

The Red Letters of Jesus

March 20, 2024

Theme: Going For Christ

As We Gather

What if we stopped reading about Jesus and started putting His Red Letter Words into practice? You may have noticed that in many Bibles the words Jesus speaks are in red. What if by putting the words of Jesus into practice, we discover who He is and who He has made us to be? You see, we are to be a reflection of Jesus in this world. How are we doing with that? What about Christianity as a whole? This Lent we will be diving into these ideas. Today, March 20: "Going for Christ." Maundy Thursday, on March 28, will be "Dining with Christ" and on Good Friday, March 29 we conclude with "Dwelling with Christ."

"If you love me, keep my commands." (John 14:15)

Prelude

(1:00) Steve SeGraves

(7:00) Rick Helderop

Opening Hymn 159

Go to Dark Gethsemane

1. Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away, learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
2. Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame or loss; learn of Him to bear the cross.
3. Early hasten to the tomb, where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom, who hath taken Him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Children's Message - 7:00pm

More Red Letters of Jesus

P: "Come, follow me," Jesus said,

C: "and I will send you out to fish for people.

P: You are the salt of the earth.

C: But if the salt loses its saltiness,

P: how can it be made salty again?

C: It is no longer good for anything,

P: except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

C: You are the light of the world.

P: A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

C: Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.

P: Instead they put it on its stand,

C: and it gives light to everyone in the house.

P: In the same way, let your light shine before others,

C: that they may see your good deeds

P: and glorify your Father in heaven."

C: Then he said to his disciples,

P: "The harvest is plentiful

C: but the workers are few.

P: Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,

C: to send out workers into his harvest field."

Hymn of the Day 496

Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

1. Hark! The voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting, who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth, rich reward He offers thee;
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
2. If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, you can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked with the Judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children to the Savior's waiting arms.
3. If you cannot be a watchman standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, off'ing life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties you can do what God demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet's hands.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:19-20

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Sermon

Matthew 28:19-20

"The Red Letters of Jesus: 'Therefore Go...'"

Rev. Randall J. Schlak

Offering - 7:00 (1:00 offerings will be received at the door)

At this time, please take a moment to record your attendance here with us today.

Instructions are on the back page.

Voluntary

(1:00pm) God With Us - Terrian

Karen Newman, vocalist

(7:00pm) Calvary - Smallwood

Ryan Bowie, vocalist

Prayer of the Church

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.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn 172

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1. O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, tho' despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.
2. Men mock and taunt and jeer Thee, Thou noble countenance,
Tho' mighty worlds shall fear Thee and flee before Thy glance.
How art Thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy visage languish that once was bright as morn!
3. Now from Thy cheeks has vanished their color, once so fair;
From Thy red lips is banished the splendor that was there.
Grim Death, with cruel rigor, hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

Postlude

(1:00) Steve SeGraves

(7:00) Rick Helderop

Thanks and appreciation to:
Karen Newman and Ryan Bowie for providing special music at the services.

Ushers

1:00 - Bob Stewart

7:00 - Mike Grattan, captain; Rick McDonald, Andrew Tafel,
Eric Rolf, Ron LaLone, Bryan Grattan, David Eberly

Altar Guild

Barb Grattan, Karen Rose, Sara Amos, Jennifer Dobring,
Robin Swift, Carole Citron, Polly Millichamp

Audio/Video Operators

7:00 - Jim Wingo and David Kiehle

Our Lenten Meal Preparers

Lunch: Ginny Schalm and Sharon Zimmer

Dinner: Men's Ministry

The Red Letters of Jesus: Digging Deeper

1. Do you view the Great Commission as a joy or as a burden? What is the motivation and attitude that we should have as Christians when living out this passage? How can you personally grow in seeing it as a joy?
2. What does it look like to be a disciple of Jesus? What does it look like to make disciples, according to the passage? What are the observable ways you are/ can be making disciples in your life -- both with nonbelievers and with other believers?
3. What things are you already doing that you could make more purposeful for making disciples? Who has God already put in your life that you could disciple, or mentor? Take some time to pray for one another and ask God for opportunities to help someone grow as a disciple of Christ.
4. Am I currently taking this Great Commission of Jesus my King seriously? If I really believed and held to this, how would things change? How would my life look different? What would I need to pray for? How do I need to be further equipped?

“Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.”
~Leo Tolstoy

Rev. Randall J. Schlak, Senior Pastor
Rev. James Greenwalt, Assistant Pastor

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There are two simple ways to do this:

1. Scan the QR code and fill out the online attendance form.
2. Use the worship card found in your pew. You may drop it in the offering plate or simply leave it in your pew after you fill it out.



Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday
8:00am (Chapel), 9:00/10:30am (Sanctuary)
Monday, March 25 - 7:00pm (Chapel)

Maunder Thursday, March 28 - Dining with Christ
(1:00pm - Chapel; 7:00pm - Sanctuary)
Holy Communion at both services

Good Friday, March 29 - Dwelling with Christ
1:00pm and 7:00pm (Sanctuary)

Easter Eve, March 30 - 5:00pm (Sanctuary)

Easter Sunday Services, March 31 (Sanctuary)
7:30am with Holy Communion;
9:00am and 10:30am

*Easter Egg Hunt to follow Easter Sunday
10:30am service. Bring your Easter Basket!!*
**all 7pm services & 10:30am Easter Service will be livestreamed*

Going For Christ

THE RED LETTERS of Jesus

...she did what she could do
...this poor widow has put in more than all the others
...is like the wise man
...therefore go
...come to me, all who are weary
...then neither do I condemn you

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1:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.

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