

**Restored in Christ  
Broken Promises  
A Service for Lent  
March 9, 2016**

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**Order of Service**

**Opening Hymn #419 “Savior, When in Dust to Thee”**

Savior, when in dust to thee low we bow the adoring knee;  
When, repentant, to the skies scarce we lift our weeping eyes;  
O, by all thy pains and woe suffered once for us below,  
Bending from thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

By thy helpless infant years, by thy life of want and tears,  
By thy days of deep distress in the savage wilderness,  
By the dread, mysterious hour of the insulting tempter’s pow’r,  
Turn, O turn a favoring eye; hear our penitential cry!

By thine hour of dire despair, by thine agony of prayer,  
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, piercing spear, and torturing scorn,  
By the gloom that veiled the skies o’er the dreadful sacrifice,  
Listen to our humble sigh; hear our penitential cry!

By thy deep expiring groan, by the sad sepulchral stone,  
By the vault whose dark abode held in vain the rising God,  
O, from earth to heav’n restored, mighty, re-ascended Lord,  
Bending from thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

**Opening Litany (Rise)**

*Pastor: When God speaks, God acts. God’s speaking is bound to God’s being.*

**People: If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He cannot deny himself.**

*Pastor: Jesus is God speaking and revealing himself to us.*

**People: If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He cannot deny himself.**

*Pastor: Jesus is the Word of God present for us.*

**People: If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He cannot deny himself.**

*Pastor: Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s promise, and the assurance that God will keep every promise he has made.*

**People: If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He cannot deny himself.**

*Pastor: Jesus is the proof that God will do what he has said. Jesus is the comfort and the encouragement that we will share in the completion of all God’s wonderful plans.*

**People: If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He cannot deny himself.**

**Hymn #587**

**“I Know My Faith is Founded”**

Stanzas 1 & 3

I know my faith is founded on Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing, unmoved I stand on his sure Word.  
Our reason cannot fathom the truth of God profound;  
Who trusts in human wisdom relies on shifting ground.  
God’s Word is all-sufficient, it makes divinely sure;  
And trusting in its wisdom, my faith shall rest secure.

In faith, Lord, let me serve you; though persecution, grief and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me, let me a steadfast trust retain;  
And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to you,  
Your riches to inherit as all you said holds true.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me until your heav’n I gain,  
Where I by your great mercy the end of faith attain.

**Confession And Absolution**

*Pastor: Talk is cheap. There is an enormous gulf between a word said and a deed done. We know too well the pain of broken promises and the hurt caused by empty assurances. People have failed us. But we know that we also struggle to keep our word. We have caused and continue to cause our own hurt and pain. We have failed others. We have failed God.*

**People: Lord God, I have not been faithful. I have made promises that I could not keep. I have spoken a word of agreement and then forgotten to uphold it. I have given assurances and then failed to follow through. I have committed and then changed my mind when it became difficult. Forgive me for my empty words. Forgive me for my broken promises. Forgive me for being faithless.**

*Pastor: When we are faithless, he remains faithful. God has promised always to forgive the repentant sinner. There is no doubt, then: God knows your failure and your sin, and he forgives you for all of it. Take heart; your failures have all been forgiven. God has promised it, and he always keeps every promise. Amen. (Be seated)*

**First Reading: Psalm 15**

Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman, who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the Lord, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-14**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself. Keep reminding them of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.

**6:00 Anthem**

*“A Lenten Prayer”*

*Middle School Choir*

**(Rise) Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:30-35, 69-75**

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.” Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.” “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same. *(Be seated)*

**Sermon Hymn #655 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son And bring to naught all he has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow’r make known, For you are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend your holy Church that we May sing your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.

**Sermon**

*“Broken Promises”*

**Matthew 26:30-35, 69-75**

**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**

*Each petition ends with the following response:*

*Pastor: Christ who heals all brokenness,*

**People: restore our broken promises to you.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

*Pastor: Jesus is the fulfillment of every one of God’s promises. Jesus is God’s absolute “Yes” to you. Abide in the assurance of God’s Word. Stay strong in the certainty that he will do all that he says. Go forward with peace, confident in his promise to you.*

**People: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn #420**

**“Christ, the Life of All the Living”**

**Stanzas 1, 6**

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 sufferings, death and merit I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou has suffered great affliction and hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

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## **Holy Week Worship**

### **Palm Sunday**

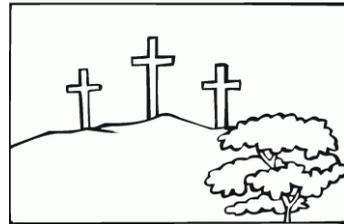
March 19 at 5:00pm & March 20 at 8:00 & 10:30am

### **Maundy Thursday**

March 24 at 10:00am & 6:00pm

### **Good Friday**

March 25 at 1:00 & 6:00pm



### **Easter Vigil**

March 26 at 5:00pm



## **Easter Celebration**

March 27 at 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00am