

The Chapel in the Pines

February 19, 2023

*Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Transfiguration of the Lord



Transfiguration of our Lord

**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given
to the Glory of God by Dennis & Sandy Cifranic
in honor of Gertrude Cifranic's Birthday.**

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude

**Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family
The Call to Worship**

Let the radiance of Christ be evident among us:
in our songs and our words;

in our deepest thoughts and desires;
**in the youthful and the experienced,
the exhausted and the energetic;**

in the confident and the frightened;
**we are here together.
We join our voices and our hearts in praise.**

The Invocation and 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever...Amen.**

***The Psalm of Thanksgiving and Praise** Adapted from Psalm 99

The Eternal is great in the hearts of the people;
our Lord reigns majestic over all the people.

Let the people praise your amazing and awesome name;
because the Lord is holy, perfect, and exalted in power.

Lift up the Eternal our God in your hearts;
**bow down to the earth where our Lord rests God's feet.
God is holy, perfect, and exalted in power.**

Lift up the Eternal our God in your hearts,
**and celebrate the Lord's goodness at God's holy mountain,
for the Eternal our God is holy, perfect, and exalted in power.**

***Hymn** #74 Majesty

Maj-es-ty, wor-ship His maj-es-ty.
Un-to Je-sus be all glo-ry, hon-or, and praise.

Maj-es-ty, king-dom au-thor-i-ty
Flow from His throne
Un-to His own His an-them raise.

So ex-alt, lift up on high the name of Je-sus.
Mag-ni-fy, come glo-ri-fy Christ Je-sus, the King.

Maj-es-ty, wor-ship His maj-es-ty.
Un-to Je-sus be all glo-ry, hon-or, and praise.
Je-sus who dies, now glo-ri-fied,
King of all kings.

***The Passing of the Peace**

The grace and peace
of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ be with you all...
and also with you.

The Passing of the Welcome Pads

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Epistles 2 Peter 1:16-19
...but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty...

***Hymn** #60 Morning Has Broken

1. Morn-ing has bro-ken
Like the first morn-ing
Black-bird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the sing-ing!
Praise for the morn-ing!
Praise for them spring-ing
Fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall
Sun-lit from heav-en,
Like the first dew-fall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweet-ness
Of the wet gar-den,
Spring in com-plete-ness
Where His feet pass.
3. Mine is the sun-light!
Mine is the morn-ing,
Born of the one light
E-den saw play!
Praise with e-la-tion,
Praise ev-'ry morn-ing,
Gor'd re-cre-a-tion
Of the new day!

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 17:1-9
Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

The Response to the Word

Homily Down from the Mountain

The Call to the Offering

Offertory

***The Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** Gather Us In

1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing,
Now is the dark-ness van-ished a-way,
See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gath-er us in the lost and for-sak-en,
Gath-er us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
We shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young our lives are a mys-t'ry
We are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
Called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
Gath-er us in the rich and the haugh-ty,
Give us a heart so meek and so low-ly,
Give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter,
 Here we will take the bread of new birth,
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 Call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion,
 Give us to eat the bread that is you;
 Nourish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 Lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing.
 Not in some heav-en, light-years a-way,
 But here in this place the new light is shin-ing,
 Now is the King-dom, now is the day.
 Gath-er us in and hold us for ev-er,
 Gath-er us in and make us your own;
 Gather us in all peo-ples to-geth-er,
 Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The Eucharist
The Invitation
The Prayer of Confession

Though we want to walk with Peter, James, and John
 and see God's holy radiance,
we hide in the mist of our own desires,
unable to perceive the presence of God's grace.

While we want a world of justice and peace,
we walk in clouds of selfishness,
unable to share God's loving-kindness.
 Though we want to follow Jesus down the mountain,
we cower in fear, unable to bear the light of God.
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #325 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face (verse 1)

***Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face.
 Here would I touch and handle things unseen.
 Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
 And all my weariness upon Thee lean.***

Hymn #325 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face (verse 2)

***Here would I feed upon the bread of God.
 Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven.
 Here would I lay aside each earthly load.
 Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.***

Hymn #325 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face (verse 3)

***I have no help but Thine, nor do I need
 another arm save Thine to lean upon.
 It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed.
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.***

Hymn #325 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face (verse 1)

***Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face.
 Here would I touch and handle things unseen.
 Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
 And all my weariness upon Thee lean.***

The Communion of the People

***Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn** Go Now and Pass It On

May the Lord walk beside us
as we leave this quiet place
For the Lord will guide us
if we walk in the light of His grace

May we feel God's love around us
as it keeps us faithful and strong,
For the peace of God surrounds us,
and now we pass it on.

Go now and pass it on.

