

Boulevard United Methodist Church



The religious authorities want to destroy Jesus' public reputation in order to maintain social order. Israel is under occupation by the Romans. And if the authorities from Jerusalem do not maintain social order, THEY will be punished and possibly the whole city and country.

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5th Sunday after Pentecost
4:00 pm at Fox Elementary

Greeting Rev. Drew Willson

Opening Words

The Holy Spirit is wild and disturbing
And comes to us in unfamiliar forms.
Gather us in, O God, to discern anew
The way that leads to joy for all the earth.

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Time with Children

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Interlude

Scripture Ephesians 4:25-32

The Peace

Music *Get Together*

Scripture Mark 3:20-35

Sermon Rev. Rachel G. May

Hymn *Cast Out, O Christ*

Offering Tithes & Gifts

Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Hymn *Christ Is Risen*

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

NURTURE

caring for one another and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for Nancy Tate, Susan Hageman, the family of Jim Rickards, Dan Rohrer & his family, and those grieving Ben Harmrick. 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 begins 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 |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| June 1 - 16 | 6,751 | 4,338 |



ON SUNDAY JULY 22 we are potluck suppering together here at Fox. We will have guests in the form of young people, who will also be with us for our service beforehand. Do come and connect with old friends, new friends and especially our guests!

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

WE REST between now and July/August; at least in terms of a monthly mission focus. Thank you for continuing to help Boulevard grow in generosity, in "missional giving". Writing checks isn't everything, but it is something; especially when what helping organizations need is grace is the form of money.

Ephesians 4:25-32 (NRSV)

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Mark 3:20-35 (CEB)

²⁰Jesus entered a house. A crowd gathered again so that it was impossible for him and his followers even to eat. ²¹When his family heard what was happening, they came to take control of him. They were saying, "He's out of his mind!"

²²The legal experts came down from Jerusalem. Over and over they charged, "He's possessed by Beelzebul. He throws out demons with the authority of the ruler of demons."

²³When Jesus called them together he spoke to them in a parable: "How can Satan throw Satan out? ²⁴A kingdom involved in civil war will collapse. ²⁵And a house torn apart by divisions will collapse. ²⁶If Satan rebels against himself and is divided, then he can't endure. He's done for. ²⁷No one gets into the house of a strong person and steals anything without first tying up the strong person. Only then can the house be burglarized. ²⁸I assure you that human beings will be forgiven for everything, for all sins and insults of every kind. ²⁹But whoever insults the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. That person is guilty of a sin with consequences that last forever." ³⁰He said this because the legal experts were saying, "He's possessed by an evil spirit."

³¹His mother and brothers arrived. They stood outside and sent word to him, calling for him. ³²A crowd was seated around him, and those sent to him said, "Look, your mother, brothers, and sisters are outside looking for you."

³³He replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" ³⁴Looking around at those seated around him in a circle, he said, "Look, here are my mother and my brothers. ³⁵Whoever does God's will is my brother, sister, and mother."