

SERMON NOTES ♦ MARCH 8, 2009
On the Road to Suffering

SERMON TEXT
Mark 14:26-52 (ESV)

²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
²⁷And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered."²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."²⁹Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not."³⁰And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times."³¹But he said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.

³²And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."³³And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled.³⁴And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch."³⁵And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.³⁶And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."³⁷And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?"³⁸Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.⁴⁰And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him.⁴¹And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."⁴²Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

⁴³And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard."⁴⁵And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him.⁴⁶And they laid hands on him and seized him.⁴⁷But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.⁴⁸And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me?"⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled."⁵⁰And they all left him and fled.

⁵¹And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him,⁵²but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

NOTES

- I. The suffering of powerless promises (vv. 26-31)...
- II. The suffering of agonizing anticipation (vv. 32-36)...
- III. The suffering of listless lethargy (vv. 37-42)...
- IV. The suffering of disloyal disciples (vv. 43-52)...

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March 8, 2009 ♦ 9:00 A.M. ♦ 2nd Sunday in Lent

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: Ave Verum (*Jesu, Word of God*) Mozart
Christy Floyd

Welcome and Ritual of Friendship Clay Brown
Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.
An asterisk (*) marks when those who are able will please stand.
Please turn off your cell phones or place them on "vibrate."

Call to Worship and Invocation
*Hymn #112: *You Servants of God* HANOVER

Time with the Children Fred Coates

Call to Confession Tyler Domske

Unison Prayer of Confession
**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy
we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all
our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain
desires, that with reverent and humble hearts, we may draw
near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and
finding in you our refuge and strength...**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response #34: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH
**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.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Zechariah 13:7-9

Pew Bible, pp. 839-840

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Lesson: Mark 14:26-52

Sermon Notes

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *On the Road to Suffering*

Clay Brown

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and *The Lord's Prayer*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Tom Kirkland

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Lamb of God*

Paris

Alan Sledge, soloist

*Response #688: *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (v. 1)

SCHUMANN

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be: all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn #258: *At the Cross* (verses 1-3)

HUDSON

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Opportunities to Serve and Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Response #258: *At the Cross* (verse 4)

HUDSON

*Postlude: *March Maestoso from "Scipio"*

Handel

If you are our guest today, welcome! We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a "Welcome Home" folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with the pastor in the chancel area following the service.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of sister, Susan White and husband, Tom Deal, by Becky Deal

Recent Prayer Requests: Sible Winebarger; Bemice Melchor; Anita Teeter; Mac Herring; Byron Crowley; Don Fair; Jeff Stonestreet; Lottie Massey; Holly Lemons' father; Lynne Streetman's parents; Rebecca Auten; Fred Hoke; Mary Voils Aven; Bob Davidson; Terry Stevens; Tip McGee; Cathy Brown's parents; David Ortwein, Ken Bemd's nephew; Martha Andrews; EO3SW Laban Thompson; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who have lost their jobs recently.

Catechism Club: Participants will meet with their mentors at 5:30 tonight for recitation of questions 126-140.

Logos Musical Dress Rehearsal: All Logos choir members (grades 1-6) should plan to attend the musical dress rehearsal this Saturday, March 14, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Choir members should also plan to arrive at church next Sunday, March 15, at 4:30 p.m. for a final rehearsal. A pizza supper will be provided for choir members, prior to the musical

Lost & Found: We have a brown leather Woman's Study Bible with Ketubah in the church office. If you are missing one, please check with us. Also, we have a set of keys attached to a Ford keychain (found in the sanctuary about 3 weeks ago.)

Logos Musical: Everyone is invited to a special evening of theatre, next Sunday, March 15, in the fellowship hall. The Logos Choir will present the musical, *The Tale of Three Trees*. Immediately after the performance, desserts will be served by hostess Jerilyn Fair and members of the Personnel Committee. A nursery for small children will be provided during the musical. The choir will then take the "show on the road" the following Saturday evening. They will travel to Statesville for an adventurous night at FunStation 2000 and then perform the musical at Forest Park Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning.

Saints Alive Trip to Hemlock Inn: The Saints Alive group is planning a trip to Hemlock Inn in Bryson City, NC, from Tuesday, May 12 through Friday, May 15. Room rates include three nights' lodging, three breakfasts, and three dinners. More information is in the March newsletter, including room rates and deposit information. A discount is available with reservations made prior to March 15. Please contact Ellen Auten to make a reservation or if you have questions about the trip.

The deadline for the various scholarships offered by First Pres is May 1 (not April 1 as stated in the Newsletter.) Please make sure your applications are turned in to the church office by that date.

Calendar for March 8-15, 2009

- Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
4:00 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF
5:00 p.m. - Diaconate
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club with Mentors
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings
- Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 1 in the parlor
6:30 p.m. - Circle No. 3 at the Streb's home
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. - LILR at the Coates' home
- Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - Circle No. 4
11:45 a.m. - Carpool at church parking lot for Circle No. 5
12:00 p.m. - Circle No. 5 at the home of Dorothy Nelson
2:00 p.m. - Circle No. 6 in the parlor
6:00 p.m. - Circle No. 2 in the parlor
7:00 p.m. - Cub Scout Pack 166
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM - *Stuffed Animal/PJ* night
5:30 p.m. - HS Supper Club @ Five Guys
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - Logos Musical Dress Rehearsal
- Sunday 3/15: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Logos Choir
5:30 p.m. - All PYF - No meal
7:00 p.m. - Logos Musical with Dessert

