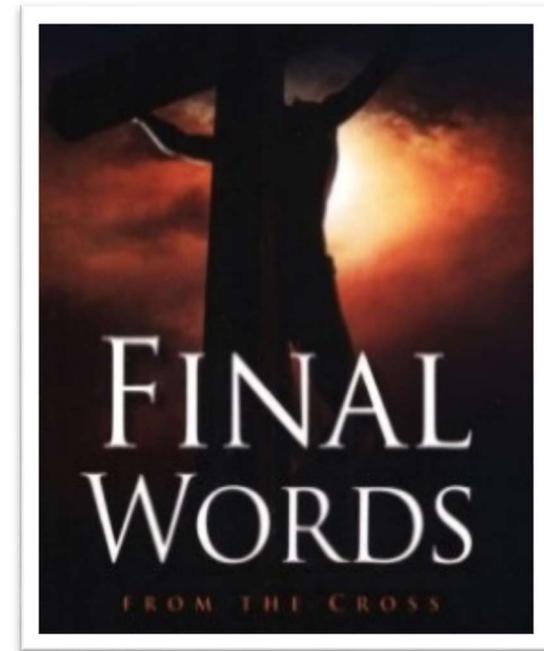




Woodbury
United Methodist Church



Sunday, February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Christ lag in Todesbanden* J. S. Bach
Christopher Shay, organist

GREETING Rev. John Thomason

*CALL TO WORSHIP led by Rev. Paul Hibbard, Liturgist
Hebrew 4:14-16

Since then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,
let us hold fast to our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*OPENING HYMN *The Summons*
Hymns sung by Morgan and Venetia Phillippe

WE CONFESS OUR SIN AND ACCEPT GOD'S PARDON

A LENTEN CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Thomason

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (silent)

The options for accessing services electronically remain the same:

- **Video:** Go to <http://www.woodburyumc.net>, scroll to "Sunday Morning Worship in the Sanctuary" and click the link for livestreaming. A link is also provided for archived videos for later viewing.
- **Audio only by phone:** dial 425-436-6391, enter pin with hash sign 2431819#.

The Prayer Corner:

Recovering from surgery: *Sue Vingdini* (outpatient procedure on fractured elbow, February 24, Waterbury)

In the hospital: *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto* (transferring this week to Gaylord, Wallingford)

Please remember our Confirmands: *Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, Matthew Shupenis*; their teachers: *Catherine Mason, Meg Temple, John Thomason*; and their mentors: *Mike Boisseau, Mollie Cole, Rev. Paul Hibbard, Carolyn Shay*.

Recovering at home: *Amber Craig; John Fleming; Josh Harwood; Gary McClendon; Steve Thomas; Paige LeBlanc*, mother of *Jessie Lynch* (Manchester, CT); *Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *Robert Ayers*, father of *Tacy Nettleton* (Woodstock, GA); *Carl Hinkle*, father of *Toby McGrath* (Greensburg, PA); *Donna Louise Burke*, friend of *Kathy Craig*; *Peter Gallagher*, father of *Jen Carnes* (Brookfield, CT); *Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*); *Jane King*, mother of *Stephen King* and mother-in-law of *Joann King* (Sarasota, FL); *Antonio Stillitano*, grandson of *Paul Hatch*

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Brencher, Bob Asman, Mary Wilkins*, sister of *Barb Hunt* (Rochester, NY); *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon*; *Stephanie Galaburri*, friend of *Sandy Carbonaro*; *Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)

Homebound members: *Florence Brown, Linda Bailey*

Please continue to remember: relatives of *Rev. Betty Lines* who are seriously ill: niece *Sharon Parish* (hospice care in Idaho); and brother-in-law *Stephen Lines* (recovering from a stroke in Florida); *Jean Lilly*, mother of *Meg Temple* (Cincinnati, OH), *Manny Gesh, Jane True, Blair Feller, Marilyn Bender, Ryan DeRidder and family, Laura & Stuart Brush, Janet Grant* (sister of *Betty Lines*).



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ www.woodburyumc.net for this month's birthday listing.

Reminder that we are placing flowers on the altar again so let us know if you want to sign up for a particular date.

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Chris Shay, Director of Music
Kathy Craig, Office Administrator Mark Davis, Lay Leader

Mission Statement

We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone. We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world. Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.

Week of February 28, 2021

Visitors are warmly welcomed! We invite you fill out a visitor's card provided by a greeter. If you wish to learn more about WUMC's ministries, please take a copy of our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*, which is available in the vestibule.

If you would like to become a member of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, please speak to the pastor. Inquirers are asked to attend a two-session Membership Orientation class before joining the church.

Today is the 2nd Sunday in Lent on the Christian calendar. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday. Lent serves as a season of spiritual preparation for celebrating Easter. The liturgical color is purple, symbolizing penitence and royalty.

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: Rev. Paul Hibbard, liturgist and Children's Time leader; Morgan and Venetia Phillippe, singers.

The flowers in the chancel today are given by Lynn Cullen, "in memory of Jim Cullen on the first anniversary of his passing."

Please note: Livestreaming provides an opportunity for all of us to experience worship at the same time, either at home or in-person. Worshipers at home may join us by video on YouTube or audio-only by telephone broadcast. Video recordings of services are also archived on the church's website for later viewing. Later phone broadcasts are no longer provided.

SUNG PRAYER OF PETITION

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (unison)

from *Reformed Worship*

Lord Jesus, remember us, we pray; remember us now, today, and remember us when you come into the fullness of your kingdom. Thank you for the encouragement of your response to the thief on the cross: the promise of paradise, the promise of your presence—that we will be with you forever and that with you there is no forgetting. Amen.

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

led by Rev. Hibbard

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rev. Hibbard

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:32-33, 39-43 (NRSV)

Read by Rev. Hibbard

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus.

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

SERMON

Final Words from the Cross: Rev. Thomason
Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MOMENT OF REFLECTION from *Final Words*, by Adam Hamilton

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. I want to be with you in paradise. Help me to reach out to nonreligious and nominally religious people so that they might see your love through me. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Take Up Thy Cross

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

BENEDICTION

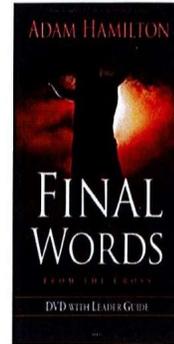
Rev. Thomason

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E Minor

J. S. Bach

LENTEN VIDEO & DISCUSSION SERIES



Christ's "final words from the cross" can offer a new understanding of his teachings, his faith, and his own relationship with God.

And Jesus' words can do the same for each of us. Helping us to renew our relationship with God, strengthen our faith, and live the teachings of Jesus.

In his book "*Final Words from the Cross*", well-known pastor and author, Adam Hamilton, provides fresh insight into Jesus' final words through the perspective of those who witnessed the crucifixion.

And in an optional seventh session, he moves beyond the cross to Jesus' words to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and to those who were witnesses to the Resurrection. (excerpt from *Christianbook.com*)

Sessions include:

- ❖ "Father Forgive Them."
- ❖ "Today you will be with me in paradise."
- ❖ "Behold your son" ... "Behold your mother".
- ❖ "My God, My God why have you forsaken me."
- ❖ "I thirst."
- ❖ "It is finished" ... "Into your hands I commit my spirit."

Please join this compelling discussion/fellowship, which will parallel Pastor John's sermon series.

DAY: Tuesdays (beginning February 23rd)

TIME: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

PLACE: Fellowship Hall (in person)
Online via Zoom (link available on the church website)
By phone (link and information on the church website)

Books are available through the church office or online through usual booksellers.

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