

The Warmth of Betrayal

September 13, 2020



Welcome to Worship

Life has an odd way of teaching new lessons every day. Some of the hardest lessons we learn are from difficult situations. When we lean into relationships with other people there is always a chance that the trust we form will be broken and we will feel betrayed. Betrayal happens in life. It happens in the church. We aren't perfect and we have all hurt those we love. Being part of a Christian community is living into healthy relationships and setting healthy boundaries. It is also about forgiveness, reconciliation, and, sometimes, reparations. Living faithfully asks us to put insurmountable trust in all of creation, but trust is not an excuse for non-action. This week, let us reflect on why, when trust is broken, we often avoid the inevitable conflict.

Prepare your Heart

“Those who don't know the value of loyalty can never appreciate the cost of betrayal.”

Anonymous

Order of Worship

Bold type denotes congregation speaking aloud.

Preparatory Music

Dave Ramsey

Welcome

Pastor Sam Fisher

Call to Worship

Pamela Thiele

We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love's ultimate sacrifice. Who would have guessed the height and depth, the length and width of God's love? Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost amid the world's distractions and responsibilities. Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost. Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope, and love, witnessed in Christ. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for the One who promised is faithful. Let us not give up meeting together, but let us encourage one another, as we see the Day of the Lord approaching. AMEN.

Opening Hymn

Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love

UMH 422 vs. 2, 4

Staying Connected

Recorded by Jeb Barrett

Ach wie nichtig 1-3 (trans. "Ah how fleeting, Ah how unsubstantial") by Georg Böhm

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Time of Prayer

Prayers

Time of Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Please begin the Lord's Prayer using whichever metaphor for God works for your theology.

In this community, you will hear the traditional "Our Father" but, we also recognize the ways patriarchy is at play so many lead with "Our Creator."

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children's Moment

Everything That Has Voice

Ashley Hawkins
vs. 2

Spirit-Filled Reading

"Changed into Fire" from *Gospel Medicine* by Barbara Brown Taylor

Scripture

John 18:15-18; 25-27 NRSV

Pamela Thiele

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

A Word of God for a people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"The Warmth of Betrayal"

Pastor Sam Fisher

Song of Response (instrumental)

Holy Ground

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Shalom to You

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