**BROKEN BOW UNITED METHODIST CHRUCH**

 **Answering God’s Call Palm-Passion Sunday April 5, 2020**

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**Gathering as God’s People**

*These are the scripted version of Pastor Matt’s greeting and announcements that begin the worship service.*

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus.

Welcome to the worship of BBUMC online. There is a **link** to the bulletin with announcements for today in worship near your video feed.

We will continue to suspend all large-group, in-person gatherings indefinitely. Near the end of April, we will update our direction and communicate that with you.

If you’re watching on **Facebook**, please make a **comment** that you’re watching, and consider sharing this via Facebook as a way of inviting others to worship.

One act of worship is typically **offering** ourselves and our gifts to God’s glory and God’s mission through the church. **Secure online giving** is available through our website: bbumc.org.

And, a team of people is available at the church Sundays between 8 and noon for **Drive-by Offering and Blessings**. All from the comfort of your care you can…

You can make sure your **car remembers** the way to the church.

You can bring any **financial offering**, or pray the entire way about what you’re offering to partner with and praise God.

And you can leave having received a **prayerful blessing** from another.

Please also know that, while we’re all staying home or away from other people, you are more than welcome to **call me, and call each other**.

Here are **four things** you can do in every conversation with others:

1. Ask and listen – just to share in relationship;
2. Do a soul check – early Methodists asked each other weekly, “How is it with your soul?” Check on each other’s spirits?
3. Check on practical stuff – “What do you need today?” Then brainstorm some resources.
4. Feel free to offer to connect them with me – “Would you like Pastor Matt to call you?”
5. Prayer for each other.

**Have you missed Sunday School?**

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Finally, today is Palm-Passion Sunday.

Often on this day, we try to combine the entire last week of Jesus’ life – from his triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, to the moment his body is laid, wrapped in death’s swaddling cloths, in a tomb.

Today, we’ll be doing worship a little differently. So, this week, I encourage you to walk with Jesus in his final days through the devotional guide below.

**Prelude Music**

**Greeting & Announcements**

**Centering Music & Procession**

**Singing** – “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” (vv. 1-3) *UMH*, 277

**Call to Worship**

One: The Living God is with us!

**All: And with all creation! Praise the Lord!**

One: He entered the city with a parade fit for a king, shouting as we too might:

**All: Hosanna! God, save us! Hosanna in the highest!**

One: He ate with his friends, serving them, teaching them, loving them. He asked them to remember him at the basin and the table, and to stay awake. And we cry out with them:

**All: Yes, Lord! We’ll never fall away from you. We’ll go with you always!**

One: He lived. He was beaten and killed. And still we know he also lives.

**All: Praise the Lord! Draw us nearer to you! Fill us with your presence!**

**Singing** – “Let Us Break Bread Together” (vv. 1-3) *UMH*, 618

**Prayers of the Community & the World**

 **Prayer Song** – “Cares Chorus” *TFWS*, 2215

 **Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer**  *UMH*, 895

**Hearing God’s Good News Call**

**Singing** – “Jesus Loves Me” (vv. 1) *UMH*, 377

**Children’s Time**

**Scripture Lessons** – Philippians 2:5-11 (CEB) (*see the Holy Week Devotional Guide below*)

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God,
        he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.
But he emptied himself
        by taking the form of a slave
        and by becoming like human beings.
When he found himself in the form of a human,
        he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
        even death on a cross.
Therefore, God highly honored him
        and gave him a name above all names,
    so that at the name of Jesus everyone
        in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow
        and every tongue confess
            that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Singing** – “Fill My Cup, Lord” (one time) *UMH*, 641

**Message** – “Remembering at Our Tables” Pastor Matt Fowler

**Responding as God’s Gathering**

**Confession of Faith** *UMH*, 882

**Being Sent as God’s**

**Disciple-Making, World-Transforming Mission**

**† Singing** – “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” (vv. 1-2) *UMH*, 301

**† Blessing and Sending Forth**

**† Singing** – “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” (vv. 3-4) *UMH*, 301

**† Postlude**

Announcements

**Sermons a la Carte:** Has been cancelled for the remainder of Lent

**Online Giving is available:** through the Church Website and GivePlus Mobile App, for recurring and

single-time giving.

**Suspended Ministries:** (see a full announcement at [www.bbumc.org](http://www.bbumc.org))

We will be practicing **physical (social)** **distancing** as a means of caring for each other indefinitely. We will re-evaluate the situation near the end of April and communicate an updated direction at that time.

* All in-person gatherings are **suspended indefinitely.**
	+ This means no Wednesday CRC, no in-person Sunday morning worship, and no in-person Sunday School.

