

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-18

⁵For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹²So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

¹³It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

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Pastor Bill Hoffman

March 8, 2020 ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal) / **FWS** (Faith We Sing)

(**Indicates for Congregation to stand if able)

(Please sign the pew pad)

Welcome

Time of Reflection:

Pianist: Joel Blair

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Sheila Hoffman

L: Come, all who need help!

P: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.

L: Come, all who desire blessing!

**P: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham,
the God of the ages.**

L: Come, all who long for salvation!

**P: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,
the one sent by God to save the world. Amen.**

****Opening Songs:**

Tradin' My Sorrows

(FWS) #2032 My Life Is in You, Lord

Children's Time

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:

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Song:

(FWS) #2173 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Message:

Mortality or Immortality? That Is the Question...

Pastor Bill

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

****Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Offertory Prayer**

Father, teach us how to listen for your call in our lives. Teach us how to be faithful stewards with the gifts you have given us. Teach us how to use this offering as a source of your ministry and mission. Teach us how to submit ourselves to your will and way. In the name of Emmanuel, God with us, we pray. Amen.

****Sending Song: (UMH) #206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

****Breakthrough Prayer**

Gracious God of Light, lead your Pine Island United Methodist Church to break through our barriers and distractions in new and miraculous ways. Help us discern:

- How you are calling this church to dream
- What you are calling this church to be
- Who you are calling this church to reach

We know you are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. Give us courage and use us boldly in your God-sized plans. Amen.

****Benediction / Greeting / Postlude**