

Breslau Mennonite Church Lent and Easter Sunday Practices

Seeking God's Ways

A Lenten Practice:

During the week after experiencing BMC Sunday worship, as you journey through Lent, you are invited to use the line drawings, scripture references, and song suggestions as part of a Lenten practice.

Consider reading at least one of the scripture resources for that week in Lent, sing or listen to one of the song suggestions, and read the "Reflection Questions" included in with this Lenten material. Color the page as you meditate on how God may be speaking to you through the scripture text/s, and using the reflection questions to go deeper. After the page is colored consider journaling your response to the reflection questions or any other offerings that have come to your attention, and present these to God as your Lenten practice of seeking God's ways in your current situation.

While this may be a Lenten practice to do on your own, consider sharing this with one or two others. Reach and seek out who else from BMC might join with you in this Lenten practice. Move outside your comfort zone and invite another person to join in this Lenten practice, sharing your reflections and insights through phone conversation, email, a Zoom visit, or as appropriate with an in person visit.

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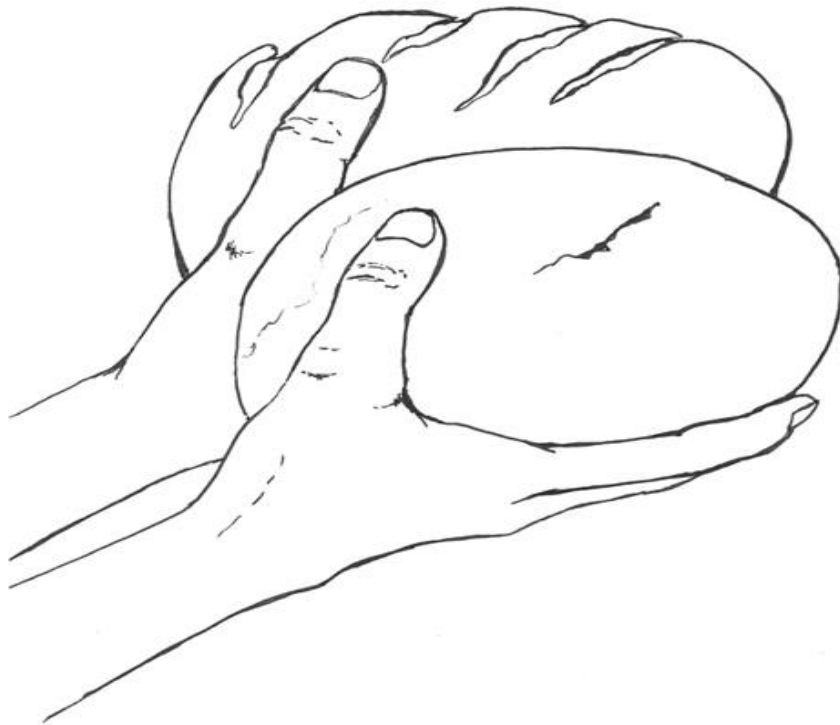


ASH WENDESDAY Seeking God's Ways

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Reflection question: How best can you remember that you are "recognized by God; terrifically alive" (2 Corinthians 6:9 *The Message*)? With so little touch over the last couple of years, how powerful would it be to apply as well as receive a mark of the cross or perhaps a heart?

Song suggestions: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song #581 VT, God Who Touches Earth with Beauty #550 VT



LENT 1 Seeking God's Ways: from security to generosity

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

Reflection question: What are you holding onto tightly that can now be released, freeing you to be more generous?

Song suggestions: And I Will Raise You Up #641 VT, The Lord Lift You Up #832 VT



LENT 2 Seeking God's Ways: from fear to compassion

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-12; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Reflection question: Where are you standing at this moment; not yet under Jesus' "wing" or ready to step out from there without fear?

Song suggestions: Don't Be Afraid #596 VT, The Lord is my Light #437 VT



LENT 3 Seeking God's Ways: from earning to receiving

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Reflection question: How are you receiving God's gift of grace today? When do you have an opportunity to pass along God's grace by allowing others (and yourself) the time needed to grow and change?

