



*“Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.”
(Mark 6:31)*

“BEING”
LENTEN MIDWEEK
FEBRUARY 24, 2021

Invocation & Opening Prayer

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: Journey with us, O holy God, as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on You than ourselves. Lead us through any shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray.

Congregation: Amen.

Opening Hymn: “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care.
And bids me at my Father’s throne
Make all my wants and wishes known:
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief;
And oft escaped the tempter’s snare,
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
May I thy consolation share,
Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height
I view my home and take my flight;
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the everlasting prize;
And shout, while passing through the air,
Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!

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Exodus 33:7-14 ESV

⁷Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. ⁸Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up, and each would stand at his tent door, and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent.

⁹When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. ¹⁰And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door. ¹¹ Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

¹²Moses said to the Lord, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Mark 6:7-13, 30-32 ESV

⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught.

³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.

Offering

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Hymn: “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word,
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him.
Proved He’s faithful o’er and o’er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more.

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood,
Just in simple faith to plunge me
‘Neath the healing, cleansing flood!
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him.
Proved He’s faithful o’er and o’er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more.

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him.
Proved He's faithful o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me,
Will be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him.
Proved He's faithful o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more.

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Sermon: *"Rest, Stop"*

Mark 6

Prayers

Leader: Jesus, remember us when You come into Your kingdom. Hear our intercessions. For Your church around the world,

Congregation: We ask new life.

Leader: For all who carry out ministries in Your church,

Congregation: We ask grace and wisdom.

Leader: For more people to take up the call to follow you,

Congregation: We ask inspired discipleship.

Leader: For Christians of every land,

Congregation: We ask new unity in Your name.

Leader: For those who do not believe,

Congregation: We ask for faith to be created.

Leader: For governors and rulers in every land,

Congregation: We ask Your guidance.

Leader: For people who suffer and sorrow,

Congregation: We ask Your healing peace.

Luther's Evening Prayer

All: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Sending

Leader: Jesus says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Blessing

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

Closing Hymn: *"Now the Day Is Over"*

Now the day is over; Night is drawing nigh;
Shadows of the evening, Steal across the sky.

Jesus, give the weary, Calm and sweet repose;
With Your tendr'est blessing, May our eyelids close.

Comfort ev'ry sufferer, Watching late in pain;
Those who plan some evil, From their sin restrain.

Through the long night-watches, May Your angels spread
Their bright wings above me, Watching round my bed.

When the morning wakens, Then may I arise
Pure and fresh and sinless, In Your holy eyes.

Glory to the Father, Glory to the Son,
And to You, blest Spirit, While the ages run.

(You are encouraged to use these starter questions for family devotion and further discussion in your home.)

Discussion Questions:

- ◇ Do you have a quiet place/time or do you need to create one?
- ◇ If spiritual rest is so important, why might we resist or overlook it?
- ◇ How does rest feel different when it is intentionally chosen?



Lenten Evening Services (Wednesday evenings) - Worship at 7:00 pm

- **Palm Sunday, March 28th – 8:15 & 11:00 am**
- **Maundy Thursday, April 1st – 7:00 pm (Holy Communion)**
- **Good Friday, April 2nd – 7:00 pm**
- **Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 3rd – 11:00 am**
(Children through 6th grade)
- **Easter Sunday, April 4th (Holy Communion)**
 - **Sunrise Service 7:00 am outside!**
 - **Worship Services (Holy Communion) 8:15 am & 11:00 am**
 - **Easter Breakfast 9:15-10:30 am**
 - **Children's Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am**