

Lenten Meditation – February 21, 2021

Over the next six weeks leading up to Easter, the Bush Creek Deacons each Sunday of the Lenten period, will present narratives describing scenes from the life of Jesus in chronological order, culminating in the crowning scene when an angel said to the women at the tomb, “Do not be afraid for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, He has risen...”

In this first week of Lent we begin by recognizing that prophet after prophet, from Genesis through Malachi, spoke of Jesus’ birth, His life, His death and His resurrection. It was the prophet Isaiah who foresaw both the incarnation and Jesus standing behind a pulpit astonishing the congregation by declaring, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind and to release the oppressed. (I have been anointed) to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” He then closed the scroll, looked up at the crowd and announced, “Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

With that declaration a reality the Lord began His three and a half-year ministry traveling from town to town and fulfilling the words He had spoken. Preaching Good News to the spiritually starved; proclaiming spiritual liberty to those restrained by religious burdens; He opened the eyes of the physically blind and spiritually blind. And all through His earthly ministry Jesus declared and showed publicly Heaven’s kindness, compassion, mercy and grace. During this first week of Lent let us, “...be about our Father’s business...” showing compassion and kindness.

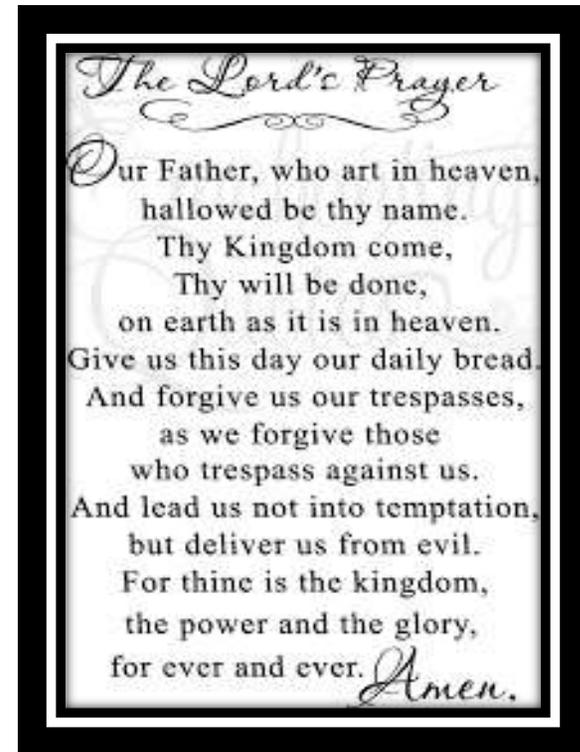
Let us pray: Lord, thank you for truly caring for each of us. You are love and You never change. Guide us to be Your Hands, Your Feet, Your Mouth to a world so desperate for Your guiding Light. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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**Bush Creek Church of the Brethren
February 21, 2021**

**Interim Pastors:
Pastor Linda Lambert & Pastor Bill Caputo
Worship Assistant: Pastor Linda Lambert
Greeters: Jim and Linda Walker**

**10:15 – 10:25 – Boy Scout Troop 268 &
Girl’s Boy Scout Troop 1268 Video**

GATHERING MUSIC

Elwood Hipkins

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL CANDLE

**Our dear sister in Christ -
Patricia Ann "Pat" Harshman**

INVOCATION

Unison

Master of the gentle rain, the mighty winds, the silence in the snow as it falls – come and be with us. Help us to feel Your presence as we gather to sing, hear your Word, and pray for one another. Be with us not only this hour, but as we leave this place today in everything we do and say. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

Linda Spohn

In Heavenly Love Abiding
In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart will fear.
And safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar about me, my heart may be laid low,
But God is all around me, so can I be dismayed?

*Children are now dismissed for Children's Church Worship
in the fellowship hall with Jan Stitley.*

LENTEN MEDITATION

Art Frank

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Lamb of God

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Chorus: Oh, Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh, wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jack Green

***HYMN** Sweet Hour of Prayer

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BLESSING OF GIVING *Doxology

*Praise God From whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:9-15

MESSAGE

Pastor Bill Caputo

BREAD AND CUP COMMUNION

Pastoral Invitation

Passing of Bread: (Please hold bread until all have been served)

Passing of the Cup: (Please hold cup until all have been served)

Video – Do This in Remembrance of Me

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***HYMN**

Lord, Listen to Your Children
(sing three times)

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***PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

Pastor Bill Caputo

***POSTLUDE**

Elwood Hipkins