



March 31, 2019

8:30am



Hard Questions for Followers of Jesus



Are You a Good and Faithful Servant?

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, MAR. 31, 2019

We are exploring some tough questions for followers of Jesus. These questions weren't easy for followers of Jesus on the journey to Jerusalem. They aren't any easier today. Our question for today is: "Are you a good and faithful servant?"

Because of the large cross on the chancel, the cross during Lent will not be included in the processional. Look for the cross to return at Easter.

The liturgy used throughout Lent includes music from *Hidden With Christ*, composed by Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan. The setting is based on Colossians 2:12-13; 3:1-3.

Young children are most welcome at worship. If needed, the nursery is available during all services. Please ask an usher for directions.

Please silence your cell phones and pagers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

PRAELUDIUM IV AND FUGA IV IN C# MINOR

J. S. BACH

As you prepare your heart for worship during the prelude, you are invited to pray:

God, I'm here to worship you. Quiet my heart.
Turn my attention toward your will and way for me. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C: Amen.

L: In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

silence is kept for reflection

L: God at the margins,

C: We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

L: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of + Christ, leading you from death into life.

C: Amen.

HYMN 333

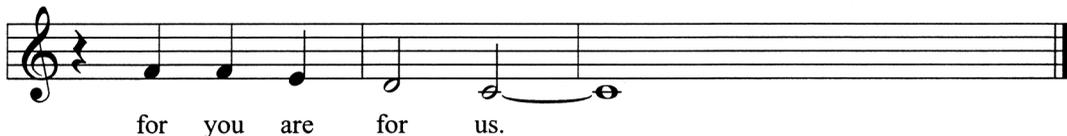
JESUS IS A ROCK IN A WEARY LAND

you may be seated

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

sing twice

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lord Jesus,

C: you entrust us with so many good gifts, including the love and care we find in Jesus. Help us to invest these gifts wisely. Use us as good and faithful servants in the work of your kingdom. May we be as welcoming and generous toward others as you are toward us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SOLO

EVERY SONG I SING

GARY BREIER

KELSEY O'LEARY

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of your love;
take my feet and let them be, for thee.

Till ev'ry song I sing is to your glory,
Ev'ry word I speak helps tell your story;
And till everything I do belongs to you.

Take away my selfishness, all my failures or success;
Take away my emptiness, and fill me, Lord.
Repossess my wandering heart, all my passions from the start;
Repossess my ev'ry part, for You. *Refrain*

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold, not a cent would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use them, for You. *Refrain*

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is Your own, it shall be Your royal throne!
Take my love. My Lord, I pour at your feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be, for thee. *Refrain*

WORD

please stand as you are able

SCRIPTURE SONG

HIDDEN WITH CHRIST

RICHARD BRUXVOORT-COLLIGAN

Refrain



Hid-den with Christ, hid - den with Christ, all of us deep with-in God's heart.

*end here
last time*



Hid-den with Christ, hid-den with Christ, all of us deep with-in God's heart.



We are the wit - nes - ses of gos - pel pos - si - bil - it - y,
Called from our wan - der - ing, and claimed— with our his - tor - y,



lov - ing the world, liv - ing in mys - ter - y.
voice of our home, whis - per of mys - ter - y.

to Refrain

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 25:14-30 NIV

¹⁴“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ ²¹“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ ²²“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold;

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see, I have gained two more.’ ²³“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ ²⁴“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ ²⁶“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸“ ‘So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

L: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

you may be seated

STORY TIME

PASTOR SHELLEY CUNNINGHAM

SERMON

ARE YOU A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT?

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

please stand as you are able

HYMN 336

LAMB OF GOD

APOSTLES’ CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

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I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

KELSEY O’LEARY

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL,

ARR. K. LEE SCOTT

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

after each petition the congregation responds:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways, through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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 and ever. Amen.

please stand as you are able

SENDING

BENEDICTION

L: God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, + bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

HYMN 324

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

SENDING

L: People of Zumbro, what is our mission?

C: Our journey of faith leads us to build bridges of understanding and peace, to reach out with compassion, and to share the hope of Jesus. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRELUDE AND FUGUE IN A MINOR

J. S. BACH

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Vern Christopherson; **WORSHIP LEADER**-Shelley Cunningham; **STORY TIME**-Shelley Cunningham; **LECTOR**-Pamela Vetter; **ORGANIST**-Ralph Schornack; **SINGING**-Kelsey O'Leary; **ENSEMBLE MUSICIANS**-Ralph Schornack, piano; Todd Christensen, guitar; Pam Hammond, recorder; Tony Tschida, bass; Janette Reeves, songleader; **GREETERS**-Carol Noonan; **USHERS**-Mary Jo and Dan Kelly, Karen and Jeff Lansing, Rollie Nannestad, Carol Post

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Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

Refrain - All

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All

1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .

mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain

- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

"Lamb of God."

By Twila Paris

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In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diancance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867



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