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THE EPISTLE

March 19, 2021

This Week in Worship

Sunday, March 21, 2021
10:30 a.m.



Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

10:25 a.m.

Message

Friends in Low Places

Luke 7:36-50

Prayer Requests

Recently Hospitalized

Tommy Reep

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A Word From Pastor Jim



Have you ever felt “invisible”...that those around you, while knowing you are there, don’t really see you? Others look at you without really knowing who you are, what you’ve been through, or what you may be going through. Jesus “saw” every person, not because he was God, but because he wanted to see them. Jesus sees you! And he expects his followers to do the same.

~Pastor Jim

Week 5 Study Guide - Friends in Low Places

This Lenten season, you are invited to take your own personal journey and walk with Jesus from his baptism in the Jordan River, to his ministry in and around the Sea of Galilee, and ultimately to his death and resurrection in Jerusalem. Listen carefully for God’s voice as you follow the footsteps of Jesus.

Monday Mar 22: Luke 5:12-16

The words “Jesus reached out his hand, and touched him” may not seem odd. But it was a stunning act. In that day, most skin diseases were lumped together as “leprosy.” Leviticus 13-14 called for isolating those who had leprosy so as not to spread the disease. Most people felt fear and revulsion for these sufferers and avoided all contact. But Jesus touched the man and said, “Be clean.”

People are still shunned today for many reasons. Have you shunned somebody else? Specifically, what can you do to follow Jesus’ example here?

Tuesday Mar 23: Luke 17:11-19

By law, those with skin disorders were driven into isolation and required to warn others to stay away by ringing a bell or shouting. That is why, in today's passage, they called to Jesus from a distance. Being isolated eliminated all ethnic barriers—at least one was a Samaritan, but the implication was that all of the others were Jewish. And for Jesus, ethnic barriers did not exist. He healed all of them and affirmed the Samaritan who returned to offer thanks.

Notice the sufferers were cleansed after they did what Jesus asked them to do—"Go to the priests". Where might you need to take such a step in faith?

Wednesday Mar 24: John 4:3-26

Verse 3 said Jesus "had to go through Samaria." In other words, Jesus felt compelled to travel through Samaria. This was a region avoided by most Jews because the Samaritans were thought to be ethnically and religiously "impure". Today we call this "racism". Jesus shatters racist attitudes in this story and throughout his ministry. And yet, racist thoughts, words and actions continue to plague our world and our nation.

What might you do to spend more time with people of different ethnicities or races?

Thursday Mar 25: John 4:27-42

The effects of Jesus' talk with the woman at the well reached far beyond her life. She rushed into town, told everyone about her visit and asked, "Could this man be the Christ?" (verse 29). And Jesus taught his disciples (who seemed to think that no amount of sharing could do any good in this hostile territory) an important lesson about spiritual vision. "Open your eyes," he said, "and notice that the fields are already ripe for the harvest" (verse 35).

How does Jesus deal with the Samaritans here? ...with his Jewish disciples? What can you learn about the art of reconciliation from Jesus?

Friday Mar 26: Matthew 9:9:13

First century Jews saw their neighbors who collected Roman taxes as despicable traitors who attained great wealth at the expense of their countrymen. Jesus didn't see Matthew as "despicable". Rather, he saw Matthew as a child of God with great future potential. He invited Matthew to follow him, an invitation that would have shocked Jesus' Jewish friends. But they would soon learn—first hand—about the love, grace and forgiveness of God.

With whom do you most identify in this passage? The outcast (Matthew)? The judgmental (Pharisees)? The loving and inclusive (Jesus)?

Saturday Mar 27: Luke 19:1-10

Sadly, many have branded this story of Jesus and Zacchaeus as a kids' story. Wonderful as it may be for kids, Luke had something far more impactful in mind. Zacchaeus, another outcast among his Jewish neighbors, went to great lengths to see Jesus (verse 4). When he did, he discovered something that shocked him...and, it shocked the Jewish onlookers. Zacchaeus was looking for Jesus, only to discover that Jesus was looking for him.

What "tree" will you climb? To what lengths are you willing to go in order to look for Jesus today and every day this week?

ROOF ABOVE

Working together to end homelessness



This winter we have assisted Roof Above, an outreach program of the Urban Ministry Center, by preparing sack lunches for those experiencing homelessness. Our last delivery of lunches will be Saturday, March 27.

We thank all who have donated, contributed lunch items and volunteered to prepare the lunches. If you would like to participate on March 27 or have items for the lunch bags, please contact Linda Peterson at 704-202-1303.

**WE'VE
GOT
GREAT
NEWS**



**Sanctuary
Reopening For
In-Person Worship!**

**Sunday
March 28**

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for Sunday, March 21 have been donated in celebration of Justin Clark's birthday. The flowers were given by Justin's wife, Shea, his daughter, Rowan and his mother-in-law, Myra Arbuckle.



EASTER EGG HUNT!



March 27, 2021

1:00-2:30

Courtyard



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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


But I Don't Want To!

Luke 5:1-11 & Matthew 14:22-33
March 14, 2021

Previous services can be viewed at
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

▶ **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

▶ **Board of Trustees Meeting** ◀

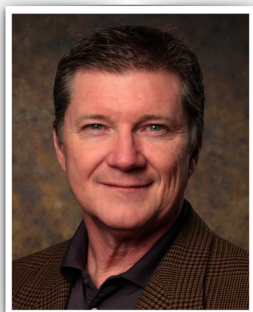
Thursday, April 1

6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 885 9129 8578



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