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THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 19, 2023

**REFLECTION & PREPARATION**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....REVELATION 15:3-4**

Great and marvelous are Your deeds, LORD God Almighty.

**Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the ages.**

Who will not fear You, O LORD, and bring glory to Your name? For You alone are holy.

**All nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed.**

**\*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, Amen.

**\*INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE .....JOIN ALL THE GLORIOUS NAMES  
No. 111**

**SCRIPTURE READING.....MARK 2**

**HYMN OF ADORATION.....JESUS, STRONG AND KIND**

MUSIC AND TEXT: RICH THOMPSON, JONNY ROBINSON, MICHAEL FARREN, COLIN BUCHANAN

Jesus said that if I thirst I should come to him  
No one else can satisfy I should come to him

Jesus said If I am weak I should come to him  
No one else can be my strength I should come to him

**For the Lord is good and faithful He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus Jesus, strong and kind**

Jesus said That if I fear I should come to him  
No one else can be my shield I should come to him

Jesus said if I am lost He will come to me  
And he showed me on that cross He will come to me

**CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.  
You have called us to be the church,  
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ  
to our lonely and confused world.  
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,  
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,  
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.  
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.  
Remove the obstacles preventing us  
from being your representatives to a broken world.  
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.  
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.**

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON.....PROVERBS 28:13**

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

**\*HYMN OF ASSURANCE.....THE POWER OF THE CROSS**

WORDS AND MUSIC BY: KEITH GETTY & STUART TOWNEND

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then nailed to a cross of wood.

*This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh to see the pain written on your face: bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed, crowning your blood-stained brow.

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath,  
quakes as its maker bows his head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, finished the vict'ry cry.

Oh to see my name written in the wounds for through Your suff'ring I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.

*This the power of the cross: Son of God slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost, we stand forgiven at the cross.*

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION.....JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN (VS 1-3)**

WORDS: HENRY LYTE MUSIC: BILL MOORE

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

2. Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face and all is bright.

3. Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me; Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

**SHEPHERDING PRAYER.....RE JEFF WATFORD**

**SERMON.....GENESIS 24:1-28**

<sup>1</sup> Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. <sup>2</sup> And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh, <sup>3</sup> that I may make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, <sup>4</sup> but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac." <sup>5</sup> The servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?" <sup>6</sup> Abraham said to him, "See to it that you do not take my son back there. <sup>7</sup> The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this land,' he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. <sup>8</sup> But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there." <sup>9</sup> So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

<sup>10</sup> Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all sorts of choice gifts from his master; and he arose and went to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor. <sup>11</sup> And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time when women go out to draw water. <sup>12</sup> And he said, "O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. <sup>13</sup> Behold, I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. <sup>14</sup> Let the young woman to whom I shall say, 'Please let down your jar that I may drink,' and who shall say, 'Drink, and I will water your camels'—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master."

<sup>15</sup> Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her water jar on her shoulder. <sup>16</sup> The young woman was very attractive in appearance, a maiden whom no man had known. She went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up. <sup>17</sup> Then the servant ran to meet her and said, "Please give me a little water to drink from your jar." <sup>18</sup> She said, "Drink, my lord." And she quickly let down her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. <sup>19</sup> When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking." <sup>20</sup> So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw water, and she drew for all his camels. <sup>21</sup> The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether the LORD had prospered his journey or not.

<sup>22</sup> When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold ring weighing a half shekel, and two bracelets for her arms weighing ten gold shekels, <sup>23</sup> and said, "Please tell me whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?" <sup>24</sup> She said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor." <sup>25</sup> She added, "We have plenty of both straw and fodder, and room to spend the night." <sup>26</sup> The man bowed his head and worshiped the LORD <sup>27</sup> and said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward my master. As for me, the LORD has led me in the way to the house of my master's kinsmen." <sup>28</sup> Then the young woman ran and told her mother's household about these things.

# SERMON NOTES

## MISSION (IM)POSSIBLE

GENESIS 24:1-28

ABRAHAM'S GREAT CONCERN

THE SERVANT'S IMPOSSIBLE MISSION

GOD'S AMAZING PROVISION

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** .....JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN (vs 4-6)

4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.

5. Soul, then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

**\*BENEDICTION**

# BULLETIN BOARD

## TPC MISSIONARIES VISITING NEXT SUNDAY

Stan and Connie Beasley, who serve with MTW as missions mobilizers, will visit Trinity next Sunday, March 26. In their new role, Stan and Connie identify and develop prospective missionaries through connections with churches, presbyteries, colleges, seminaries, and individuals. The Beasleys will speak during the Sunday School hour and will also give a brief update during the worship service.

## FAITH PROMISE PLEDGES DUE APRIL 16

The Missions Committee appreciates all those who recently joined us for our Missions Emphasis Sunday. Faith Promise is an important way to support our missionaries above and beyond your regular giving. Faith promise cards are available on the information counter and we ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge. The Missions Committee uses these pledges to determine giving levels for our ministry partners for the year. Please place your completed Faith Promise card in the wooden box on the information counter by Sunday, April 16th.

## REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

**Ministry Partner:** Jeff & Sissie D'Jernes - serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea.  
**Our Troops:** pray for Hunter Warren who is stationed at Eglin Air Force Base in FL and all of our troops and their chaplains around the world  
**Church of the week:** First Scots Presbyterian, Beaufort; Alex Mark, pastor

## TRINITY FAMILY

**Betty Lamigo:** continued strength and stamina during her transition to hospice care  
**Wayne Walling:** recovering at home after recent hospitalization and treatment completion  
**Joe Junquet:** continued healing of his nerves  
**Melonie Anderson:** recovering from surgery after badly broken wrist  
**Theresa Hickson:** clear diagnosis of cause for ongoing respiratory issues  
**Claudia Wilkes:** for her kidney function to continue at 25 percent to avoid dialysis  
**Lawton Porter:** ongoing therapy  
**Linda Wells:** neuropathy, improved stamina  
**Christie Churchwell:** relief from headaches

# THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

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CALENDAR		
SUN 3/19	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP
TUES 3/21	6:30AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
SUN 3/26	8:45AM 9:30AM 10:30AM	PRAYER SUNDAY SCHOOL MORNING WORSHIP

TRINITY READING TOGETHER					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MARK 3	MARK 4	MARK 5	EXODUS 1	EXODUS 2	EXODUS 3-4

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