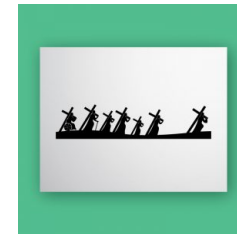


Boulevard United Methodist Church



"Many people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they cannot understand; but as for me, I always noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those which I do understand."

- Mark Twain

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2nd Sunday in Lent
4:00 pm at Fox Elementary

Greeting Rev. Drew Willson

Call to Prayer & Praise

What will it profit us to gain the whole world and forfeit our life?

**With all humility, let us make our offering of worship to God,
trusting not in worldly gain, but in God's sustaining grace.**

- Feasting on the Word, adapted

Prayer

The Peace

Hymn *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

Time with Children

Joys & Concerns

Prayer

Music

Scripture Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Scripture Mark 8:31-38

Singing *Bless the Lord*

Sermon Rev. Rachel G. May

Hymn

Offering Tithes & Gifts

The Lord's Supper

Prayer

Hymn *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Dismissal with Blessing

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God...

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus...

And so,

in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on us, and pour out your Spirit on these gifts...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER

Genesis 17:1-7

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Mark 8:31-38

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

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Bless the Lord



This refrain based on Psalm 103:1 is meant for repeated singing. To “bless God’s holy name” (which could not be spoken by observant Jews) is a reminder to be grateful even for what we cannot comprehend, trusting that divine providence will show us “the path of life” (Psalm 16:11).

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus -
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me -
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow,
though none go with me, I still will follow,
though none go with me, I still will follow -
no turning back, no turning back.

NURTURE

caring for one another, for our space, and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for Glen Andrews, Mary Marshall, Colleen Bouldin, Jim Rickards, Jerry Porter, Grayson Foy, Richard Weeks, Wayne, and Ben Hamrick. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH with Ms. LaRonda is a mighty good thing! After the children's moment (approximately 4:15) guardians are invited to accompany infants - 5 year olds to the end of the hallway. They rejoin us for Communion.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER in numbers:

	Ministry Costs	Your Contributions
February 1 - 17	14,782	3,935

This month is an example of how occasional expenses create a picture of a larger-than-actual deficit. We needed to insure property under contract while also insuring our new set-up. That payment shows.

Also, we just honored a commitment to support Richmond District ministries (The Pace Center, Shalom Farms, Westview on the James), which we do through one lump sum on an annual basis.

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

FEBRUARY IS FOR HEART HAVENS, an organization empowering adults with a developmental disability to live full and vibrant lives. They provide group homes in neighborhoods across Virginia where residents live as independently as possible. Heart Havens was founded by the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.



Throughout February we will be taking up a special offering. To participate, make checks out to Boulevard UMC, indicating that your gift is for the monthly mission. Or give online by selecting the mission option.