***Postlude**



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Jack Sealey, Phyllis Mahin, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Ellie Lyons, Maggie Simmons, Kathy Steele, Evangeline Caliendo, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Cami Thistles, Nick Benschoter, Mary Faas, Israel Duncan, Olivia McDonald, Lerici Racine, the family of Ernie Martin, Jamie Raskin, Joe Currie, Keven Carter, Sharon Thomas, Neida Crow, Birdie Mendence, Kerra Paduano, the family of Carol Meszaros, the people of Ukraine and the people of Turkey and Syria.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

George Hoffman, Bud Holzerland, Mary Kay Allen, Nancee Letter, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Dave Westerman, Joan Tourt, Bill and JoAn Moses, Meta Evans, Charles Hinson, Tamara Lee, Ralph Olson, Daisy Kirit, Blue Baker, Jon Tichenor, Carol and the Scantlin family, Pat and the family of Dick Weber.



February Announcements

Monday-February 27
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Tuesday-February 28

Dot Riggins
Nancee Letter
Mike Barry
Samuel Stoltz



Altar Flowers

February
2-26 Alicia Delong
March
3-5 Volunteer Needed
3-12 Pat Dantzer

Looking Ahead!

Sunday-February 19	9:00 am	Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday Holy Communion Chapel Board Meeting
Monday-February 20	10:00-Noon	Rummage Sale Donations Accepted Chapel Members
Wednesday-February 22	10:00-Noon	Rummage Sale Donations Accepted Chapel Members
Wednesday-February 22	4:30 pm	Ash Wednesday
Friday-February 24	3:00 pm	Newsletter Article Deadline
Sunday-February 26	9:00 am	First Sunday in Lent
Monday-February 27	10:00-Noon	Rummage Sale Donations Accepted Chapel Members
Wednesday-March 1	10:00-Noon	Rummage Sale Donations Accepted Community
Sunday-March 5	9:00 am	2nd Sunday of Lent
Monday-March 6	10:00-Noon	Rummage Sale Donations Accepted Community
Wednesday-March 8	10:00-Noon	Rummage Sale Donations Accepted Community

***Please notify Church Administrator for events to be added to the Chapel in the Pines calendar to assure availability of dates and times.*



Worship

Coffee Fellowship

February
2-26 Marilyn & Jimmy McCaskill
March
3-5 Helen Scholl & Jody Monk
3-12 Mary Snead & Meta Massey

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Worship Team

February
2-22 Ash Wednesday
Alice McPheeters and Katy Swain
2-26 L.B. Urie and Marilyn McCaskill
March
3-5 Lee Connelly and Marilyn McCaskill
3-12 Alice McPheeters and Leslie While (HC)



Lenten Bible Study - 2023

Living the Story of Christ's Last Days

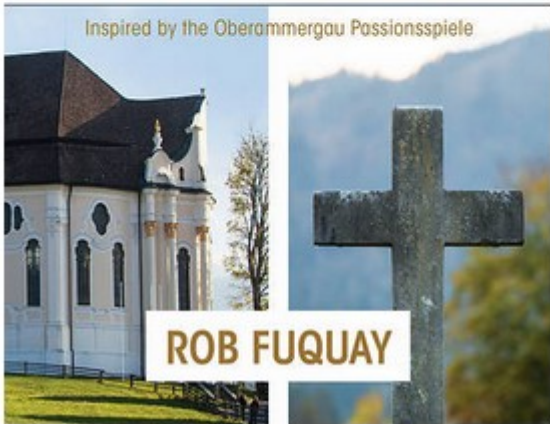
Inspired by the Oberammergau Passion Play



THE PASSION PLAY

Living the Story of Christ's Last Days

Inspired by the Oberammergau Passionsspiele



In 1632 Europe was in the middle of the Thirty-Years War, a most brutal religious and political conflict resulting in eight million deaths...one tenth of the population. While Oberammergau, Germany's remote location protected it from the war's violence, it could not isolate it from the Bubonic Plague that spread as a direct result of the unsanitary conditions created by the war. In the Summer of 1633 eighty-four villagers would succumb to the plague... one half of the population of the town.

The people of Oberammergau came together to pray for God's mercy so that no one else in their small village would die of the plague. Their prayers were heard and answered and in response they made a vow to God to perform a Passion Play every ten years. In 2020 over a half-million people attended the one hundred and two, six-hour performances that were acted and supported by two thousand of the five thousand residents of the village.

In the six sessions of this study we will learn of the traditions of this play, relate these traditions to the Passion story of Jesus, and consider how all this connects to our own story, our relationships with Jesus, and our desires to know the part we play in the living and ongoing story of Christ.

