



HARD
Questions
on the **Way**

Welcome to Zumbro Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, MAR. 29, 2020

Our current sermon series is

“Hard Questions On the Way”

In Mark 8:27 Jesus and the disciples begin the journey to Jerusalem. We hear over and over that they are “on the way.” The disciples soon discover there are many things to learn while on the journey. A number of hard questions will arise.

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

Prayers for healing to:

Bob Byro, Milo Chaffee, Donna Hanson, Ann Hoven, Ray Purves, Judeann Sharp, Lyle Smith, Lyle Solem, Ardis Witte

Sympathy to:

Carol Trelstad and family on the death of former Zumbro Lutheran’s pastor John Trelstad. Carol’s home address is 6300 Colonial Way #005, Edina MN 55436. Katie (Randy) Kabes and Carolyn (Barrie) Pedersen on the death of their father, Donald Rose. Gordon Christianson on the death of his brother, Paul Christianson. Jan (Don) Schlosnagle on the death of her mother, Pat Dallavalle. Greg (Rosanna) Gamm on the death of his father, Ted Gamm. Dave (Julie) Larson and Mark (Amy Williams) Larson on the death of their mother, Lorraine Larson.

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. O - pen un - to me light for my dark - ness.
O - pen un - to me, O God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
INVITATION TO CONFESSION

- L: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits.
L: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.
C: Amen.



O - pen un - to me peace for my tur - moil. Peace for my tur - moil
o - pen un - to me. O - pen un - to me peace for my tur - moil.
O - pen un - to me, O God.

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.

KYRIE

O TENDER GOD, HAVE MERCY

RICHARD BRUXVOORT COLLIGAN

sing twice



O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us.



O liv - ing Christ, have mer - cy, for you will heal us.



O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us,



for you are for us.

LENTEN SONG

HIDDEN WITH CHRIST

RICHARD BRUXVOORT COLLIGAN



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



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

*end here
last time*



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

BIBLE READING

MARK 13:1-8, 24-37 NRSV

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

²⁴“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he[a] is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

³³Beware, keep alert;[b] for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORYTIME

SOLO

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

RALPH SCHORNACK

SERMON

COULD THIS BE THE END?

PASTOR VERN CHRISTOPHERSON

SONG

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition the congregation responds:

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

L: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

OUR MISSION

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.

SONG

O CHRIST, SURROUND ME

RICHARD BRUXVOORT COLLIGAN



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 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.

SENDING MUSIC WORSHIP LEADERS

PROCLAIMER-Vern Christopherson; **MUSICIANS**-Ralph Schornack, piano; Janette Reeves, songleader

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