

Restored in Christ

Broken Trust

A Service for Lent

February 24, 2016

Order of Service

Opening Hymn #729 “I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

I am trusting thee, Lord, Jesus, trusting only thee;
Trusting thee for full salvation, great and free.

I am trusting thee for pardon; at thy feet I bow,
For thy grace and tender mercy trusting now.

I am trusting thee for cleansing in the crimson flood;
Trusting thee to make me holy by thy blood.

I am trusting thee to guide me; thou alone shalt lead,
Ev’ry day and hour supplying all my need.

I am trusting thee for power; thine can never fail.
Words which thou thyself shalt give me must prevail.

I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus; never let me fall.
I am trusting thee forever and for all.

Opening Litany Rise

Pastor: God’s name is more than a label. It is an expression of his nature and being. There is no disjunction between what God does, what God reveals and who God is.

People: Our Lord shows us perfectly the meaning of integrity.

Pastor: God is utterly consistent. He does not shift or change or drift in his dealings with his creation. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

People: Our Lord teaches us what it means to be faithful.

Pastor: We can always count on God. Regardless the difficulty or self-sacrifice required, what God promises, he always does.

People: Our Lord proves to us what it is to be dependable.

Pastor: God is completely in control. He is omnipotent—all the power in the universe is from him and under his authority. He is able to do all that he wills to do.

People: Our Lord’s supreme sovereignty means that nothing can stop him from accomplishing his plan. He is trustworthy.

Hymn#732 “All Depends on Our Possessing” Stanzas 1,4,6

All depends on our possessing God’s abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart. They who trust with faith unshaken
By their God are not forsaken and will keep a dauntless heart.

When with sorrow I am stricken, hope anew my heart will quicken;
All my longing shall be stilled. To his lovingkindness tender
Soul and body I surrender, for on God alone I build.

If my days on earth he lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding; safe I anchor in his grace.

Confession And Absolution

Pastor: God is God, and we are simply creatures. All that God is and does is infinitely more than we can be or do. Even as human creatures, we fail and we fall short. We are not able to accomplish what God calls us to do as his people.

People: We don’t live lives of steady integrity—too often there is an enormous gap between what we say and what we do. We don’t live in our relationships faithfully—we wear out, we lose interest and we decline with the passage of time. We are not dependable—we get distracted, we get tired, we forget our promises. We are not trustworthy—we are weak and frail creatures, and we cannot do all that we hope or intend. We need God’s forgiveness and grace.

Pastor: God knows your reality. God knows your limitations. God knows your weakness and your failure. God knows your sin. But God is trustworthy. He does what he promises—every time. When you confess, he forgives. So, you are forgiven; you are made new again.

People: Amen. Be Seated

First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:1-13

The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.” David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this deserves to die! He must pay for that lamb four times over because he did such a thing and had no pity. Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. No, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’” “This is what the Lord says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’” Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Nathan replied, “The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.”

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Rise Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14-25

Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” So they counted out for him

thirty silver coins. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?” He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’” So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me.” They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely not I, Lord?” Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.” Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “Yes, it is you.” *Be Seated*

Sermon Hymn #711 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.

We are yours, in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way:
Keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow’r to free
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
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Sermon

“Broken Trust”

Matthew 26:14-25

Offering As your offering is collected, *please sign our attendance book* located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

Prayers Rise

Each petition ends with the following response:

Pastor: Christ who heals all brokenness,

People: restore all broken trust.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Pastor: *Now may the only true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
encourage you with his certain promises, and so equip and
empower you to go forward in confident trust to live a life of
faithfulness.*

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn #420 "Christ, the Life of All the Living" Stanzas 1,4

Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe:
Through thy suff' rings, death and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Heartless scoffers did surround thee, Treating thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned thee. All disgrace thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as thine thou mightest own me And with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

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**Lenten Worship March 2, 2016 ~ 10:00am & 6:00pm
"Broken Bread"**

Lenten Dinner: Shepherd's Pie, steamed carrots, chocolate cherry bars.