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Palm Sunday - Purple
April 5, 2020

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April 5, 2020

PRAISE & WORSHIP

- HOSANNA
- MY LIFE IS IN YOU LORD
- WE BRING THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE
- IN YOUR PRESENCE
- HOSANNA

JOYS & CONCERNS/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-3

MESSAGE

WHERE IS MY HOPE?

Randy Thomas

OFFERING

PLEASE NOTE:

Please send prayer requests through mail, email, Facebook, or text.

WHERE IS MY HOPE?

Isaiah 61:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ "The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, ³ To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

Franklin Roosevelt: "So, first of all, let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is...fear itself — nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance."

*Many today believe in relative truth and state "there's no such thing as absolute truth." This is an illogical statement because it makes an absolute claim.

I. OVERCOMING DISCOURAGEMENT WITH FAITH

Psalms 42:11 (NLT2)

Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again— my Savior and my God!

Great discouragement sometimes comes against us and brings great sorrow, but we will come through this great trial because of God.

Proverbs 13:20 (NLT2)

Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

1. Trust God

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT2)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

2. Don't give up and lose heart.

Galatians 6:9 (NLT2)

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

*Don't give up on others.

3. Be with your family.

4. Read the Bible.

5. Pray

II. God's Answer to Our Problem

Luke 4:16-19 (NLT2)

¹⁶ When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual

to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures.

¹⁷ The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written: ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, ¹⁹ and that the time of the LORD’s favor has come.”

Jesus is the answer to the problem we face now and every problem of life.

C.S. Lewis stated: “Hope is one of the Theological virtues. This means that a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.”

1 Peter 5:7 (NLT2)

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

Notes:

***Please notice the next steps for your card.**

NEXT STEPS

- I just accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.
- I recommitted my life to Jesus Christ this morning.
- I will trust Jesus as the answer to my fears & worries.
- I will memorize the memory verse this week.

Please mark your next step on your Prayer Card and place it in the offering. Then, keep the next step above as a reminder for the upcoming week.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Happy Birthday Amelia Irvin on April 11th and John Sparks on April 12th!
- With God's grace we have the sermon posted online <https://www.fsfumc.com>
- If you're on Facebook, find our page, facebook.com/fortstocktonfumc, and "Like" and follow us for updates.
- Our website [FSFUMC.com](https://www.fsfumc.com) will also be a source for information
- Office hours will remain the same during this cautious time, feel free to come in for prayer in the sanctuary or prayer room Mondays through Thursdays: 9 am-12 noon and 1-3 pm, as long as you are not feeling ill.
- El Buen Vecino at 401 S. Valentine: Any items you donate are greatly appreciated.
- Our Food Bank is running low on the basics, as are most grocery stores, if you have any extra canned or dried goods you'd like to donate, please let us know. If you or someone you know can use that service, the office is ready to help during regular business hours.

WITH OUR GIFTS

Received last Sunday:...Tithes & Offerings.....\$280.00

WITH OUR PRESENCE

Last Sunday's Morning Service (Views as of Wednesday).....59

FUMC MISSION STATEMENT

New. Life. Now.

WITH OUR PRAYERS

Prayers for continued healing for: The Neylands. Johnnie & Olga Rivera. Kay Magee. Blaine Ward. Denna Sadler. Rosie Hopkins & Susie Vestal, her mom. Sara Borden. Melba Ward. Sylvia Thomas. Eva Gail Abington. Terri Klutts Young, Jim & Beth Ivy's friend, who fought cancer ten years ago, and it has returned. Kate Finley, Jessica McGuire Harral's niece, who is a 5 yr. old with cancer dealing with chemo. Graham & Tara Bowman, Graham has Lewy Body Dementia. Bill Rawls, family friend of the Robbins, who has heart issues. Kelli Neeb Kemp, Cheryl & Charles Neeb, who is recovering from surgery. All of the medical staff dealing with this pandemic.



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