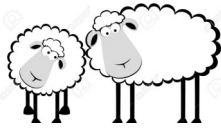


April 26, 2020



Brandon Christian Church



Third Sunday of Easter

Flock Talk

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Today's Scriptures & Message:

Liturgist: Lonnie Drayer
Psalm: Psalm 116
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

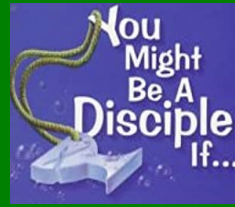
Sr. Minister: Rev. Day Broers-Case
Sermon Text: Acts 3:1-10

Sermon: "Peter Heals in Jerusalem"

Serving in Today's Worship

Elders: Steven Blinder, Brian Sears
Music Director: Rick Barclay
Audio/Video: Tom Smiley and Art Konnerth

You Might Be a Disciple If:



To bring a little levity during this difficult time, this space will be featuring jokes from "You Might Be A Disciple If..." By David Patrick Polk

"You might be a Disciple if...
When you're asked what Disciples Believe, you say 'which ones?'"

"You might be a Disciple if...
When you are asked what you personally believe, you say "do you have a couple of hours?"

"You might be a Disciple if...
Your Up & Comers Sunday School class just celebrated their fiftieth anniversary!"

In essentials, unity.
In non-essentials, liberty.
In all things, love!



Join Zoom Fellowship

After Worship this week we invite you to join us for Fellowship on Zoom.

Here is the info for how to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86816983044?pwd=Z2EwUFVjekZ6eUxoZkdYbzZJMUVJZz09>

Meeting ID: 868 1698 3044

Password: 913383



Our family promise hosting week at the Day Center was so blessed! Gift cards, donations and cash exceeded all expectations! We want to thank our congregation, Gulf Coast Community Church, Journey Church, our Girl Scouts, and the Osprey Observer for everything given. We DO make a difference changing lives. We are the hands and feet of Jesus. Amen!

-Sue Benitez

Prayer Needs...



BARNES, Johnny & Danielle (Powell)
BAUCH, Scott & Pam (Failes)
BENNETT, Adam (Benitez)
BENNICK, Patty (Garthwaite)
BROERS-CASE, Rev Day
BRYAN, Thelma (Rev Day)
BURDICK, Ronald (Skasko)
BUTTERWECK, Chris
CAIN, Gail
COLLINS, Rev. James (Rev Day)
DENTON, Bill
DIGREGORIO, Robyn
DUPONT, Andy (Kathy M.)
ECKDAHL, Kathy

FAILES FAMILY
FUERST, Jacob (Drayer)
GAINES, Matthew (DiGregorio)
GIBERSON, Milton (Tom) & Joan
HALL, Lori (Jean U.)
HUSKEY, Joshua (Powell)
KYLE, Julie (Peterson)
LEBOW, Jake (Friend of the Powell's)
LEUNG, Gordon and Anthony
MAYER, Vicki
MCKINLEY, Sarah Lynn (Denton)
MICHAEL, (Jo H.)
MILLER, Brooke (Blinder)

MOJICA, Nelda (Betty C.'s Mom)
MOJICA, Ruthie (Betty C's Sister)
PAULSON, Diane
POWELL, Betty (Rev. Day)
RIENSCHKE, Nancy
RODGERS, Cheryl (Benitez)
SMITH, Tim
STUEBER, Susan (Solomon)
UPTON, Dallas (Jean)
VELEZ, Fernando (Elizabeth)
WATSON, Tom
WATTS, Dorothy (former member)
++new name

Please also pray for all those affected by Covid-19, our first responders, medical care professionals, and those out on the front lines to protect us.

One Shepherd's Thoughts...



Our celebration of that first Easter morning continues:
While it is still dark, Mary Magdalene rises from her sleep. It is time to visit the tomb. She fully expects to continue her mourning, grieving in the quiet stillness. No crowds. No Romans. None of the terror that surrounded her hours ago.

Arriving at the tomb, the stone is rolled away. Here the gospel accounts share differing details, but what becomes clear is that the terror is not over for a moment!

The body is gone! Did someone move it? Another earthquake shakes the ground. Who are these frightening angels? Guards meant to ensure no one steals the body are rendered helpless. What is going on?!



"He has risen. He is not here."

Jesus is on the move. Death could not contain him. State violence could not stop him. Humiliation could not distract him. The tomb could not hold him. Hell could not imprison him. Guards could not control him. The cross could not restrict him. The human body could not limit him. Jesus is alive!

Sunday has come. Hope is restored. The Good News of the risen Christ is carried by women to the disciples. The story isn't over!

For the next 40 days Jesus makes appearances. Showing up. Teaching. Revealing. Communing. It is beautiful and sweet and miraculous. Jesus is also preparing. Preparing them for his ascension. His disciples will stay in the world. But they won't be alone. A Comforter is coming. A Comforter will be needed.

A Comforter will be needed because Jesus crushed violence but this has yet to be fully realized in the world. A Comforter will be needed because death has been conquered but we still feel its pain. A Comforter will be needed because the state still tramples across people for power. A Comforter will be needed because the world is still awful. Jesus has conquered it all, but we wait for our Sunday.

For when Sunday comes our troubles will be over.

I know it's hard to look at the world and believe in Sunday. It's hard to be witness to the destruction and devastation, the injustice and pain, the hatred and evil. At every turn the world makes a mockery of our hope. Hitting us in the gut, it demands to know, "where is your hope now?"

Our hope is no longer in a tomb. Our hope is not dead. Our Hope is on the move. He is risen! And Sunday will come again. May our hearts rejoice in this! May we lay down the fear and doubts, allowing ourselves to encounter Hope again.

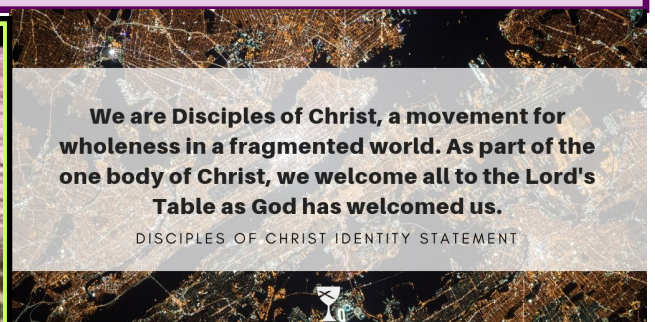
Happy Easter!

Rev Day



Happy Mother's Day to all!

We will be including our Mother's Day slide show in our Mother's Day service on May 10th. I will be using last year's and adding to it as necessary. If you have not included a picture of your mother and would like to do so please pass it along. Likewise, if you have a new or different photo you would like to use please pass that along as well!



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