

Sixth Sunday in Lent April 12, 2020

INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME (Pastor)

CENTERING WORDS (Pastor)

We all get tossed about on the storms of life. Turn to the Lord. Turn with hope. Turn with longing. Turn from despair. Turn toward steadfast love and healing.

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD (Natalia Lopez)

What is the wisdom of Christ? What is the power of God? Let us open our hearts and minds, that this wisdom and power may be revealed to us today.

***SCRIPTURE READING Luke 7:11-17 (Natalia Lopez)**

*** OPENING HYMN:.. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qF6aBDS3drA>**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (Jeremy Flint and Family)**

Kate: Our Lord knows we are people who experience sorrow and grief. God's compassion is known in Christ.

Family: Sometimes our sorrow is obvious, and others share our pain. But other times it seems we must bear it alone and need our Lord's support.

Kate: Christ hurts with us when we hurt. But his compassion also helps to heal the suffering we sometimes must endure.

Family: May we experience Christ reaching out to us with healing for our hurts.

*** Let us pray (Kate Flint and Family):**

Compassionate Lord, who hurts because we hurt, and yet who can touch us with healing at the same time: Dry our tears with your pity for us when we grieve in sorrow. May we find comfort and healing in your compassionate presence. We pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=86WPXjsRmnU>

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Lisa Schutt)**

Dear God, we have cried in our pain: and in our crying, we have not listened for your comforting word. Forgive us for being unresponsive to your healing touch when we have hurt. Forgive us when we withdraw in our misery instead of exposing ourselves to your compassion. Reveal your Son to us in our day as a great prophet who has come to save us. In his name we pray. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IWaj4cwuGk>

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Let your ears be attentive.

Let your minds be focused upon the Spirit.

Listen for the word of God.

***SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 1:3-11**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: "Tribulations and suffering brings us closer to God"

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=di9HZMlcVCU>

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER

Joys and Concerns

Prayer / Disciple's Prayer

*** CLOSING HYMN: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaZbqDd33Yw>**

***DISMISSAL BLESSING**

Luke 7:11-17 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Raises a Widow's Son

¹¹ Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. ¹² As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

¹⁴ Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶ They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” ¹⁷ This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding

2 Corinthians 1:3-11 New International Version (NIV)

Praise to the God of All Comfort

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

⁸ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,^[a] about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, ¹¹ as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in

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