

## Scripture Reading: Luke 23:32-43

<sup>32</sup>Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

<sup>35</sup>The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

<sup>36</sup>The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar <sup>37</sup>and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

<sup>38</sup>There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

<sup>40</sup>But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup>We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

<sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

<sup>43</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PINE ISLAND**  
**Love, Hope, a place to Belong**

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**March 17, 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent-Communion**

**UMH** (United Methodist Hymnal) **FWS** (Faith We Sing) **W&S** (Worship & Song)  
(\*Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)

**(Please sign the pew pad)**

**Welcome**

**Bible Presentation to Third Graders**

**Margie Berg**

**\*\*Call to Worship**

**Liturgist: Margie Berg**

L: Wait for the Lord. Be strong; take heart.

**P: We will see the goodness of God in the land of the living.**

L: The Lord is our light and our salvation.

**P: Whom shall we fear?**

L: Though adversaries plot against us,

**P: God protects us from harm.**

L: Sing to the Lord with songs of joy.

**P: Make melody to the Lord, our God.**

L: Come, let us worship.

**Time of Reflection**

**Pianist: Joel Blair**

**\*\*Opening Songs**

**Above All / Here I Am to Worship**

**Children's Sermon**

**Bill Brueck**

**Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in Heaven; hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done; on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Scripture:**

**Luke 23:32-43**

**Message**

*Today in Paradise*

**Pastor Bill Hoffman**

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Hymn (UMH) #488**

**Jesus, Remember Me**

**(Please Bring Gifts and Offerings as You Come Forward For Communion)**

**\*\*Hymn (UMH) #2269**

**Come, Share the Lord**

**Prayer for Living Expectantly**

Gracious and Life-Giving God,

- Pour out your Holy Spirit, like a mighty wind and tongues of fire, to unleash our churches to see kingdom visions, to dream your dreams, and to prophesy to your saving grace and justice.
- Revive the power of the gospel in the hearts of our clergy and lay leadership and prosper their words and works, so that all nations may hear the good news in their own tongues.
- Boldly use me, without limits, delays or excuses, to be a living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth and a blessing to all creation.
- Create in me an expectant heart, eager to receive your Spirit gifts and guidance to the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose precious and powerful name I pray. Amen.

**Benediction / Greeting/ Postlude**

**Fellowship:** Please join us for fellowship time following the service downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. **Nursery:** Available for your use.

## PLEASE NOTE

- **Pastor Bill's** office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9am to 12pm. To contact Pastor Bill, please call his cell (605) 840-1801 or home (507) 356-4317; or e-mail him at revwilly3@gmail.com. On Wednesdays, Pastor Bill is at Shawna's at 8am and at Betty Sue's Better Brew at 9am.
- **We invite you** all to use the **Prayer Wall** in the entrance area. Please feel free to add a prayer request, pray for the requests posted, and/or take a prayer request with you to regularly pray for outside the church.
- **Please join us on Wednesday nights during Lent for our Lent Event!** Come at 6pm to share a light meal and join us for *The Balancing Act: Finding God's Grace in Everyday Life*.
- **You are invited to join Lunch Bunch** today at 11:30 am at Famous Dave's in Rochester.
- **Mission Box** for March is the Minnesota Food Share. **Pine Island Sharing Shelf** for March is Baking Mixes (Pancake, Muffins, Biscuits, Cake).
- **Easter Flower order is due by April 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- Find out if lay speaking is a good fit for you by participating in **Nuts and Bolts of Lay Speaking**, April 27, 9 am-4 pm, Holy Trinity UMC, 16150 Arcadia Ave SE, Prior Lake. Learn about serving as a trained worship leader or sharing God's word through preaching. Cost is \$35 (includes all materials and lunch). For more info and to register, go to <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/eventdetail/12757582?month=4&year=2019&day=1&display=m>