Song suggestions: I Sought the Lord #161 VT, Precious Lord, Take My Hand #610 VT



LENT 4 Seeking God's Ways: from exceptionalism to inclusion

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Reflection question: Who gets to enjoy God's feast today?

Song suggestions: Draw the Circle #802 VT, We Are People of God's Peace #797 VT

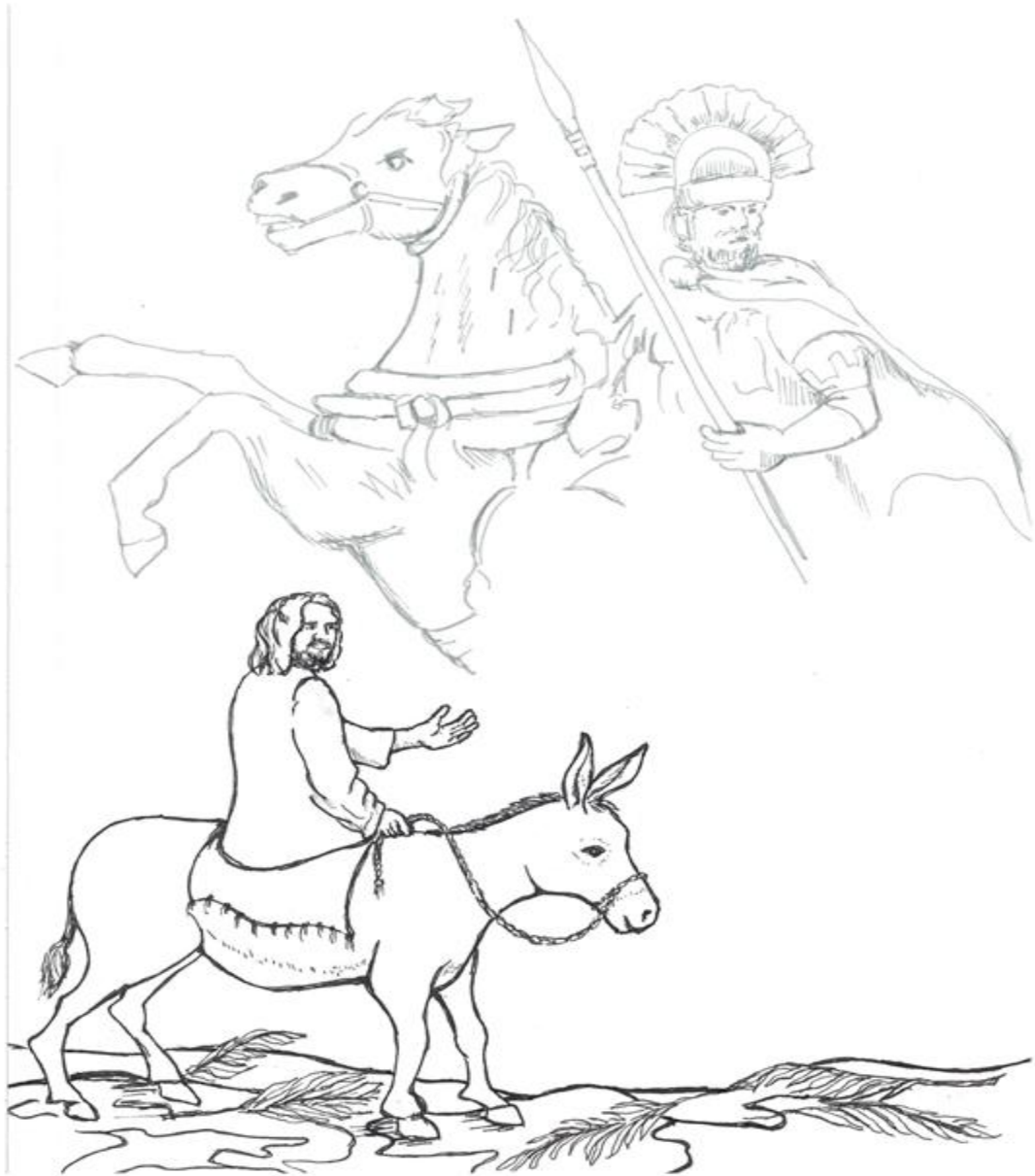


LENT 5 Seeking God's Ways: from scarcity to abundance

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4-14; John 12:1-8

Reflection question: Where can you give something? Where could you give all?

