

Lenten Meditation – March 21, 2021

The fifth week of Lent joins Jesus a short time prior to His triumphant and last entrance into Jerusalem. It was during these last weeks, before He would fulfill dozens of prophecies related to His death and resurrection, that we listen to the Apostle Peter testifying, openly and plainly, before all the disciples who he believed Jesus was. One evening as the twelve returned from evangelizing in various towns, Jesus asked them, "Who do the people say I am?" One disciple answered, "Some think You are John the Baptist come back to life." Another answered, "Some believe You are a prophet from centuries ago." Jesus interrupted them. "Who do you all say I am?" He asked. There was a momentary silence. Peter stood up and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

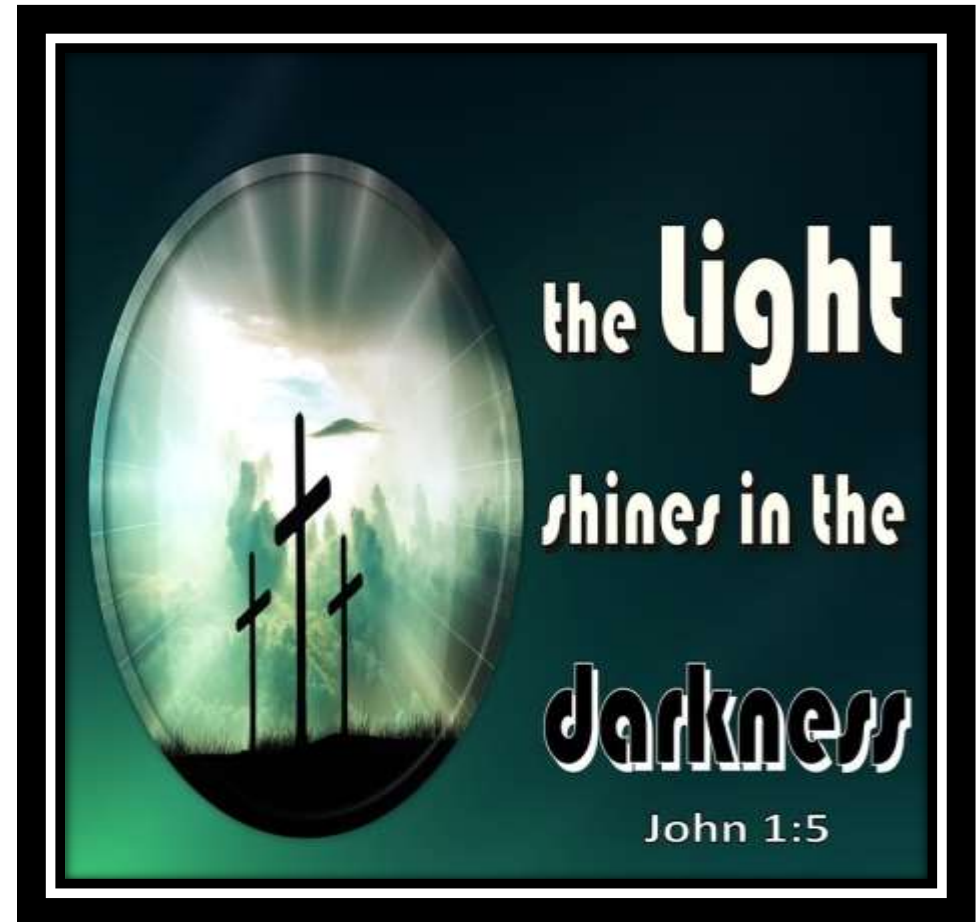
On another day as the disciples wondered about heaven and the hereafter, Jesus heard their thoughts and revealed to them that a time will come when all believers will sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the Lord's Kingdom, and together with Himself enjoy a great heavenly banquet. He went on to teach them that while we each wait for that time; we are to be about loving our neighbor. Someone asked, "Who is my neighbor?" The Lord took that opportunity to tell a story which has resonated world-wide. A "Good Samaritan" had stopped to help a complete stranger who was down and out. Others who were more closely related to the victim had earlier passed by and deliberately and biasedly ignored the one in great need. Our "neighbor" is anyone along our path who we see is in serious need.

During this fifth week of Lent, we focus on following the example of care and compassion shown by the Good Samaritan. Let us help others with the kind of impartial goodwill and graciousness our Heavenly Father showed the world at Calvary.

Let us pray: Lord, help us to help others. Guide us to be Your hands and Your compassion to those in our path who You love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Lent is a season of ever-decreasing light approaching His crucifixion. Light is gradually **extinguished** to symbolize the journey through the wilderness and toward the cross and tomb.

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March 21, 2021
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Pastor Linda Lambert & Pastor Bill Caputo
Worship Assistant: Sam Weinberg
Greeters: Chip & Jan Stitley**

GATHERING MUSIC

Elwood Hipkins

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**INVOCATION****Unison**

Heavenly Father, we don't know all of your ways. But we do know that your light casts out the darkness. We know that your love casts out the hate of the world. We know that your forgiveness casts out the shame of our sin. Thank you, God for being the light to guide us. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

Into the Woods My Master Went

Linda Spohn

**LENTEN MEDITATION**

Sam Weinberg

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CHORAL RESPONSE Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed 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

**Children are now dismissed for Children's Church Worship
with Jan Stitley in the classroom on lower level.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jack Green

***HYMN** Lo, A Gleam From Yonder Heaven #591

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** John 1:1-5**MESSAGE**

Pastor Bill Caputo

***HYMN** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise vs. 1, 2 & 4 #70

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

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***POSTLUDE**

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