

Becoming Peacemakers

1. Conflict: An Opportunity to Honor God
2. True Confessions
- 3. Loving Confrontation**
4. Go and Be Reconciled

March 19, 2023 – 11:00 AM
Fourth Sunday in Lent

AS WE GATHER

Jesus taught His disciples to take the initiative in repairing and restoring relationships. Sometimes we don't allow broken or strained relationships to find healing because we're not ready (or perhaps even afraid) to approach the person on the other side of the conflict. In bringing His gift of forgiveness to our world through Jesus Christ, God shows His desire that His people would live in harmony with Him and with one another.

If you learn that someone has something against you, God wants you to take the initiative in seeking peace – *even if you do not believe you've done anything wrong.*

WE SING

"The God Who Stays"

Matthew West

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You asked us to follow You.

C: In mercy hear our prayer.

P: To deeper love and loyalty to You our Savior and King.

C: We dedicate our lives.

P: To paths of service and usefulness in Your kingdom.

C: We dedicate our lives.

P: To be ever ready to bear witness for You.

C: We dedicate our lives.

P: To an increased hunger and thirst after righteousness.

C: We dedicate our lives.

P: To a greater faithfulness to our individual tasks in church and home.

C: We dedicate our lives.

P: To a more earnest effort to show forth Your love and mercy.

C: We dedicate our lives.

P: To carry out these resolves with truth, humility and faith.

C: We ask for Your grace and mercy, Amen.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE

PROFESSION OF FAITH BY CANDIDATE

COMMITMENT & PRAYER

THE CONFIRMATION BLESSING

WE SING

"Come What May"

Darren Mulligan | Jeff Pardo

WE PRAY

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING

Galatians 6:1; 2 Timothy 2:22-26

When a brother or sister is falling into a trap of sin, we are to gently lead them to see the danger of their sin.

Gal. 6:1 Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.

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² Tim. 2:22 Flee from the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. (NIV)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus teaches us to take initiative in bringing repair to relationships.

¹⁵[Jesus taught,] "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." (NIV)

KIDS' TIME

MESSAGE

"Let's Meet"
(Today's Readings)

Pastor Aaron Asmus

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We confess our sins to our Heavenly Father,

C: Gracious God, Friend of sinners, we confess to you our sinfulness. We've not measured up to Your perfect will in what we've done and what we've failed to do; by what we've said and failed to say; by what we've thought and failed to think. We have not always loved one another with Your kind of love. We've found ourselves unwilling to even speak with those who have wronged us, or confess our wrongs to those we have wronged. Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Jesus. Show us Your steadfast love. Restore us and make our lives ready to be carriers of Your peace that comes to us through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

Silent time for personal reflection

GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS FROM GOD

WE SHARE IN OUR LORD'S SUPPER

PREPARATION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WE SING

"Run To The Father"

Cody Carnes | Matt Maher | Ran Jackson

You Are My King (Amazing Love) *Billy James Foote*

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

WE SING

"Rise Up (Lazarus)"

Ethan Hulse/Logan Cain/Madison Cain/Nick Schwarz/Taylor Cain

CLOSING BLESSING

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*Entrusted with wonderful gifts from our Lord's hand,
we live and give, understanding our purpose as God's children.*