

5th Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2022

Watchword for the Week

*Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly
call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13b,14*

Prelude & Call to Worship

Liturgy for Lent 2

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Congregational Notes & Concerns: John Donnell Petree (ankle), Wendy Broadstreet (wrist). EmmaGrace Stevenson (outdoor adventure). Shut-ins Jim Reed and Julia Spainhour. Kathleen Brady's brother; Dana Myer's aunt. The victory over Covid-19; Peace for Ukraine; the Peace and Prosperity of the World.

Presentation of Tithes & Offering

*Offertory Prayers of Praise & Petition
Offertory Music
Offertory Response*

Hearing God's Word

*Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4-14, John 12:1-8*

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

Hymn "God Is My Strong Salvation" **No. 769**

Message "Autobiography as Theology"

Hymn "Come, Thou Font of Ev'ry Blessing" **No. 782**

Benediction & Postlude

Covid Precautions

In accordance with the CDC and the Provincial Elder's Conference, we continue to recommend masks, social distancing, and frequent hand washing. However, masks are now optional for vaccinated persons. Let us continue to look not just to our own interests but also to the interests of others. Sunday Morning Worship is available live and on-demand with links to YouTube from www.frieschurch.org.

Holy Week Schedule

This year we will conduct Holy Week services in the sanctuary each evening at 6:00 p.m. We will follow the life of our LORD in Readings on Palm Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. We will rest on Wednesday, which Jesus did in the gospels. On Maundy Thursday we will again take up our readings, and celebrate the Holy Communion, and on Friday, we will have the crucifixion service at 2:15 p.m. and conduct the traditional Tenebrae Service that evening at 6:00 p.m.

Submission of Pastoral Concerns

If you know of a pastoral concern within our congregation, please email frieschurch6@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

Staff:

Worth Green, Interim Pastor; Dana Myers, Student Pastoral Intern; Michael Westmoreland, Music Director & Organist; Heather Doty, Administrative Assistant.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday** April 3 - 11:00 a.m. Worship,
2:00-4:00 p.m. Birthday Celebration for Doris Collier
in the Fellowship Hall
- Palm Sunday** April 10 - 11:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Holy Week Readings
- Monday** April 11 - 6:00 p.m. Holy Week Readings
- Tuesday** April 12 - 6:00 p.m. Holy Week Readings
- Maundy Thursday** April 14 - 6:00 p.m. Holy Communion
- Good Friday** April 15 - 2:15 p.m. Crucifixion Service,
6:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service
- Easter Sunday** April 17 - 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at God's Acre,
11:00 a.m. Easter Morning Worship

Save the Date - Community Shred Day on April 30 - 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Statistics

Attendance at 3/27/2022 Worship: 52

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***The Motto:** In Essentials, Unity; in Non-Essentials,
Liberty; in All Things, Love."*

***The Good News:** God Creates, Redeems, and Sustains,
That we might respond in Faith, Love, and Hope!*

April 3, 2022 Scripture

Isaiah 43:16-21

16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. 19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm 126

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." 3 The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. 4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. 5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. 6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

4 If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12:1-8

1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Philippians 3:4b-14