

Life Begins At the Cross

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

Mark 8:34



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*Welcome to
Hillcrest Presbyterian Church*

A Service For The Worship Of God

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2018

We give thanks that God has called us to worship together.



Processional Hymn #230

This Is the Day The Lord Hath Made

A Word of Welcome and Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP (Rom. 4: 25)

Leader: Christ died for our trespasses

People: but was raised for our justification.

Leader: Thanks be to God.

Unison: Let us celebrate God's love together.

Prayer of Invocation (praying together)

God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: Chain Breaker – Zach Williams

If you've been walking the same old
road for miles and miles

If you've been hearing the same old
voice tell the same old lies

If you're trying to feel the same old
holes inside

There's a better life

There's a better life

If you've got pain

He's a pain taker

If you feel lost

He's a way maker

If you need freedom or saving

He's a prison-shaking Savior

If you've got chains

He's a chain breaker

We've all search for the light of day
in the dead of night

We've all found ourselves worn out
from the same old fight

We've all run to things we know just
ain't right

And there's a better life

There's a better life

If you've got pain

He's a pain taker

If you feel lost

He's a way maker

If you need freedom or saving

He's a prison-shaking Savior

If you've got chains

He's a chain breaker

If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify

If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify Testify

If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify

If you've got pain
He's a pain taker
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Call To Confession

God alone is righteous; God alone is perfect; God alone is judge. Yet this holy, righteous God comes to us in love, to save us. Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance.

(Silent Confession) — In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance Of Pardon

Leader: Our God has come to us and is not silence; God speaks to us with grace and love, saying: You are my beloved child. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God

Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

Leader: *As a forgiven people, let us share the peace of Christ
The Peace Of Christ Be With You.*

People: *And Also With You.*

Leader: *Let us turn and greet one another*

Children's Time

Hymn #85

What Wondrous Love Is This

Prayers Of The People and Lord's Prayer

(You are invited to share out loud your prayer concerns and joys)

Leader: Lord in you mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

Hymn #325 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
And make this house your home;
Descend with all your gracious powers;
O come, great Spirit, come!

Offering (let us present our Offerings, Tithes and Gifts to the Lord)

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Anthem

Scripture

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross

and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Message

Rev. Jack Cormack

Hymn: 10,000 Reasons, Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I worship Your holy name

The sun comes up; it's a new day
dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever
lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening
comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to
anger
Your name is great and Your heart is
kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on
singing
10,000 reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is
failing
The end draws near and my time
has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise
unending
10,000 years and then forever more

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I worship Your holy name

Bless the Lord, O my soul
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I worship Your holy name
worship Your holy name*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response**

May the love of God be all around us, all around us, everywhere we go.
May the grace of God shine down upon us, down upon us, and everyone we know.
This is our prayer as we leave this place with our hearts full of love and grace.
May the love of God be all around us, all around us, everywhere we go.

*=Those for whom it is comfortable are invited to stand

Rev. Jack Cormack
Jennifer McCullough
Jo Lynne Palmerton

Pastor
Director of Music
Pianist

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Dianne Hutchins Jason Hutchins
Justin Hutchins Jossie Hutchins

Fellowship Hosts
The Hutchins Family

In Our Prayers

Our homebound: Harold Hiser, Gusta Zweerink, Wayne & Gladys Zweerink,

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

Justin Hutchins, March 1
Logan Hill, March 2
David Reynolds, March 3

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

Bill & Cindy Covey, March 2

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Worship Committee, 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Lenten Study, 6:00pm
Choir, 7:00pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Communion
Discipleship Committee, Noon

Van Driver: Sammy Miller
Nursery: Cindy Covey
Sound: Brian Hill
Building Monitor: Leonard Throne

Ongoing Missions:

Food Pantry
Meals on Wheels
Rare Breed meals
Ronald McDonald House meals

The Food Pantry needs:



Crackers Jelly
Peanut Butter Pasta
Mashed Potatoes
Cereal

Lenten Series

Wednesday

**February 21 – March 21 at 6:00
in the Church Library**

For the Lenten season we will explore Contemplative Reflection. Contemplative Reflection is the intentional act of becoming more aware of God's presence. We will engage in specific reflective acts which you will be able to practice at home. Pastor Jack has been a Contemplative Reflection practitioner since 2009. All are welcome. Come and find out.

Committee Meetings in March:

4th Discipleship, Noon
5th Outreach, 6:00pm
8th Session, 6:00pm
26th Security Team, 6:00pm

Other Activities in March:

1st Meals on Wheels, Hills
8th Meals on Wheels, Meesters
10th Men's Breakfast
12th Dinner at Cox Ronald McDonald House
15th Meals on Wheels, Palmertons
19th Book Club
20th Ashley House Dinner
22nd Meals on Wheels, Barbara & Nancy
24th Lowell Patterson Celebration of Life
29th Meals on Wheels
29th Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00pm
30th Rare Breed Dinner
31st Easter Egg Hunt

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