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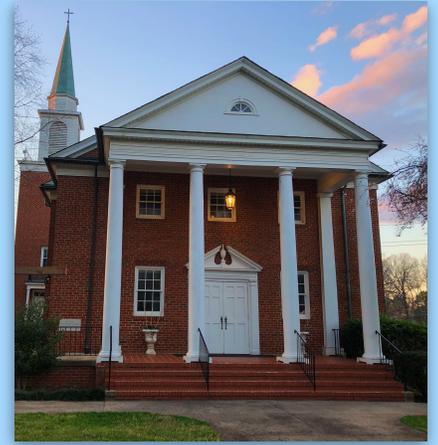
Rev. Jim Brookshire, Pastor

THE EPISTLE

March 26, 2021

THE
WAIT
IS
OVER.

Our Doors Will Reopen
Sunday
March 28



Join us for in-person worship!



Won't You Join Us Sunday?

This Week in Worship

In Person or Online

Sunday, March 28, 2021
10:30 a.m.



Pre-Service Music

Ms. Lynn Hager

10:25 a.m.

Message

A King On a Donkey

Mark 11:1-11



* We regret this service will not be available on Facebook Live.

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On Mission



Pastor Jim shares an exciting mission opportunity in this short video. Check it out!

<https://youtu.be/fnuhlfMQzZw>

Ways To Support Amanda

Electronically at: <http://www.simusa.org/give>

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Checks can be mailed to:

SIM Donor Care

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A Word From Pastor Jim



Song artist Bob Dylan once wrote a song entitled “*You Gotta Serve Somebody*”. He’s right. Every day, you and I wake up and choose—consciously or otherwise—who or what we will serve. During the last week of his life, Jesus establishes himself as King, demonstrates the kind of King he is, and invites others...including you and me...to make him King of our lives.

~Pastor Jim

Week 6 - Seven Days That Changed the World Forever

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 29: Luke 19:28-40

Most of us see donkeys as nothing special, even a bit comical. In Jesus' day, a donkey was a royal mount. Kings or generals only rode horses in war; when they came in peace, they rode a donkey. The fact that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey speaks volumes about his message to the people that day: *"I am King...a different kind of King. Follow me, and find peace."*

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, notice the wildly different responses between his disciples and the Pharisees. What are the reasons for these differences?

Tuesday Mar 30: Luke 19:45-20:8

Moneychangers and merchants played an important role in the ancient Jewish temple. Moneychangers exchanged foreign currency for temple currency, a necessary service for out-of-town guests. Merchants sold blemish-free animals, the kind required by Jewish law for sacrificial atonement (getting right with God). Jesus became angry, not because they were there, but because they were cheating people with exorbitant prices and exchange rates.

What is it about our world that is unfair and that makes you truly angry? What might you do about it?

Wednesday Mar 31: Mark 14:1-9 and John 12:1-9

Though some details in these two stories differ, their essence is the same: in the last week of his life, a grateful woman anointed Jesus with very expensive perfume. Some criticized her extravagance, but Jesus staunchly defended her. He knew the cross was waiting for him at the end of the week, and he embraced the anointing as an extraordinary act of love and gratitude.

Since you can't anoint Jesus with expensive perfume, how can you (how will you) demonstrate your love and gratitude for him this week?

Thursday Apr 1: Mark 14:10-26

As with his entry into Jerusalem, Jesus arranged in advance for a Passover meal. His words to the disciples forever transformed the annual Jewish seder meal into the Christian sacrament of Holy Communion. Jesus' last supper is a story of betrayal and sadness...hope and praise. In the shadow of the cross, Jesus made a confident promise: "*I won't drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way in God's kingdom.*" (See verse 25.)

Given the provocative nature of their last meal together, why did Jesus and his disciples end their meal with "*songs of praise*"? (See verse 26.)

Friday Apr 2: John 19:25-30

In Jesus' dying moments, he tenderly gave his mother to the care of John—"the disciple whom he loved." Then, Jesus said he was thirsty. The Roman soldiers responded by soaking a sponge with sour wine (or vinegar) and raising it to his lips using a hyssop branch. And finally, Jesus said (or perhaps shouted according to Mark's gospel) "*It is finished*" — and it was.

What exactly was "finished" (see verse 30) when Jesus breathed his last? How do you internalize the meaning of Jesus' death?

Saturday Apr 3: Matthew 27:57-66

It was Saturday. Matthew sets the stage for the Easter story by listing the futile steps the religious leaders and Pilate took to keep Jesus in his tomb. It was not because they thought he would be raised from the dead; it was because they thought Jesus' crazy followers would steal the body and claim that he had been raised. Jesus was dead, and everyone...EVERYONE...believed he would stay that way. We know the rest of the story, but they did not.

For what are you waiting or hoping that seems to be so very far away? How can knowing what happened on Easter morning give you hope?

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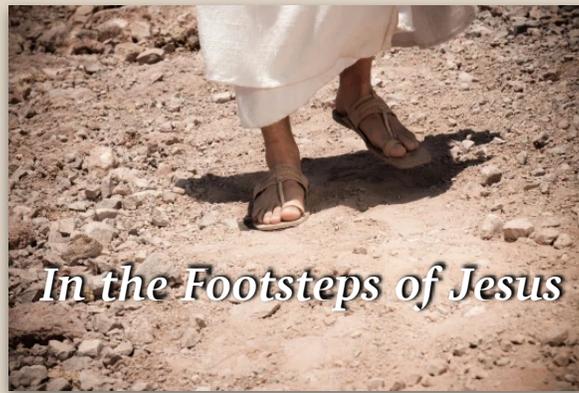


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Links to Current Sermon Series



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 

Friends in Low Places

Luke 7:36-50

March 21, 2021 

Previous services can be viewed at
www.sedgefieldchurch.org/sermons/

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for Sunday, March 28 have been given in celebration of Julie Courtney's birthday. Julie is a member of the Faith Development Committee and a frequent volunteer at Vacation Bible School.



If you would like to honor someone by donating flowers, please contact Clara Hedberg (704-375-9588) or the church office by phone (704-523-0077) or [email](#). The cost of the flowers is \$40.

CALENDAR

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

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1-312-626-6799.**

**To connect by computer, go to
www.zoom.us or click on the link below.**



▶ **Board of Trustees Meeting** ◀



Thursday, April 15

6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 885 9129 8578



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