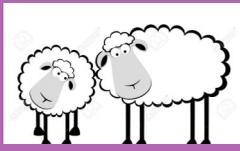


March 22, 2020



Brandon Christian Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Flock Talk

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Today's Scriptures & Message:

Liturgist: Brian Sears
Psalter: Psalm 23 (CH 734)
Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

Sr. Minister: Rev. Day Broers-Case

Sermon Text: John 9:1-41

Sermon: "Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind"

Serving in Today's Worship

Music Director: Rick Barclay
Music Presentation: BCC Praise Team
Sound/Projection: Tom Smiley

BCC Statement on Covid-19 Response

March 17, 2020

Christ, be the light in our hearts. Shine through the darkness of our lives and of this world. Be our light, shining in all of us whom you have gathered into your church. Amen.

Loved Ones of Brandon Christian Church (DOC),

When your elders met on Sunday we created a plan to move forward during this time of Covid 19 distress and concern. That plan was obliterated yesterday with the CDC's statement that no groups larger than 10 can or should meet. We are going forward with plan B through the end of March.

On Sunday morning we will stream the worship service through Facebook Live. You can find us through Brandon Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) or Brandon Christian Church. The Band and Singers, Sound booth person, Liturgist, Elders, and Rev Day are asked to be here at the BCC facility for that service each week.

Please continue to support the missions and ministry of BCC with your tithes and offerings. Mail your checks. OR—go to our website brandonchristianchurch.org and click on the Give Plus button. Follow the directions and you can give online—safely and securely. In addition, you can also download the Give Plus app on your smartphone and securely give that way.

In addition, church-related small groups 10 and under in size are encouraged to continue meeting. That would include Bible Study, Sunday morning Faith Groups (Sunday School), MOW, SWIFT, Men's Group, Food for Thought (?). Don has said he will continue his Sunday class and Men's group. Contact your group leader to see what they are doing through the end of March.

Call and check up on one another. Send notes and cards, emails, messenger messages, and texts. Stay connected and love one another. If you are not comfortable joining small groups of church people, please do not join in. Stay socially isolated if that is what is best for you and your healthy well-being. We love you and want you to be happy, healthy and safe. May God continue to bless all of us in Brandon Christian Church (DOC), hold us close and love us, comfort and sustain us these next few weeks while we must be apart. You are loved. You are already missed. You are Brandon Christian Church!

God be with us all,
Rev Day

Reminder to Servers...for March 29, 2020

Liturgist — Jo H.

DID YOU KNOW...????

The Stained Glass Windows at BCC each relate to a milestone in the life and ministry of Jesus?



This week we are continuing on the East (left) side of the Sanctuary, fifth from the back.

"Christ Knocking at the Door"

"Here I stand at the door and knock! If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person and they with me."
Revelation 3:20 (NIV)

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

Prayer Needs...



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.

WATSON, Tom ++

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)

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)

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...



It is easy for well-intentioned, able-bodied leaders to preach this text—and other healing texts—in ways that dismiss or condescend to disabled people. It would be dangerous for us to draw a metaphor of blindness as wilderness—or healing as an escape from the wilderness. Implying that the blind man in John 9:1-41 was less than whole before being healed is harmful to anyone listening with a disability or chronic health issue that has no resolution in sight. This scripture text does accurately reflect what still tends to happen today—everyone is talking about the blind man rather than to the blind man.

While this passage is about a miraculous healing—it is also not about that healing at all.

Confusion about the blind man—how he was healed—and what power Jesus wields is central to this narrative—to the point where even reading it can be disorienting. What is clear is that Jesus is disrupting the order that the community knows so well. Jesus' final words to the religious leaders, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind," echoes the "first shall be last and the last shall be first" sentiment so common in Jesus' teachings. As the wilderness is known for disruption, metaphor, transformation, even confusion—it's almost as if with this mud Jesus uses to heal—he brings the wilderness to the community—giving them a taste of what his kingdom will truly be.

The wilderness is a place of disruption. The wilderness is disorienting. The wilderness gives us new perspectives. The wilderness is a place to participate in healing. Through the wilderness,



*God shepherds and comforts us.
It's Week 4 of Lent! Rev Day*

Wilderness

The Wilderness is a Place of Disruption

Poetry by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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*My grandfather was a good man,
But he believed
That wilderness emotions
Were not to be seen.
Cry with the door closed,
Don't dwell on the negative.
Chin up, kid,
We've been here before.
My grandfather was a good man,
But I'd like to say—
The wilderness is here to interrupt
your
previously-scheduled program-
ming.
Like water in the desert
And setting the slaves free,
The wilderness might be
The very thing we need,
The very thing we dream,
The very thing we plead
For.*

*I guess what I'm trying to say is—
It never seems appealing to let a
bird in the house,
But if you do,
Then you might as well
Open every window and door.
And if you do,
Then you just might find yourself
Basking in the light,
Dancing in the breeze,
Overwhelmed with the beauty
That an open door brings.
So I'm opening my door
And inviting in the wind,
To rustle up my heart
And start over again.
For sweeping the truth under the
rug
Has never gotten us far.
So may the wilderness be like a
Bird in your house.
Throw open your doors.
The truth must come out.*

Hand Bell Rehearsals for Palm Sun- day:

**The Hand Bell piece planned for
Palm Sunday has been cancelled.**



**Thank you to
those who volun-
teered !**

BCC Flea Market and Bake Sale!

The Flea Market and Bake Sale scheduled for March 21st has been postponed. No future date has been picked yet, so please keep an eye on the Flock Talk weekly and Good News monthly newsletters. Betty D. is still offering to store items in her garage please contact her to make arrangements to do



that.



The 2020 Easter Egg Hunt

**Has been cancelled, thank you to
anyone in discernment to volun-
teer.**