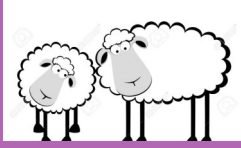


April 5, 2020



Brandon Christian Church

Palm/Passion Sunday



# Flock Talk

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## Today's Scriptures & Message:

**Liturgist:** You! Please Read Before Starting the Video:

[Matthew 21:1-11](#)

[Psalm 118:1-2,19-29](#)

Also, please have your Communion ready before you begin the Worship video.

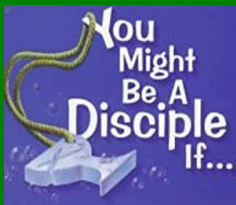
**Sr. Minister:** Rev. Day Broers-Case

**Sermon:** "From Palms to Passion"

**Serving in Today's Worship**

**Music Director:** Rick Barclay

## 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 are asked what Disciples believe, you say 'which ones?'"**

**"You might be a Disciple if... You show up for Bible study without one"**

**"You might be a Disciple if... Your four-year-old thinks the Last Supper surely must have been a potluck"**

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

## Prayer Needs...



**BARNES,** Johnny & Danielle (Powell)

**BAUCH,** Scott & Pam (Failes)

**BENNETT,** Adam (Benitez)

**BENNICK,** Patty (Garthwaite)

**BROERS-CASE,** Rev Day (knee)

**BRYAN,** Thelma (Rev Day)

**BURDICK,** Ronald (Skasko)

**BUTTERWECK,** Chris

**CAIN,** Gail

**COLLINS,** Rev. James (Rev Day)

**DENTON,** Bill

**DENTON AND KING FAMILIES**

**DIGREGORIO,** Robyn

**DUPONT,** Andy (Cancer, Kathy M. BiL)

**ECKDAHL,** Kathy

**FAILES FAMILY**

**FUERST, Jacob** (Drayer)

**GAINES,** Matthew (DiGregorio)

**GIBERSON,** Milton (Tom) & Joan

**HUSKEY,** Joshua (Powell)

**KYLE,** Julie (Peterson)

**LEBOW,** Jake (Friend of the Powell's)

**LEUNG,** Gordon and Anthony

**MAYER,** Vicki (Heart Surgery)

**McKINLEY,** Sarah Lynn (Denton)

**Michael** (17 yo, broken neck, friend of Jo's grandson)++

**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.



Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Florida, Inc.



## Schedule Changes

To all our Florida Disciples Clergy and Congregations-

Please know you are in our prayers daily. We are seeking to constantly update information and resources to help you navigate through the unusual circumstances of a world-wide pandemic. Please check our website for ongoing updates at [fldisciples.org](http://fldisciples.org).

We will also continue to seek ways to remain church in this new way of being church. If there is any way we can assist you or if you have specific prayer needs, please let us know.

Blessings and love,

Pastor Betsy & Pastor Mary Beth

We've had many **schedule changes** due to our current situation, including:

April 4 - NO Workday at The Retreat at Silver Springs

May 2 - Camp ALL Staff Training will happen virtually - details to follow

May 9 - NO FL Disciples Women's Spring Enrichment Day

## Postponed with New Dates to be Determined

- Installation of Rev. Charlie Wallace, Parkway Christian Church, Davie
  - Installation of Rev. Kent Riner, FCC, Zephyrhills
  - Dedication of new facilities, Central Christian Church, Bradenton
  - Installation of Rev. Oscar Banks, Palm Lake Christian Church, St. Petersburg
- Ordination Celebration of Pastors Rubens and Merline Pierre

## What's Happening with Summer Camp?

The Outdoor Ministry Committee met this week and has developed a plan for camp to happen. Ideally, camps will happen as scheduled. Plan B is that camps will be rescheduled later in the summer. Plan C is for summer camps to happen in a virtual format. We are asking churches, volunteers, and campers to send in scholarship applications and registrations without payment now. Payments can be made at camp time.

Please save your plastic shopping bags for Sue B. to use to make sleeping mats for the homeless during Mission Week. For more information on Mission Week please see Steven B. or Rev. Day.

# One Shepherd's Thoughts...



One of the ancient tools of prayer is the walking of a labyrinth (we have done finger ones and walked an Advent one in our narthex). Prayer labyrinths are winding, twisting paths—often set in stone in cathedrals or outside shaped in grass—that people walk along as a form of embodied prayer. Unlike the dictionary definition of “labyrinth” however—prayer labyrinths are not mazes—they contain one path leading to the center. That does not mean that walking the labyrinth is direct. There are times when the path seems to be close to the center and then veers off to the outside of the circle again.

There were times when you are almost dizzy with how much the path turns. There are times when you feel far away from the center—but you are actually very close.

The wilderness road can feel like a labyrinth—writhing and turning, but the truth is that the path of Lent leads here—to this week, where all that has been set in motion finally unfurls. Like the labyrinth path—though—it still isn’t a straight shot. The disciples are sent on a strange and specific mission to find a donkey and a colt. Jesus’ triumphant ride into Jerusalem subverts the expectations of what a Messiah should be by the Son of God carried—like his mother once was—on the back of a donkey. His methods are strange, but his direction is sure—he is heading closer and closer to the center. He is heading closer and closer to the story we order our lives by. The forty days are almost over.

Jerusalem is a city confronted with a decision. What will it do with a Messiah who ushers in a reign of peace—not warfare? What will the city do with a prophet who cares deeply for it—as a mother hen cares for her brood? How will it respond? We the readers view the scene with apprehension—because we have already been told that Jerusalem is the place of rejection, suffering, and death. But for the moment Jerusalem has a chance. Will the killing and the stoning of the prophets cease?



It's Holy Week!  
Rev Day

## Holy Week | THE WILDERNESS IS A PLACE WHERE WE ARE BRAVE

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First, we have to name it—

The heartbreak,

The addiction,

The shame,

The grief.

Whatever your wilderness is,

First we have to name it.

And once we’ve said those words out loud,

We let that truth hang in the air.

And we let ourselves feel what we feel,

For in this moment,

we are close to the surface.

And after a few deep breaths,

We begin the removing.

Piece by piece, we take our armour off,

For truth-telling days are

Soft skin kind of days.

And once we are armour-free,

Hearts on our sleeves

And tears in our throats,

We stand toe-to-toe

With the very hurt that wrecked us.

And we don’t try to swallow that pain away.

And there,

In all our beautiful God-given honesty,

We say to that monster,

“I have love on my side,

And her name is God,

And no wilderness can separate me

From that north star.”

And I believe

It will be the bravest thing you ever do.

And your knees might shake,

And you might lose your way,

But our God is a God of second chances,

So take my hand.

You are close to the surface.

Let’s be brave together.