



Love Is The Answer

Scripture References:

Matthew 22:35-40

Mark 12:28-34

Luke 10:27a

I ran across the following post on my Facebook page. It was a quote from Bernice King, the daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She said, “Jesus didn’t call it “social justice.” He simply called it LOVE. If we would only love our neighbors beyond comfort, borders, race, religion and other differences that we’ve allowed to be barriers, “social justice” would be a given. Love makes justice happen.”

In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke we are told that the greatest commandment is to love God and love our neighbors. Love God, love on another. The fact that in three of the four Gospels this is written signals to me that this is extremely important.

Too often, we are spending time debating the political correctness of the act. Or worrying about what others will think about us if we follow the commandment of Christ. We spend our time asking who our neighbor is so that we do not do more than is absolutely necessary. We spend more time defining the need that we do simply LOVING whoever comes across our path.

Loving others is showing care, kindness, and concern for others. It is not judging them because of their need. It is just loving them. Period. Loving is giving and not worrying about what is in it for us. It is simply loving them because they were put in our life for that season, for that moment, for that time.

Love looks different in every one of our encounters. And it looks different for each of us. Loving may be a kind word to a stranger. Or a smile to a person that you pass on the street. It may be listening to someone who needs to have their voice heard. It may be giving a portion of our money, our resources or our time to a community project. Or maybe it is holding someone’s hand in silence in a time of need and simply being there for them in that moment. God calls us to love according to the gifts we have to offer.

However, one thing is for certain. We are ALL called to love. God requires it of each and everyone of us. We are to not only love those that are nearest and dearest to our hearts. He requires us to love those that the secular world would tell us that we are to hate, to despise, to “cancel”. God tells us to love those that others would push out to the margins of life. He wants us to love those that many would consider unlovable.

In the book, *Dangerous Prayers: 50 Powerful Prayers That Changed the World*, Dr. King has a prayer. And in his prayer, he says that we should thank God for challenging us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very insert to our prayers depended on us and not Thee. He wants us to go about loving people as if the only way our prayers would be answered is if we are working we everything we have to give.

God has blessed us with so many things. And all he asks is that we love him and others. He simply asks that we show the world His love through our loving. How can we do anything less? Love God and love our neighbor. May the world soon be filled with so much love that we do not need to worry about injustice in the world.

Pastor Jackie



Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28
10:30am

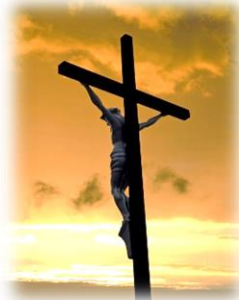


Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1
7:00pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 2
7:00pm



Easter Sunrise

Sunday, April 4
7:30am @ Rabke United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday

Sunday April 4
10:30am



Easter Lilies

The Worship Committee will be providing Easter Lilies for the Easter Sunday Service. If you would like to purchase one to honor or remember someone, please fill out a form or call the church office. Forms are located in the church narthex. The price for each lily is \$10.00.

Deadline is March 29.



World Day of Prayer



March 5, 2021

The Prayer Chapel

10:00am ~ 5:00pm



When life gives you snow...

Make a Snow Angel

February 2021



Lent & Ash Wednesday

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday, and ends on Holy Saturday. In Holy Scripture, the number forty is symbolic of periods of testing and purification. It is related to the period of time spent in the Ark of Noah, the period spent by the Hebrew people wandering in the desert on their way to the Promised Land after the Exodus, and the time Jesus was in the wilderness of temptation after his baptism.

The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The Lenten season of the Christian year is a preparation for the celebration of Easter and new life in Christ. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts. It later became a time of penance and preparation for all Christians.

Why begin Lent with the imposition of ashes? In ancient times, slaves were branded with a mark on the forehead to show the world that they were not their own, but belonged to another. Over the centuries, the early Christians adopted and transformed this practice as a way to begin the season of Lent. With ashes, symbolic of repentance and purification, they would mark the forehead of each Christian with a cross, as a way of saying to all the world: "I am not my own; I belong to Christ."

This rite in which we participate tonight is not intended as a show of piety, but rather a form of corporate prayer in bodily form and act. It is an outward sign of your inner commitment to draw closer to Christ during this season. You may leave the ashes on as long as you wish, or remove them as you leave. May we all observe a holy Lent!



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Ladies in Faith and Fellowship Together



Meeting March 9 @ 10:00am
Fellowship Hall



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Women

FAITH•HOPE•LOVE IN ACTION

Meeting March 15 @ 6:30pm
Fellowship Hall
No Meal

Financial Information February 2021

Revenues:

\$8,360.74

Expenditures:

\$9,077.38



March Worship Volunteer Schedule

DATE	LITURGIST
3-7-2021	Pastor Jackie
3-14-2021	Colette Barth
3-21-2021	Bobby Jones
3-28-2021	Emily Cheatham



Birthdays

Belle Clint	7 th
Amy Prince	13 th
Lynn Haferkamp	13 th
Jan Wilson	14 th
Gail James	14 th
Donna Cox	30 th
Dorothy Brown	31 st

C.A.M.A.L. House
Collection for March:

Canned Fruit



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