

First UMC Franklin, NC
Order of Worship-February 28, 2021-2nd Sunday in Lent

Prelude

“Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul”

Heaven came down and glory filled my soul
When at the cross the Savior made me whole
My sins were washed away
And my night was turned to day
Heaven came down and glory filled my soul

O what a wonderful wonderful day
Day I will never forget
After I'd wandered in darkness away
Jesus my Savior I met
O what a tender compassionate friend
He met the need of my heart
Shadows dispelling with joy I am telling
He made all the darkness depart

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Welcome and Announcements

Children's Moments

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

“Your Love Defends Me”

You are my joy, You are my song.
You are the well, The one I'm drawing from.

You are my refuge. My whole life long.
Where else would I go?

Surely my God is the strength of my soul.
Your love defends me. Your love defends me.

And when I feel like I'm all alone,

Your love defends me. Your love defends me.

Day after day, Night after night,
I will remember you're with me in this fight.

Although the battle, It rages on,
The war is already won. I know the war is already won.

Surely my God is the strength of my soul.
Your love defends me. Your love defends me.

And when I feel like I'm all alone,
Your love defends me. Your love defends me.

We sing Hallelujah, You're my portion,
My salvation. Hallelujah.

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Lenten series: Jesus' Seven Last Words

Scripture

Luke 39-43

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Message

“Today you will be with me in Paradise”

1. Jesus’ crucifixion is recorded in all four Gospels (Mt 27:33-44; Mk 15:22-32; Lk 23:33-43 and Jn 19:16-37). Read each account (perhaps read each Gospel account of Jesus’ last few days) and reflect on the details that are similar and those that are different.
2. From the details that each Gospel writer gives, what can you glean is important to each author and the community to whom they are writing?
3. Other than Jesus, who are the other persons mentioned in each account and why are they important to the Gospel message?
4. Jesus is dying among outcasts, with whom he spent much of his ministry. His conversation with the criminals, also crucified with him, is only recorded in Luke’s Gospel. What do you hear in their exchange that you feel is significant?
5. Both criminals ask something of Jesus. One asks in mocking sarcasm, the other with transparency and honesty. For what do they seek?
6. One of the criminals calls Jesus by name and asks to be “remembered”. Can you think of other times in Scripture when someone asks to be remembered?
7. The criminal asks to be remembered when Jesus “comes into your kingdom”. To what Kingdom is he referring? Where is it? When is it coming?
8. Jesus says to the criminal, “Today you will be with me in paradise.” How do you understand “today”? How does Jesus’ promise speak to us today about our own mortality and life after death?
9. The criminal receives more than he asks for as Jesus promises “paradise” to him. What is your understanding of paradise?

Benediction

Postlude

“When We All Get to Heaven”

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus
Sing His mercy and His grace
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place

When we all get to heaven
What a day of rejoicing that will be
When we all see Jesus
We'll sing and shout the victory

Let us then be true and faithful
Trusting serving every day
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay

When we all get to heaven
What a day of rejoicing that will be
When we all see Jesus
We'll sing and shout the victory

Onward to the prize before us
Soon His beauty we'll behold
Soon the pearly gates will open
We will tread the streets of gold

When we all get to heaven
What a day of rejoicing that will be
When we all see Jesus
We'll sing and shout the victory