



Fisk Memorial United Methodist Church
February 28, 2021
2nd Sunday in Lent

Prelude "We've Come This Far by Faith" Spiritual

Welcome

Call to Worship Sarah F.

L: We gather to worship the God who calls us to be his disciples.

P: We will obey what Jesus Christ commands.

L: The Lord is our light and our salvation. We fear nothing.

P: We will follow wherever Jesus Christ leads.

L: As we follow, the Lord will teach us and lead us on the path of righteousness.

P: We believe. We gather to worship the living God who loves us and promises to never leave us.

Hymn "Take Up Thy Cross" vs. 1 & 4 UMH 415

Opening Prayer Jennifer French

God our help in ages past and our hope for years to come, we give you thanks. You continue to challenge us and teach us the paradoxes of faith. But we ask that you help us to learn and live with paradox. As you help us, empower us to be and remain your

courageous disciples on earth. Let us faithfully serve and share throughout all seasons of our life, with thanksgiving and in Jesus Christ's name, we pray, Amen.

Scripture Reading Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Jennifer French

Mission Moment Janis Cail

Children's Time with Mrs. Carney

Black History Musical Gift

Gospel Reading Mark 8:31-38 Gary Hoyt

Sermon "Be Courageous"

Prayers & Concerns & The Apostles' Creed

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God our help in ages past, thank you for all you have given us. We offer our gifts that they will be used to reach others in all places. Bless us and our gifts as you multiple them for your ministries and missions. And give abundant blessing to all your children, we pray, Amen.

Fisk Announcements & Highlights

Hymn "Lord of the Dance" vs. 1 & 5 UMH 216

Benediction

Please join us for "Fellowship of Love Time" after the service on Zoom.



Hymn
Take Up Thy Cross

“Take up thy cross,” the Savior said,
“if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.”

Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross may
hope to wear the glorious crown.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (NIV)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.” Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:31-38 (NIV)

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Hymn
Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

R Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. **R**