

March 29, 2015

THE HOUR OF DARKNESS



Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 am Service

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Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director

Sylvia Gould - Accompanist

Jamie Bahr - Xn Chaos Keyboard

Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

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Chapter 26 of THE STORY

10:30 a.m.

“Hour of Darkness”

We're glad you're here. If you've not been here before, relax. We aren't going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself or anything like that. If you're new to First, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... or just ask someone!

If children are with you, that's wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children's activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; and children's bulletins on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you'd prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is go have an usher provide an escort.

In each program is a half-sheet insert. Please fill it out and use it for an “offering” at that time of the service!

Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the dining room, in the lower level, at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

PRELUDE

Zoe Stonebraker

Lighting of the Candles

Ring of the Bell

INTROIT

“Hosanna”

[Chancel Choir as ‘leader’]

(After this introit, all children and accompanying adults are invited to go to the Gathering Place to make ready for the Processional Hymn.)

PROCESSIONAL PASSAGE

Mark 11:1-11

“Fanfare on Hosanna”

Brass Players

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

No. 278

* PRAYER (unison)

(from Hymnal No. 281)

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Pastor Paul

(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.)

PRE-SCHOOL-KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Songs

“This Little Light of Mine” & “Jesus Loves Me”

JOYS AND CONCERNS... and the Power of Persistent Intercession!

Call to Prayer

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

(vs. 6) No. 357

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

PRESENTATION

by 1st-3rd Grade and 4th-5th Grade Classes

ACT OF PRAISE “Ain’t No Rock Gonna’ Shout for Me” Chancel Choir

* A JESUS STORY Mark 14:1-11
L: This is the Word of our Lord. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE “PERSPECTIVE: Humans: ‘He Is Finished.’ Jesus: ‘It Is Finished.’”

GIVING TITHES and OFFERINGS
THE OFFERTORY “Down By the Jordan” Chancel Choir
(The ushers will bring the offering forward during the prayer.)

* A PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)
Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who lay their cloaks on the road. They were looking for a Messiah, different from who you sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in mercy and compassion to heal, love, and save. Use our gifts to spread the Word of Jesus the Messiah, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. Amen.

* SENDING FORTH
L: God took the whole, long list of our sins and forgave them!
P: God nailed them to the cross.
L: God eliminated every single record of our godless behavior.
P: God nailed them to the cross.
L: So all praise and worship to God and our Savior Jesus.
P: We’ll be careful not to pull out any nails!

* SONG FOR HOLY WEEK “Who Is He”

ANNOUNCEMENTS: How We’ll Each Put Hands & Feet To The Gospel This Week
Always use a microphone so everyone may be included. Thank you.

POSTLUDE “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

NOTE: There are two weeks provided for GIGs to process chapter 27, “Resurrection,” which groups have until the 12th of April to complete. There are many other activities going on during Holy Week so an option is to hold discussion the week after Easter. Another thought is there’s plenty to discuss for at least two GIG sessions!! Your option.
Preparation for next week: Our temptation is to hurry to the resurrection, to skip over the events between “Palm Sunday” and “Resurrection.” But this year, we have gone together through the Hebrew Testament, week after week, hearing how stubborn and hard-core humanity has been. This week, take advantage of opportunities to discover to new depth God’s love reaching out. Seder Meal is Thursday evening at 6:15; Good Friday worship at 7:15 p.m. Then there’s also the prayer vigil next Saturday, 7-7.

Today's Sunday Servants:

Liturgist: Jen Johnson; Acolytes: Caleb Shumaker & Dawson Mente; Power Point: Comstock family, Create & run; Nursery: Kris Clark; Ushers: Karen & Heather Strefling, Kim Cross & Twyla Hein; Fellowship Coffee: Jack & Denise Cartwright, Dusty & Jen Johnson, Kent & Carmen Hoffman; Greeters: Ted, Deanna & Steven Licht; Children's Lesson: Dusty Johnson

April 5 Sunday Servants:

Acolytes: Volunteers; Power Point: Brian Heil-Create & Run; Nursery: Denise Cartwright; Ushers: Bob & Barb Rickard, Max & Judy Keller, Gail Fleming; Fellowship Coffee: None; Greeters: Bob & Becky Young; Children's Lesson: Pastor Paul

PRAYERS**Hospitalized/Procedures:**

Keith Wood @ St. Luke's

Healing: Phyllis Behrens, Wanda Berner, Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Jerry Ferguson, Jerry Gallagher, Berrie Glick, Jean Heil (Brian's mom), Arlene Hein, Rex Idlewine, Calvin Kuehl, Ted Licht, Erma Lyle, Kiaya Rickard-Urban, Jim Shontz, Ray Steinberg, Gary Taylor, Carolyn Wiggins (S. Gould's sis), and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Erica Shumaker is scheduled for surgery Tuesday, March 31. Prayers invited for successful surgery; and peace for Heidi, Rick, Caleb & grandparents including Karen Strefling. Griffin Tauke & family; his teacher Carrie Glick and 2nd grade classmates as Griffin deals with terminal cancer
 Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions
 Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.
 Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.
 Couples/Families searching for the way forward.
 Persons & families of incarceration;
 Persons in employment limbo;

In Treatment: Wally Reidel, Barb Knack (B. Cummin's sis), Melissa Bliss(wife of D. Cartwright's nephew),

Hospice/Palliative Care: Esther Burns (Patti Seydel's mom), Wayne Eisele (Mike's father, in W'loo), Elmer Flory, Mabel Lamp, Henry Wiskus,

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Sean Hannes, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby

Attendance: Worship - 131; Sunday School - 65. General Fund \$2120.81, Copper Kettle \$64.80, Grand Total \$2185.61

This Week:

Sun. 3/29: Palm Sunday, Spring Children's Program, 8:30am Choir Kids (Sanctuary), 9:00am Sunday School (All Ages), 10:30am Worship, 5:00pm. Private Party (DR)
Wed Apr 1: 10:00am Pastor @ Bible Study, 6:00pm G.I.G. (Johnson's), 6:00pm G.I.G (WR), 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal
Thurs Apr 2: 10:00am G.I.G. (Rm 113), 6:15pm Seder Meal
Fri Apr 3: Good Friday, 7:15pm Worship
Sat Apr 4: Prayer Vigil 7:00am to 7:00pm)
Sun. 4/5: Easter, 7:00-8:00am Sunrise Easter Service, 7:45-9:00am Breakfast, 9:00am Sunday School (Church Wide), 10:30am. Worship, 3:00pm Cedar Manor Service.