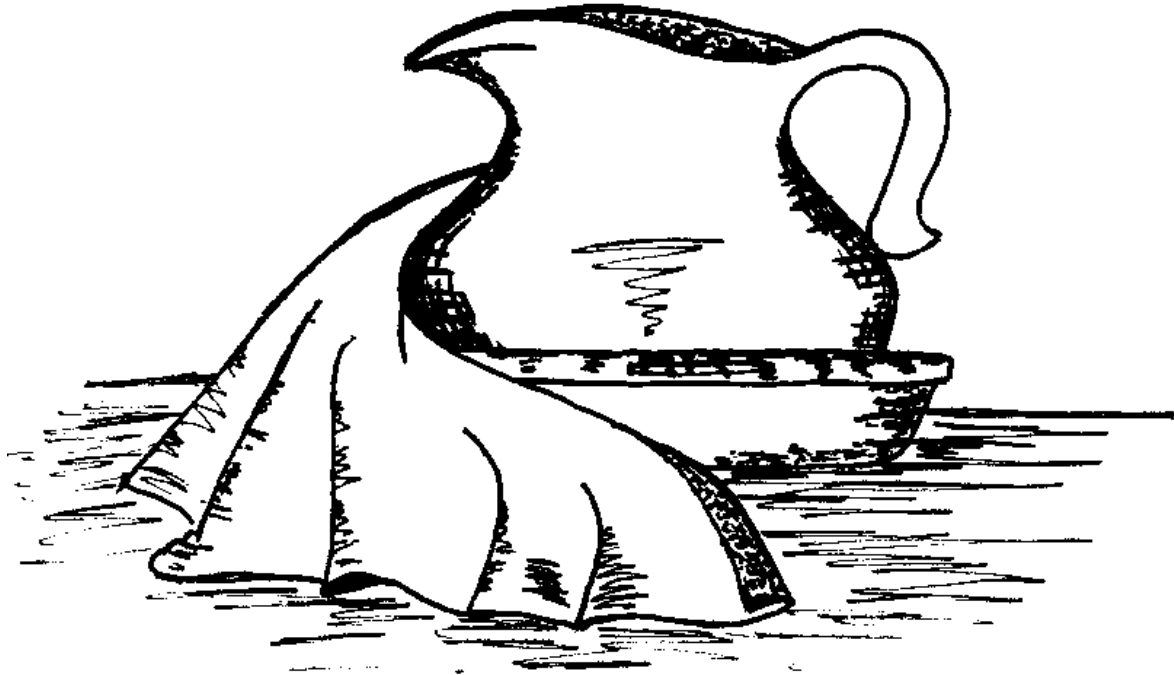
Song suggestions: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #322, 323 VT, Amazing Grace! #163 VT



LENT 6 Palm/Passion Sunday Seeking God's Ways: from power over to power with
Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

Reflection question: Where are you working with and for others in love? In committee and congregational meetings? In relationships in your family and community?

Song suggestions: All Glory, Laud, and Honor #315 VT, Jesus is Coming #312 VT



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15, 31-35

Reflection question: How are you giving and receiving, host and guest, sharing in acts of service?

Song suggestions: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant #778 VT, Take My Life, and Let it Be #759 VT



GOOD FRIDAY

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

Reflection question: Has God forgotten you and creation? Have you forsaken God and creation?

How might you embrace the invitation in Hebrews 10 to provoke one another to care for creation?

When is it hard to call out for help, for others or for yourself?

Song suggestions: Jesus, Remember Me #327 VT; Were You There #329 VT



Resurrection Sunday Seeking God's Ways: From certainty to openness

Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18

Reflection questions: When has your certainty of "the way things are" been rolled away to reveal openness to God's ways? When you look beyond what you think you know, what do you see?

Song suggestions: Lift Your Glad Voices #340 VT, Christ the Lord Is Risen Today #346 VT