## <u>Today's Worship</u> February 28, 2021

Pre-Service music Opening Welcome "Here I Am to Worship" Greeting & Announcements Prayer of Confession & Absolution Apostles' Creed Children's Message – Justin Witte Offertory Scripture Readings: Romans 5:1-5; Mark 8:27-38 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Message – Pastor Ed Krueger

"Losing Your Life to Save it" Prayers & The Lord's Prayer Benediction

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"



Patsy Dubrick – health issues Mike Kipp – breathing issues (COPD) Bob Blair – health issues Carmen Chow – cancer treatments Claudine Steinhauer – recovery (broken hip) Marylin Bowery – recovery (lung transplant) Melanie Lawrence – recovery (daughter of Mike & Marylin Bowery) Homebound: BJ Cline, Linnie Clark,

Liz Johnston, Irene Stinson, Barbara White



Lenten devotionals are available in the narthex for adult, youth, and family.



#### Sunday Bible Class

Join us on Zoom at 10:30 am to listen in on our Bible study for today, with Pastor Ed. We continue our study on the Book of Hebrews.



Evening devotional Bible studies Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 pm on Zoom. Check website for link.

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#### I. THE PRINCIPLE

"He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."" Mark 8:34

### A. Self-Denial

"I'm crucified with Christ. I no longer live; I die and Christ lives in me" -

Galatians 2:20.

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and He saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 51:17

# "In Spiritual life, the growth is always downward"

## B. Cross-bearing

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must ... take up his cross." v. 34

"I die daily. Every day in my life, I face death for the cause of the gospel."

1 Corinthians 15:31

### C. Loyal Obedience

"He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must ... follow Me." v. 34

He says this, "By the way, if you follow Me, there's a cross for you, too."

## **II. THE PARADOX**

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it" v.35

- A. But it only applies for His sake and for the sake of the Gospel
- B. Is it a good deal?

"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" v. 36

C. It's winning by losing...you will live forever

# **III. THE INVITATION AND THE JUDGMENT**

"Whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." v. 38

#### The question remains: "How valuable is your soul? What can you give in exchange for it?"

Evening Lenten worship videos will be available online each Wednesday. The link can be found on our homepage.

