

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty expanse. Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord! Psalm 150:1-2, 6

Prelude

Opening Hymn #329 "There is Power in the Blood"

Welcome

Hymn- #336 "There is a Fountain"

Scripture Readings: Romans 5:1-5 Philippians 3:17-21

Confession of Faith— Acts 22:6-15

Pastoral Prayer

"In Christ Alone" "Is He Worthy?" "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Children's Church is Dismissed

Sermon: "The Cross and Its Enemies" Philippians 3:18-19

Benediction

Hymn #340 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Postlude

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***Standing on the Word of God,
Lifting Up Jesus Christ, Ministering to One Another***

***Helmar exists to be a:
Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making, Burden-Bearing
Church***

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This Week at Helmar...

- Wed. 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's
4:30-6:30pm After School Youth Program
6:30pm Passover Seder
- Fri. 9:00am Ladies Prayer Hour
- Sat. 8:00am Men's Bible Study
- Sun. 8:30am Fellowship Time
9:00am Sunday School
9:00am Discover Helmar class
10am Palm Sunday Worship
11am Congregational Meeting & vote



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THE CROSS AND ITS ENEMIES
Philippians 3:18-19

Paul warned the Philippians that false teachers are enemies of the cross of Christ. He did so with weeping! “Paul was heartbroken as he recognized the havoc the false teachers could cause in the church. He, no doubt, also wept over the false teachers’ fate” (MacArthur, New Testament Commentary Philippians, p. 257).

Paul, in the text, gives four **descriptions** of these enemies of the cross.

- I. Their End is _____ v. 19a

- II. Their god is their _____ v. 19b

- III. Their Glory is their _____ v. 19c

- IV. Their Minds are _____
v. 19d

Announcements

LOST & FOUND- Please check the lost & found table in the FLC lobby. It will be out for **ONE MORE WEEK** and then donated.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL PARENTS!
The Music and Sunday School/Children’s programs departments need your help in ensuring we have enough kids to have our annual Palm Sunday processional. Please make every effort to have your child in the Sunday School classrooms by 9am as we will be rehearsing in the sanctuary the morning of Palm Sunday during the Sunday School hour. For the processional we will need students from PreK-8th grade regardless of whether they attend Sunday School. **REHEARSAL WILL BEGIN AT 9:20am**, so if you do not attend Sunday School you can drop them off in the sanctuary at 9:20am if that is more convenient. The processional is part of the Palm Sunday worship music and is at the beginning of service at 10am. The children will sit with their parents after the processional. We appreciate your cooperation in making this a successful part of our worship service. Thank you!

Congregational Meeting next Sunday, April 2nd following the worship service. We will be voting on the Call Committee’s recommendation to call Alex Woodworth as Assistant Pastor.

*Thank
You!*

Thank you so much for your prayers, calls, cars and meals delivered to us. We are blessed to have survived that accident. To God Be The Glory!

In His Love,
Al & LaVerne Spera

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