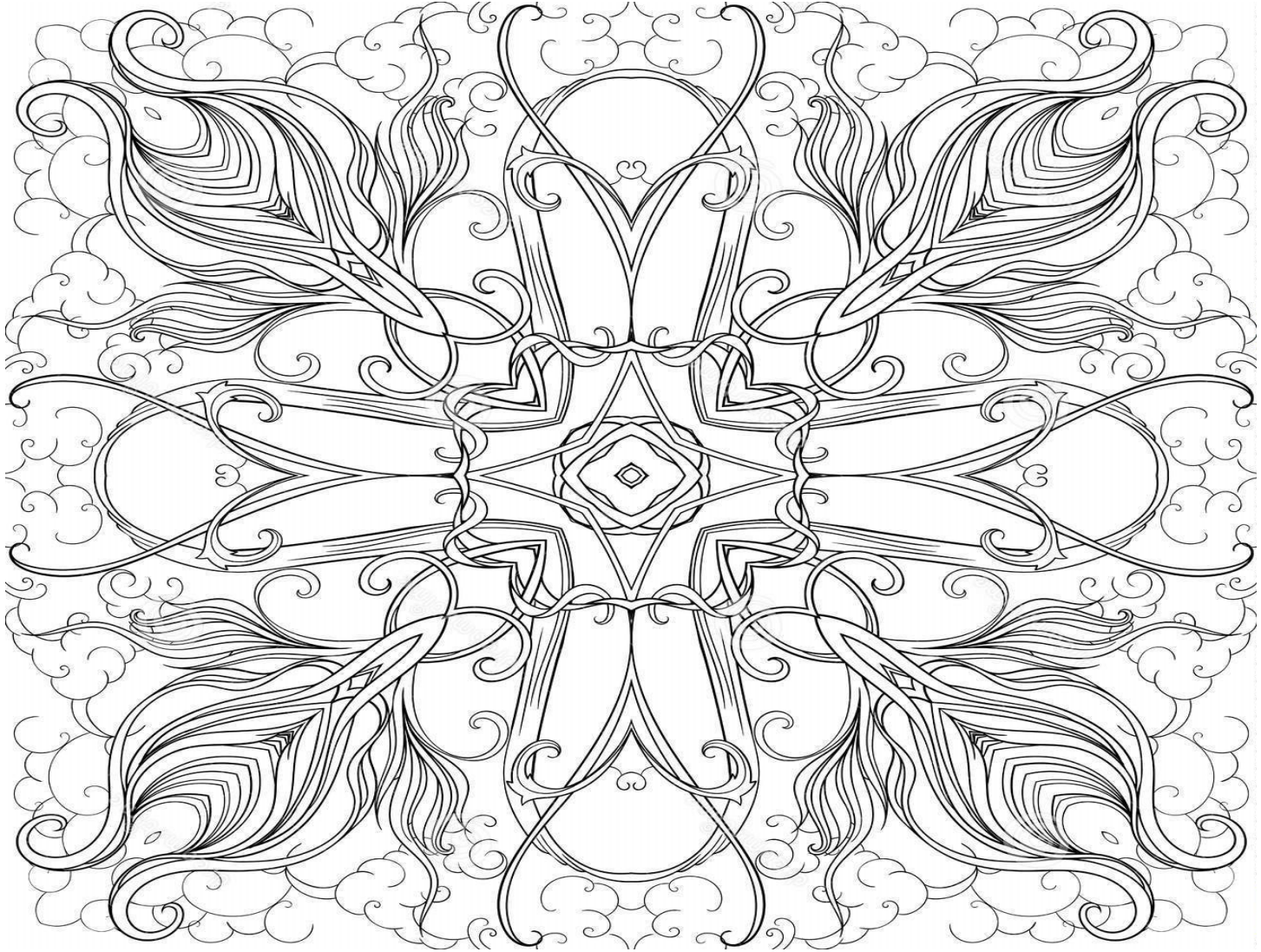
Fine rolled a - way! Ev -'ry sin had to go 'Neath the crim - son flow, hal - le-lu-jah! *D.C. al Fine*

Limiting distractions

Getting a cell phone is a major milestone for kids — and a huge decision for parents. Despite our boys' complaints, we made them wait longer than most of their peers. We emphasized accountability, monitoring and time limits. Out of curiosity, I checked my own phone usage. It was more than double the limit we set for our kids! I came up with reasons (excuses, really) why I needed more time.

But God stopped me in my tracks and prompted me to use a "time's up" notification. It helps me be intentional about removing distractions. What diverts you from God's best? Are you listening to him and then redirecting your attention? God, speak clearly — and prompt us to listen!

—Janna Firestone



Crucifixion

J I C M A H B U O L G G W G B Z E U S Q Z F U N
U A S J H M Y N U A S E M K F X E L K T Z Z M G
S T V I T S Q R O W K B S E L P I C S I D N I E
F C G A P Q P W B W W L K B E K A U Q H T R A E
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N U W E M X C R U C I F I X I O N B O Y Y Z Y W
A H S Y Z M F V B T Y C N R A R A Y X T V C C X
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L E B D N W R Q O J Q I X N O J E S U S C D Y B
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P M J O R A Q Q V O I K J G S B F F Q T Q F D V
E T E O A V D D Z X E Z U A G D F K X A S V M P
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A L A Y A R T E B V H Y Q A S E V E I H T I H G
M L H Y L W X F I M E E O Q G U A R D S Q E S N
D I U N H A X X S M K R O C J V B Y Z X G D B S
P X D Z Q Y Z N F L C A V R I S N O M I S V P K
Z N N F S R I W J D D V X P L T T O J O S E P H

Stone
Vinegar
Veil
Guards
Jesus

Disciples
Betrayal
Earthquake
Simon
Crucifixion

Cross
Pilate
Darkness
Joseph

Thieves
Sepulchre
Soldiers
Mary