

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SEALY

6th Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

PRELUDE

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS & JOYS

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

UMH 159

Refrain: *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine. Refrain

Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died. Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sylvia Boles

GOSPEL LESSON

John 21:15-19

When Jesus and his disciples had finished eating, he asked, "Simon son of John, do you selflessly love me more than you love fishing and spending time with your friends; more than you love these men, who are like brothers to you; and, more than they love me, themselves?"

Simon Peter answered, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you like a brother!" "Then feed my lambs," Jesus said.

Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you have a self-giving, self-sacrificing love for me?"

Peter answered, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you like a brother!" "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus told him.

Jesus asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me like a brother?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus had asked him three times if he loved him. So he told Jesus, "Lord, you know everything. You know I love you like a brother."

Jesus replied, "Feed my sheep. I tell you for certain that when you were a young man, you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will hold out your hands. Then others will wrap your belt around you and lead you where you don't want to go."

Jesus said this to tell how Peter would die and bring honor to God. Then he said to Peter, "Follow me!"

SERMON

Follow Me!

Brother Mike

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

UMH 880

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER TIME

Prayer Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, & the Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

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. Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN

Take Up Thy Cross

UMH 415

"Take up thy cross," the Savior said, "if thou wouldst my disciple be; deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me."

Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm; his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy foolish pride rebel; thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

PASTOR: Rev. Michael Fraley

OFFICE: Leslie Ellis & Linda German

TREASURER: Russell Koym

MUSIC: Kay Ashcraft

CHILDREN & YOUTH: Joanna Kruzel

CARES AND CONCERNS

Those who need healing

Norman Angle
Cody Childress
Susan McKimmy
Shirley Stone

Scooter Ayres
Jason Guilbeau
Vicki Newsome
Lue Vick

Warren Briggs
Robin Hartwick
Donald Siptak Sr.
Lance Whisenant

Antoney Calme
Linda Jones
Glenn Speiss
Bob Whitfield

Misti Champman
Lillian Koym
Dauna Snow
Francis Youngblood

Those who are homebound or in long-term care

Ferma Beyers
Earl Neves

Delores Cass
Clara Schroeder

Charlene Chess
Mildred Taylor

Addie Koy
May Belle Vecera

Darold Nelson
Lisa Wilder

Those serving in the Armed Forces

Stephen Brandes (Navy)
Cole Pinheiro (Army)

Francisco Figueroa (Army)
TJ Theriot (Air Force)

Reid Langton (Marines)
Tiffanee Theriot (Air Force)

Cody Leger (Army)

Caring for the needs of our church and community through prayer, deeds, inspiration and love in the Spirit of Christ.

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