

Gethsemane Moments



When Our Prayers Go Unanswered



Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 25, 2020

Our Wednesday Lenten sermon series is **Gethsemane Moments**

This Lent, our sermon series will be Gethsemane Moments. We'll be taking a deeper look at the time Jesus spends in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of his betrayal. A few of the themes we'll be covering are: "When Jesus Invites Us to Gethsemane," "When Our Friends Desert Us," and "When Our Prayers Go Unanswered."

In today's reading, we see Jesus in all his humanity. He is deeply distressed over the unfolding events. He throws himself to the ground and pours out his heart to the Father. He prays that, if possible, there might be some other way for God to work God's purposes for the world.

Special thanks to Meredith Pritchard for sharing a personal Gethsemane moment today.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

SONG

OPEN UNTO ME

RICHARD BRUXVOORT COLLIGAN



O - pen un - to me light for my dark-ness. Light for my dark - ness
O - pen un - to me strength for my weak-ness. Strength for my weak - ness
O - pen un - to me peace for my tur - moil. Peace for my tur - moil



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PRAYER

LENTEN 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.

BIBLE READING

MARK 14:32-36 NRSV

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

PERSONAL GETHSEMANE MOMENT

MEREDITH PRITCHARD

MESSAGE

WHEN OUR PRAYERS GO UNANSWERED

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

SONG

YOU ARE MINE

- 1 "I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here."
- 2 "I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light.
Come and rest in me."
- Refrain
"Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."
- 3 "I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name." RefrainPrayer Time

consider lighting a candle as you pray

LORD'S PRAYER

- L: Lord, remember us when you come into your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

BENEDICTION

- L: Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✠ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.
C: Amen.



God, be the love to search and keep me;
 Bind to my - self the Name of Ho - ly,
 Bright - ness of sun and glow of moon - light,
 Walk - ing be - hind and to hem my jour - ney,
 Christ in the eyes of all who see me,



God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to
 great cloud of wit - nes - ses en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles,
 flash - ing of light - ning, strength of wind, depth of the sea to
 go - ing a - head to light my way, and from be - neath, a -
 Christ in the ears that hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of



now up - hold me. O Christ, sur - round me,
 an - gels wit - ness. O Christ, sur - round me,
 soil of plan - et: O Christ, sur - round me,
 bove and all ways, O Christ, sur - round me,
 all who know me: O Christ, sur - round me,



O Christ sur - round me.
 O Christ sur - round me.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PROCLAIMER-Pastor Vern Christopherson; MUSICIANS: Kristy Giere, piano; Bob Giere, guitar; Jason Bryan-Wegner and Janette Reeves, songleaders

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WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

We'll be spending our Wednesdays during Lent reflecting on faith challenges. We're calling our series "Gethsemane Moments." As with any powerful moments, there will be opportunities for us to think more deeply and to learn things about ourselves. As you may know, Jesus' time in Gethsemane was deeply honest and agonizing. As we re-live those moments, we'll wrestle with challenging aspects of faith:

WHEN WE FEEL THE STING OF BETRAYAL

WEDNESDAY, APR. 1 | 12pm and 6:15pm | Mark 14:41b-50
Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner

The liturgy used during Sunday and Wednesday worship will include music from *Hidden With Christ*, composed by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan. This setting is based on Colossians 2:12-13; 3:1-3.



Our journey of faith leads us to build bridges of understanding and to reach out with compassion, and to share the hope of Jesus.

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