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10:45 a.m. Sunday, Sun., March 27, 2022
Sermon: "Following Christ to The Cross: Peter
John 18:12-27"



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- A Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 27, 2022

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE:** Grace Wolfram

Praise Team Leader: Doris Hill

Ushers: Tim Draube

Missionaries: Charles Cortwright, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,
Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Paul Flo

Reader: Chaney Neff

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER Simon Peter witnessed much of Christ's ministry on earth. He is featured in many highlights of the four Gospels, but today we see Peter at his lowest point, as he denies Jesus three times. The result of Peter's denial is a massive amount of guilt. Each of us can relate to that unwanted flood of self-disgust that comes when we remember past sin. But guilt is not the final word for Peter, and it is not the final word for us. After His resurrection, Jesus restores and forgives Peter. Jesus offered Peter grace. Jesus also gives us grace, forgiveness, and restoration at the cross.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences

P: As we continue our Lenten journey, we witness Peter's denial of Jesus.

C: Three times Peter denies his Lord.

P: When the rooster crows and Peter realizes what he has done,
C: **he is overwhelmed with guilt.**

P: Yet when Jesus is raised from the dead, He restores Peter.
C: **Three times Jesus tells Peter to feed His sheep.**

P: Though Peter had sinned and was filled with guilt,
C: **Jesus forgives and fills Peter with grace.**

Opening Song

“Here I am to Worship”

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You

Chorus: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God
(And) You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to
me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the Earth You created, all for love's sake became poor

(chorus)

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross,
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (chorus twice)
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Apostles' Creed

First Lesson Zechariah 12:10–14

¹⁰“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on Me, on Him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over Him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

¹¹On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the

plain of Megiddo. ¹²The land shall mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹³the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴and all the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves.”

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 12:7–10

⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated.

⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for

you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel *John 18:12–27*

¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. ¹³First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the C.

¹⁵Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.”

¹⁸Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said.” ²²When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how You answer the high priest?” ²³Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?” ²⁴Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of His disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” ²⁶One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” ²⁷Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Confession and Absolution

P: Like Peter, we have all experienced the pain and guilt of past sins. We know that we have been far from perfect. Though we follow Jesus, our thoughts, words, and actions have been poor representations of Christ to the world. Yet, in His infinite mercy, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him for forgiveness and restoration.

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against You. We have denied You in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. We have failed to trust You in all things. Lord, forgive us, restore us, and remove our guilt.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. On account of Jesus, all of your sin has been forgiven—all of the guilt you feel has been made powerless by God's grace. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. We are forgiven and restored by God's abundant grace.

Children's Message

The Song of Instruction "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

- 1) How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory
- 2) Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished
- 3) I will not boast in anything No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

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The Word "Following Christ to The Cross: Peter John 18:12–27"

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

Psalm 23:1-3a—"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me besides quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake."

Offertory "Jesus Loves Me"

I was lost, I was in chains The world had ahold of me
My heart was a stone I was covered in shame
When He came for me

I couldn't run Couldn't run from His presence
I couldn't run Couldn't run from His arms

Jesus He loves me He loves me, He is for me
Jesus how can it be He loves me, His is for me

It was a fire, deep in my soul
I'll never be the same I stepped out of the dark
And into the light When He called my name

I couldn't run Couldn't run from His presence
I couldn't run Couldn't run from His arms

Jesus He loves me He loves me, He is for me
Jesus how can it be He loves me, He is for me

He holds the stars and He holds my heart
With healing hands that bear the scars
The rugged cross where He died for me
My only hope, my ev'rything

Jesus He loves me He loves me, Oh Jesus how can it be
He loves me, He is for me

He loves me He is for me My God, it's amazing, Lord
Jesus loves me

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The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “Whom Shall I Fear”

You hear me when I call. You are my mourning song.

Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet. You are my sword and shield,
Though troubles linger still. Whom shall I fear?

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind.

The God of angel armies is always by my side.

The One who reigns forever. He is a friend of mine.

The God of angel armies is always by my side.

And nothing formed against me shall stand. You hold the whole world in Your hands.

I'm holding on to Your promises. You are faithful, You are faithful.

And nothing formed against me shall stand. You hold the whole world in Your hands.

I'm holding on to Your promises. You are faithful, You are faithful, You are faithful.

I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind.

The God of angel armies is always by my side. The One who reigns forever,

He is a friend of mine. The God of angel armies is always by my side.

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Lenten Service Times

Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
(A Lenten Meal will be served following the 6 :00 p.m.)

Lenten Mid-Week Series: A Lenten Journey with Joseph

Date		Title	Readings
03/02/22	Ash Wed	The Genesis of Joseph	Genesis 30:22–24
03/09/22	Mid-Week 2	A Wondrous Silence	Genesis 37:12–36
03/16/22	Mid-Week 3	A Miracle of Miracles	Genesis 39:1–21
03/23/22	Mid-Week 4	Wait for the Lord	Genesis 41:9–16, 25–44
03/30/22	Mid-Week 5	Chased by a Dirty Conscience	Genesis 42:6–24
04/06/22	Mid-Week 6	God Does Have a Plan	Genesis 45:1–15
04/14/22	Holy Thursday	Judas Iscariot	John 13:21–30
04/15/22	Good Friday	Forgiveness Finished	Genesis 50:15–21; John 19:30

Sundays in Lent Series: “Following Christ to The Cross: People in John’s Gospel”

Traditional Service -Saturdays 6:00 p.m. & Sundays 8:15 a.m.

Contemporary Service—10:45 a.m.

Date		Title	Readings
03/06/22	Lent 1	John the Baptist	John 1:29–34
03/13/22	Lent 2	Mary, the Sister of Lazarus and Martha	John 12:1–11
03/20/22	Lent 3	Malchus	John 18:1–11
03/27/22	Lent 4	Peter	John 18:12–27
04/03/22	Lent 5	Pontius Pilate	John 19:1–16
04/10/22	Palm Sunday	The Disciples	John 12:12–19
04/17/22	Easter	Mary Magdalene	John 20:1–18