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***Sedgefield United Methodist Church***

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**THE EPISTLE**

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March 12, 2021

Time Change  Weekend



## This Week in Worship

Sunday, March 14, 2021  
10:30 a.m.



**Pre-Service Music**

*Ms. Lynn Hager*

10:25 a.m.

**Message**

*But I Don't Want To!*

Luke 5:1-11

Matthew 14:22-33

## A Word From Pastor Jim



It has been said that Jesus loves to inconvenience his followers. It's true. Jesus often asks his followers to do things they'd rather not do...things that are inconvenient, uncomfortable and/or costly. So why be inconvenienced, especially when it is likely that somebody else will step up when you choose not to? Maybe there's a reason...a good reason...to occasionally do things for God that we just don't want to do.

~Pastor Jim

### Week 4 Study Guide - Lessons From Luke

#### [Monday Mar 15: Luke 5:1-11](#)

Jesus could have lived anywhere, but he chose the lakeside town of Capernaum as his adult home. Jesus spent lots of time on the water. He taught, preached, and traveled on the water. He even went fishing with friends. In this text, Jesus calls his first disciples, demonstrates his power, and invites them into the “deep water”...all pointing to his ultimate invitation to “fish for people”.

When Simon Peter saw the catch, he cried, “*Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner*” (verse 8). When do you most vividly realize, “God is God—and I'm not”?

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#### [Tuesday Mar 16: Matthew 17:24-27](#)

All Jewish men paid a yearly tax for the Temple's operating costs. But Roman emperors and their families never paid taxes they levied on others. While there are many interpretations of this text, one thing is clear—King Jesus is a different kind of king who ultimately pays the “taxes” for all followers through his death and resurrection—and—he invites his followers to honor their earthly rulers “*just so they are not offended*” (verse 27).

Where do you see conflicts between your Christian convictions and the laws of the land (including taxation)? How do you handle these conflicts?

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### **Wednesday Mar 17: Mark 6:33-52**

Jesus demonstrated his compassion and his power by feeding a large crowd in a remote place near the Sea of Galilee. Soon after the meal, Jesus sent his disciples by boat to the “*other side of the lake*” (verse 45) so he could catch his breath with his Father. When the squall hit, his disciples—even after seeing the miraculous feeding—were terrified when they saw Jesus walking on the water because they’d never seen anything like it before.

Where do you most struggle in your faith with believing things you have not personally seen?

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### **Thursday Mar 18: Matthew 14:22-33**

Matthew’s story sounds almost exactly like the one we read in Mark yesterday—until Peter spoke up. Here we see that mix of faith and doubt most of us wrestle with at times: “*Lord, if it’s you, order me to come to you on the water*” (verse 28). Next thing Peter knew, he was walking across the water! It worked until he let the wind distract him. His fear took over. When he started to sink, he shouted, “*Lord, rescue me!*” And Jesus did just that.

What can you do to keep your eyes on Jesus next time an unexpected storm hits your life?

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### **Friday Mar 19: Mark 4:35-41**

Today's text evokes the famous Old Testament story of Jonah (see Jonah 1-2). In each, a storm blew while the main character slept. But Jonah was running from God, while Jesus slept in total peace and trust. When the disciples asked, "*Don't you care that we're drowning?*" (verse 38), Jesus calmed the storm. They were amazed at Jesus' power and his compassion. Even as he slept, Jesus was in the boat with them.

In your last "storm", did you have a sense that Jesus was in the boat with you or not? How might this story help when the next storm comes your way? Healthy human relationships hinge on our ability to "*take the log out of our own eye.*" What is your "log"?

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### **Saturday Mar 20: Mark 5:1-20**

Jesus went to the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee where mainly Gentiles lived. He encountered a man whose life was torn apart by terrible inner demons. Jesus healed the man and brought calm and peace to his life. To show his gratitude, the man wanted to come along with Jesus and his disciples. Jesus told him, "*No. I want you to go back to your home and tell others what I have done for you.*"

Spend 3 minutes in silence and then respond: Where is Jesus asking you to go, and will you?

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## Ways to Give Your Offerings to Sedgefield UMC



### **Online Through**

[sedgefieldchurch.org](http://sedgefieldchurch.org)

Make a credit card  
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### **Bank Draft**

Set up automatic  
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Mail your check to:

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## Altar Flowers

This week's altar flowers will be given in honor of Betty Davidson's March 12th birthday. For many years Sedgefield has been the beneficiary of Betty's delicious home cooking. Whether it is preparing a meal for the workers on a Habitat build, hotdogs for the children at Vacation Bible School or a meal for a family who has experienced the loss of a loved one, Betty is always willing to share God's love through her love of cooking.



# EASTER EGG HUNT!

March 27, 2021

1:00-2:30


Courtyard




## Links to Current Sermon Series



### ***Remember Your Baptism***

Mark 1:4-5,9-11  
February 21, 2021 

### ***The Greater Power***

Mark 1:21-27, 32-34  
February 28, 2021 

### ***Mountaintops***


Matthew 21:28-32  
March 7, 2021

Previous services can be viewed at  
[www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/](http://www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/)





# CALENDAR

**Virtual meetings are indicated with this symbol  and are held via Zoom.**

**To join a Zoom meeting by phone, call  
**1-312-626-6799.****

**To connect by computer, go to  
[www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)**

## **► Missions Committee Meeting ◀**

Sunday, March 14

11:45 a.m.

Meeting ID: 867 6525 4475

## **► Church Council Meeting ◀**

Thursday, March 25

7:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 896 7766 3153

## **► Easter Egg Hunt ◀**

Saturday, March 27

1:00- 2:30 p.m.

Front Lawn & Court Yard



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