

February 2021

SUNDAY 28th

2nd Sunday in Lent

- Series: "Rend Your Hearts: Claiming the Promise"

11:00 AM "Pre-Recorded" Worship Service

Message: "Walk Before Me"

Scripture: Psalm 22. 23 – 31

Focus Scripture: Genesis 17. 1 – 7, 15 – 16

Our culture is one of instant gratification. If we don't see the change we want immediately, then we are likely to abandon that path. Twenty-four years into the journey with God, Abraham and Sarah are still in the dark, still waiting for fulfillment. And yet, somehow, they are still willing to believe. They are still willing to walk before God, step after step after step.

March 2021

SUNDAY 7th

3rd Sunday in Lent

- Series: "Rend Your Hearts: Claiming the Promise"

11:00 AM "Live Streaming" Worship with COMMUNION

Message: "All These Words"

Scripture: Psalm 19

Focus Scripture: Exodus 20. 1 - 17

We make promises that don't constrain us so much as set us free to love. We aren't hampered by the lines that are drawn so much as we are encouraged to go deeper and higher, to love more profoundly.

12:15 PM "Church Chat" via ZOOM

6:00 PM Youth Group via ZOOM

SUNDAY 14th

4th Sunday in Lent

- Series: "Rend Your Hearts: Claiming the Promise"

11:00 AM "Live Streaming" Worship Service

Message: "Look Up and Live!"

Scripture: Numbers 21. 4 - 9

Focus Scripture: John 3. 1 - 21

The story from Numbers isn't about a snake, and it isn't about worshiping an odd sort of idol. It's about acknowledging that you need help.... And it is about obedience to the one who will rescue you from what is killing you. If you *just look up and live*.

It is about surrendering ourselves to that which will save us rather than thinking we can do it ourselves if we just plug away at it long enough. It is admitting that there is poison in our system that will kill us if we don't do something radical, something desperate. Nicodemus has a word to say about that. Let's listen!

SUNDAY 21st

5th Sunday in Lent

- Series: "Rend Your Hearts: Claiming the Promise"

11:00 AM "Live Streaming" Worship Service

Message: "Written on the Heart"

Scripture: Psalm 119. 9 - 16

Focus Scripture: Jeremiah 31. 31 – 34

This passage ... is a call to action. It is a call to move, to call out injustice, to tear down divisions, to lift up the oppressed. We don't sit back saying that God is in control; therefore, all we have to do is take care of our own souls. That has never been the gospel proclamation. That is not what is written on our hearts.

12:15 PM "Church Chat" via ZOOM

6:00 PM Youth Group via ZOOM

SUNDAY 28th

6th Sunday in Lent

- Series: "Rend Your Hearts: Claiming the Promise"

11:00 AM "Pre-Recorded" Worship Service

Message: "The One Who Comes"

Scripture: Psalm 118. 1 – 2, 19 – 29

Focus Scripture: Mark 21. 1 - 11

Palm Sunday is not just Palm Sunday; it is more properly Palm/Passion Sunday. That slash is important. It is a reminder that there is risk involved in taking the side of the marginalized. There is danger in trying to upset the status quo. And just when you think you've won your point and gathered your crowd, you discover you are alone again.

At least that was Jesus' experience this Holy Week. From the parade to the way of sorrows, from the king of peace riding on a donkey to a hated criminal hanging on a cross, from "Hosanna" to "Crucify him" in a matter of days. Who's the April Fool now?

Still, I'll wave my palm and shout my hosannas, even though ... Call it April Fools' if you want. I'd rather be a fool for Christ anyway.