

DISCOVER/SHARE

Lenten Devotions

During Lent, we journey along *The Way of the Cross*—each step, each week, moving us closer to Good Friday. This notion of *The Way* presents an interesting metaphor. While it's a simple word bringing to mind a road, a path, a route we take, it also suggests the *means* by which we do things. We speak of the way we talk. The way we walk. The way we live. As an aid in our journey toward the cross, South Mainers offer us online Lent devotions twice a week at smbc.org/blog, exploring a road they have walked or experienced which helped them understand or practice the way of Jesus' cross more fully.

Guest QR Code



Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Please scan this QR code to share your information so we can connect with you this week.

Fellowship Lunch

Shrimp or chicken fettuccine, salad, crusty French bread, and dessert (\$12)
Buttered noodles with grilled chicken, fresh fruit, and dessert (\$7)



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THE WAY OF THE CROSS

WORSHIP
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...one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray..."

Luke 11:1

Walking through Worship Today

A major step on the way of the cross is learning how to pray, and in Luke 11, Jesus taught us how to do so. The 527 Tribe and Youth lead this morning's service centered around prayer, beginning with a handbell piece that calls us into worship. Our opening hymn of praise focuses us on the One to whom we pray, as each stanza emphasizes a person of the Trinity. Through the Children's Message, our children remind us about the importance of the Lord's Prayer, and the second stanza of the hymn that follows, *Seek Ye First*, takes its lyrics directly from Luke 11:9. The 527 Tribe and Youth Choir sing two pieces this morning that celebrate God's peace and faithfulness, which can only be fully understood through a posture of prayer. In our hymn of response, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, we are called to "carry everything to God in prayer."

GATHER

Tolling the Hour

Prelude

Come, Christians Join to Sing
(arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter)
The 527 Tribe Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

Brad Jernberg, Minister for Administration

PRAISE

Hymn 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

(As directed, children are invited to come forward during the hymn. Following the children's message, children in 2nd grade and younger leave with Miss Alyssa.)

Children's Message

Alyssa Carter, Minister to Children

REFLECT

Hymn 436

Seek Ye First

Anthem

Creation Will Be at Peace

(Anna Laura Page)

The 527 Tribe and Youth Choir

*In the holy mountain of the Lord
All war and strife will cease;
In the holy mountain of the Lord
Creation will be at peace.*

The wolf will lie down with the lamb,
The cow and bear will feed,
Their young will play together;
A little child will lead, a little child will lead!

The leopard and goat will graze,
The lion will feed on straw.
They will war no more,
They will war no more;
A child will lead them all.

Good News

Steve Wells, Pastor

RESPOND

Hymn 409

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Offertory

He Never Failed Me Yet

(Robert Ray)

The 527 Tribe and Youth Choir
Finley Walton and Kinsley George, soloists

*I will sing of God's mercy!
Every day, every hour, He gives me power.
I will sing and give thanks to Thee
For all the dangers, toils, and snares
That He has brought me out.
He is my God and I'll serve Him
No matter what the test.
Trust and never doubt,
Jesus will surely bring you out.
He never failed me yet!*

I know God is able
To deliver in time of storm.
And I know that He'll keep you
Safe from all earthly harm.
One day when my weary soul is at rest,
I'm going home to be forever blessed.

Didn't my God deliver
Moses from King Pharaoh?
And didn't He cool the fiery furnace
For Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
When I think of what my God can do,
He delivered Daniel,
I know He will deliver you.

Doxology (OLD HUNDREDTH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Offertory Prayer

Charles Grant

SHARE

Welcoming and Covenant with New Members

In response to your decision,
we pledge ourselves
to be the family of God for you in this place.
We offer you our love, our care,
our kinship, and our hopes.
We hope to learn from you,
give to you, and receive from you
by God's grace.

Benediction

Steve Wells

Postlude

Allegro molto from the *6th Organ Sonata*
(Felix Mendelssohn)
Yuri McCoy, Organist