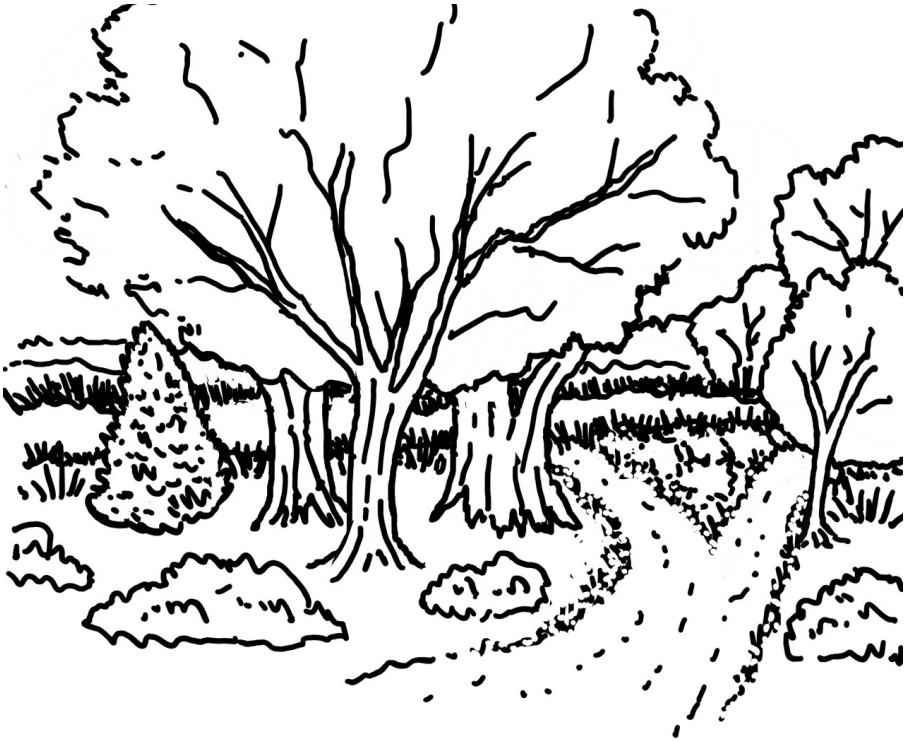


# Places of the Passion

A Series of Services for the Season of Lent



## Gethsemane

**Wednesday – March 15, 2023 – 6:30 PM**

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## WELCOME

## WE CALL ON GOD'S NAME

### WE SING

*"I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"*

*LW #408*

## WE WALK WITH OUR SAVIOR TO JERUSALEM

P: Let us ever walk with Jesus.

**C: To see the depths of His love.**

P: To behold the gift of His forgiveness.

**C: To gaze upon the heights of His grace.**

P: To marvel at the magnitude of His mercy.

**C: We walk with Jesus to the Garden of Gethsemane.**

P: Where he is betrayed by Judas.

**C: And arrested by the Jews.**

P: So that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.

**C: Faithful Lord, with me abide. I shall follow where you guide!**

### WE SING

*"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"*

*LSB #685:1,3*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Isaiah 53:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

<sup>2</sup>He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

### GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 26:47-56**

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." <sup>49</sup>Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

<sup>50</sup>Jesus replied, "Do what you came for, friend."

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup>With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

<sup>52</sup>"Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?" *(continued)*

<sup>55</sup>In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup>But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

**WE SING**                    *"Go To Dark Gethsemane"*        **LSB #436 sts 1-3**

**KIDS' TIME**

**MEDITATION**                    *"The Garden"*                    *Pastor Doug Slavens*

**A TIME OF CONFESSION**

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father, trusting in His forgiveness and grace in Jesus Christ.

**C: Heavenly Father, I have sinned against You. My thoughts have often strayed from Your thoughts. My will is not in perfect harmony with Your will. My actions have been less than loving. My words have lacked Your touch of grace. I've sinned against You and against my brothers and sisters, Heavenly Father. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive my sins. Amen.**

*-Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great,  
Christ's love is greater.*

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

P: God has placed your sins and mine on His own Son Jesus Christ, who became sin for us. As Peter writes, "Jesus Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed." Your sins are forgiven.

**C: I shall follow Lord, where You guide!**

**A TIME OF PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

P: Jesus invites us to walk with Him to the Garden of Gethsemane, a place of great suffering and a place of great love. We will walk with Jesus all the way to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory.

**C: Let us ever walk with Jesus!**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

**C: Amen.**

**WE SING**                    *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

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Note – Our offerings are received in the offering boxes  
located near our entrances

*Our Lenten Series continues next Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM  
as we visit The Courtyard*

*Fellowship meals are served from 5 – 6:00 PM*

*Palm Sunday is April 2 (regular worship service times)*

*Maundy Thursday is April 6 (6:30 PM communion service)*

*Good Friday is April 7 (6:30 PM worship service)*

*Easter Sunday is April 9 (Worship at 6:30 AM, 8 AM, 9:30 AM & 11 AM)*

*Regular worship hours on Sunday mornings:*

*8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, & 11:00 AM; Sunday School hour for all ages: 9:30 AM*

*8:00 AM worship services use more traditional hymnody & liturgy*

*9:30 AM worship services blend traditional and non-traditional music  
accompanied by piano*

*11:00 AM worship services include contemporary Christian music  
led by our worship team.*