However, we will also seek to practice **distance discipling** through the following invitations:

* **Grow through study, prayer, and conversation.**
	+ Watch the BBUMC Facebook page and website for **additional discipleship tools**, which may include brief Bible studies, prayers, or scriptures from Pastor Matt, Denise Sughayar, and others.
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* **Practice the Five Essential Practices of Walking with Jesus**
	+ Worship together and pray at least five times a day
	+ Study scriptures – at least five verses a day or five chapters a week
	+ Serve others by showing five acts of kindness a week
	+ Give of your resources for the ministry of Christ as church, and through five acts of extravagant generosity a month.
	+ Share your faith, on social media and in person, inviting five people to worship during this year.

As you know, this situation is fluid. Details and directives from state, national, medical, and clerical leaders are changing daily. BBUMC will adjust our schedule accordingly and communicate through our normal communication media.

Holy Week Devotion Guide – April 5th - 12th

*From Pastor Rob Hamilton, serving Rochelle United Methodist Church (IL)*

**Palm Sunday**

On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem with his disciples riding a donkey like a victor home from war and was greeted with streets lined with people waving palms and shouting victory chants.

* *Read Zechariah 9:9 &*
* *Luke 19:28-40*

Look for the wind moving the branches of a tree and shout: “Hosanna!”

**Holy Monday**

On Holy Monday, Jesus upended the businesses that were exploiting people and condemned the use of religion to oppress those without privilege in the temple.

* *Read Isaiah 56:1-8 &*
* *Luke 19:41-48*

Take a few coins in your hand. Jingle them together and pray for God to show you how you have been like the temple money changers as a participant in systems of oppression. Seek forgiveness for what God shows you and ask for God’s help to live more justly moving forward.

**Holy Tuesday**

On Holy Tuesday, temple leaders challenged Jesus with theological debates trying to trap and discredit him while challenging his authority as God’s son.

* *Read Psalm 118:19-27;*
* *Psalm 110 &*
* *Luke 20*

Turn on cable news or pull it up on online as experts are debating. Turn it up until it is uncomfortable to hear. Sit in the noise for 30 seconds, then turn it off. Take 10 slow deep breaths. Ask God to help you become centered like Jesus in all manner of conversation.

**Holy Wednesday**

After Jesus was anointed by a woman with costly oil, Judas began his betrayal by colluding with the religious authorities by offering to deliver Jesus into their hands.

* *Read Luke 21 & Mark 14:1-11*

Find something fragrant (or if you have sensitivities to fragrance hold coins again). Safely inhale the fragrance. As you inhale, quietly confess “I have betrayed you, Jesus.” As you exhale, quietly say “Lord, I’m sorry. Have mercy on me.”

**Maundy Thursday**

On Maundy Thursday, the Passover meal was prepared and celebrated. After which Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray, that is where Judas betrayed him. He was arrested and tortured and Peter denied him.

Do this devotion at meal time. Preferably at dinner and experience the emotions that arise during the readings.

* *Read Luke 22:1-13 before eating the meal.*
* *Read Luke 22:14-23 in the middle of the meal.*
* *Before leaving the table read Luke 22:24-38*
* *Without clearing the table, move to a different space and read Luke 22:39-65.*
* *Take a moment to reflect on how you feel about what you’ve read.*
* *Don’t think, simply feel and then quietly clean up the meal.*

Participate in worship at 7pm (or after) at [www.BBUMC.org](http://www.BBUMC.org) or Facebook/BowUMC

**Good Friday**

On Good Friday, Jesus is subjected to a mock trial, affliction and crucifixion. He will be buried quickly before the Sabbath began at sundown.

* Following the timing of Jesus’ last day:
	+ *At 9am read Luke 22:66-71; 23:1-25*
	+ *At noon read Luke 23: 26-44*
	+ *At 3pm read Psalm 22:1-18 & Luke 23:45-55*

If you were asked to give a eulogy for Jesus at his memorial service after the Sabbath, what do you think you would say about your master, teacher and friend??

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**Holy Saturday**

On Holy Saturday, Jesus lay dead in the tomb. Since it was the Jewish Sabbath, Jesus' followers had to wait until the next day to give him a proper burial.

 *Read Isaiah 52:13-15, Isaiah 53 & Luke 23:56*

Wear black today as a sign of mourning. Keep thinking about the question from yesterday: If you were asked to give a eulogy for Jesus at his memorial service after the Sabbath, what do you think you would say about your master, teacher and friend?

**Easter Sunday**

On Easter Sunday, a couple of Jesus’ female disciples went to Jesus' tomb to anoint him for burial and grieve their loss. But when they arrived, they discovered the tomb was opened and Jesus wasn't there. These women were the first to receive the good news that Jesus was given new life. He is risen! He Is risen indeed!

* *Wake up and face the direction the rising sun. Perhaps move to a window or even step outside. Read Luke 24:1-12 and shout Alleluia! He is risen!*
* *As you sit to eat lunch read Luke 24:13-35 and pray “Be present at my table Lord. Stir with in my heart so that it is on fire for you.*
* *In the evening, read Luke 24:36-48. Pray: “Lord, help me to surrender my fear so I can receive your peace and be a witness to your might saving acts of power in my life and in the world.”*