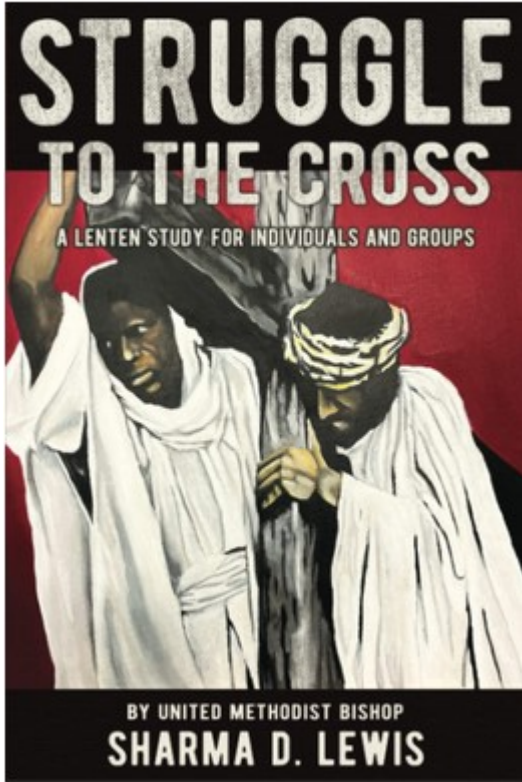
- Session #1 The Power of a Vow February 23
- Session #2 The Importance of Community March 2
- Session #3 The Role of Ritual March 9
- Session #4 Living the Story March 16
- Session #5 Telling a Better Story March 23
- Session #6 The Power of the Cross March 30

We will meet at the Chapel for six Thursdays beginning February 23rd at 4:00. The class is limited to 14 people. A donation of \$5.00 will cover the cost of resource materials. If more than 14 register a second class will be offered at 2:00 on the same days. If you desire an online class a third class will be added if a minimum of 8 people register. Please drop this form in the collection plate or call Susan to register by February 19th. (910) 400-5188

In-person class _____
(name) (phone)

I request an online class _____
(name) (phone)

Struggle to the Cross



Struggle to the Cross is a book of Lenten daily devotions written by Reverend Sharma D. Lewis, Resident Bishop of the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church.

"Bishop Sharma D. Lewis has produced another spiritual devotional gem. I particularly appreciate the structure of this book: Lenten Devotion, Selected Scriptures, Prayer, Reflections, and My Action. My life was blessed and enriched as a result of this Lenten devotion. I am sure many will experience spiritual nourishment and enrichment as they journey through the 40 days of this Lenten devotion." *Doctor Lewis T. Kola, New Horizons Counseling Center, Marietta, Georgia*

Members of this small group will receive Reverend Lewis' book of devotions and begin reading on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. There will be a devotion for each day of the week, Monday through Saturday. Then all participants will gather at 4:00 each Sunday in Lent, beginning February 26th to reflect and discuss the insights offered by Reverend Lewis through her devotions, using these questions:

What day stood out during this week's Lenten journey? Why?

What did you learn about yourself and your relationship with Christ?

Which "My Action" of the week brought you great joy or difficulty?

What thoughts did this week's devotions bring to mind?

This small group will be limited to 14 participants and a donation of \$20.00 to cover the cost of the book and shipping will be appreciated. If more than 14 people register a second group will be formed. Drop this form in the collection plate or call Susan to register by February 19th. (910) 400-5188

Name: _____ Phone: _____

"Those who yearn for a sense of meaning and divine presence amid life's struggles will find Bishop Lewis a compassionate and inspiring companion. Struggle to the Cross is biblically based and a spiritually sensitive practical devotional guide to a deeper experience and understanding of the cross."

*Bishop Kenneth L. Carder, Williams distinguished Professor Emeritus,
Duke Divinity School*



Lent
"He fasted for forty days
and forty nights..."



Ash Wednesday The Imposition of Ashes	Wednesday, February 22	4:30
The Passion Play, Session #1 The Power of a Vow	Thursday, February 23	4:00
The First Sunday in Lent Struggle to the Cross	Sunday, February 26 Sunday February 26	9:00 4:00
The Passion Play, Session #2 The Importance of Community	Thursday, March 2	4:00
The Second Sunday in Lent Struggle to the Cross	Sunday, March 5 Sunday, March 5	9:00 4:00
The Passion Play, Session #3 The Role of Ritual	Thursday, March 9	4:00
The Third Sunday in Lent The Celebration of Holy Communion Covered dish fellowship lunch following worship	Sunday, March 12	9:00
Struggle to the Cross	Sunday, March 12	4:00
The Passion Play, Session #4 Living the Story	Thursday, March 16	4:00
The Fourth Sunday in Lent Struggle to the Cross	Sunday, March 19 Sunday, March 19	9:00 4:00
The Passion Play, Session #5 Telling a Better Story	Thursday, March 23	4:00
The Fifth Sunday in Lent Struggle to the Cross	Sunday, March 26 Sunday, March 26	9:00 4:00
The Passion Play, Session #6 The Power of the Cross	Thursday, March 30	4:00
Palm Sunday Struggle to the Cross	Sunday, April 2 Sunday, April 2	9:00 4:00