

SERMON NOTES ♦ MARCH 22, 2009
On the Road to Injustice

SERMON TEXT
Mark 15:1-15 (ESV)

¹And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole Council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. ²And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ³And the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. ⁷And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. ⁸And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. ⁹And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. ¹²And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" ¹³And they cried out again, "Crucify him." ¹⁴And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

NOTES

I. The injustice of the chief priests...

II. The injustice of the crowd...

III. The injustice of Pilate...

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March 22, 2009 ♦ 9:00 A.M. ♦ 4th Sunday in Lent

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: *Jesu, Priceless Treasure* Bach/Pethel
Christy Floyd

Welcome and Ritual of Friendship Fred Coates
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 #657: *He Has Made Me Glad*

Time with the Children

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be obedient people. We have not done your will. We have broken your law. We have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

- *Hymn 254: *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* LONESOME VALLEY
Prayer for Illumination
First Lesson: Isaiah 53:4-9 Pew Bible, pp. 648-649
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon Lesson: Mark 15:1-15 Sermon Notes
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!
Sermon: *On the Road to Injustice* 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 David Roseman of the Gideons
Giving of Tithes and Offerings
Anthem: *Lead Me to Calvary* Kirkpatrick
Linda Ervin, 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 #255: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (verses 1-2) ST. CHRISTOPHER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

- *Opportunities to Serve and Invitation to Discipleship
*Charge and Benediction
*Response #255: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (verse 3) ST. CHRISTOPHER
*Postlude: *Reflection* Asper

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 this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Angels along the way: Tina McCachern, Meredith Fair Knox and Ashley Schaen by Mac and Jill Herring.

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley is our theme hymn for the season of Lent and our sermon series "On the Road to the Cross." We will sing the American spiritual in every Lenten worship service through Palm Sunday. As we sing, may we be reminded of Jesus' journey to the Cross, a journey he undertakes so that we may be forgiven of our sin and reconciled with God.

Recent Prayer Requests: Carol Donaldson; Clayton Davidson; Dave Montgomery, Phil Loftin's brother-in-law; Sble Winebarger; Bemice Melchor; Anita Teeter; Mac Herring; Don Fair; Rebecca Auten; Fred Hoke; Mary Voils Aven; Bob Davidson; Terry Stevens; Tip McGee; Cathy Brown's parents; David Ortwein, Ken Bernd's nephew; Martha Andrews; EO3SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who have lost their jobs recently.

Lost & Found: We have a set of Mercury car keys attached to a Ford keychain (found in the sanctuary about 3 weeks ago.)

Logos Trip: Members of the Logos choir are presenting the musical, "The Tale of Three Trees," during the church school hour at Forest Park Presbyterian Church in Statesville this morning, and are participating in their worship service. The group plans to return by 2:00 p.m. today.

Saints Alive Trip: 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. Please contact Ellen Auten to make a reservation or if you have questions about the trip.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Gary Roach and family in the death of his father, Art Roach, to Bob Dobbins and family in the death of his mother, Ruth Dobbins, and to the family of Caroline McLaughlin. All passed away on March 18.

In Memoriam

Caroline G. McLaughlin

April 28, 1923 – March 18, 2009

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13

Calendar for March 22-29, 2009

- Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
2:00 p.m. - Logos Choir returns
4:00 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
7:00 p.m. - Session
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. - LILR at the Coates' home
- Tuesday:
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM - FPC Idol night
6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club @ Quiznos
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
- Friday:
- Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - Church Clean-up Day
- Sunday 3/29: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
9:50 a.m. - Church School Social
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Eagle Scout Award
4:00 p.m. - Alpha PYF
5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF
5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club

Save the Dates

- Maundy Thursday Supper and Service – April 9, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- Good Friday Service and Lunch – April 10, Noon in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

