June 21, 2020

Third Sunday After Pentecost

GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER:

May we walk boldly in your truth, O God, and may we be not afraid. Amen.

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* *by Martin Luther*

*Offered by Deanna Taylor*

CHILDREN’S SERMON:

The Bible story today comes from the Book of Matthew. Matthew is in the New Testament. Matthew is one of four books we call a “gospel”. “Gospels” are stories of Jesus’s life.

In this story about Jesus, Jesus is telling his friends that in order to be the people God wants them to be they have to be brave truth tellers.

Telling the truth means saying things which we really see, really feel, and really hear.

I know all of you are brave, but sometimes it can be hard to tell the truth.

I think it’s easier to tell the truth to our favorite grownups. I bet the grownups in your house will be very proud if you tell the truth. And the grown ups can probably even help us see how we can take action steps when we are afraid, embarrassed or even when the truth is hard.

And grown-ups, the best way parents can promote truth telling is to model it ourselves — to share our feelings, to acknowledge our mistakes and to talk through how we handle tricky situations.

***Let’s pray together. Dear God, help us be brave truth tellers. Amen.***

ANTHEM *Look for the Good by Jason Mraz*

*offered by the Early Worship Band*

SERMON LESSON *Matthew 10:24-39*  
10:24 "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;  
  
10:25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!  
  
10:26 "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.  
  
10:27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.  
  
10:28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.  
  
10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.  
  
10:30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted.  
  
10:31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.  
  
10:32 "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven;  
  
10:33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.  
  
10:34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.  
  
10:35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
  
10:36 and one's foes will be members of one's own household.  
  
10:37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me;  
  
10:38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.  
  
10:39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

SERMON *Do Not Fear* Rev. Krysta Rexrode Wolfe

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SERMON NOTES

* Being a disciple is to be a good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, *and* to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not the powers which compete with God.
* Jesus needed his disciples to know there is nothing which can diminish the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
* The goal of discipleship is to share the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* The good news is that the Holy Spirit sends people to preach good news to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; release to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; recovery of sight to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; to let the oppressed go \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Good news for the kingdom is bad news for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* It is dangerous to bring good news. It upsets those who believe they have power in the world. This is why Jesus tells his disciples \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times to be not afraid.
* Even though the work is dangerous, the disciples are to fear not because there is nothing that can destroy God’s work in the world. The gospel cannot be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and it needs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

We are called as Christians to enter the world as humble and vulnerable as guests, and to do so without fear. Write a prayer, asking God how can Cross Lanes United Methodist Church be a part of the transformation of this age.

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Feel free to share your responses with Pastor Krysta at [crosslanesumc@gmail.com](mailto:crosslanesumc@gmail.com) or by using these hashtags on social media #wearethechurchtogether #hoperises #crosslanesumc

SENDING SONG *This is My Father’s World* UMH #144, v. 1 & 3

BENEDICTION

Carry the good news as a guest without fear, in the name of God, the Father; God, the Son; and God, the Holy Spirit.

*During the last song, if you feel compelled to respond the word of God*

* *By offering your prayer requests:* 
  + *email Jerry Meadows at* [*jwmead@frontier.com*](mailto:jwmead@frontier.com) *to include your prayers in the Daily Digest*
  + *or on Sunday mornings from 8:00am-11:00am you can text your prayer concerns through our digital prayer room by texting “krystarexrod127” to # 37607 (after you text to get into the room you will receive confirmation and can text your prayer request)*
* *Or by giving a financial gift you can visit our website where you will find several ways to give.*

1. *You can give with text-to-give by texting 844-945-2957 with the amount you want to give and then registering with the link sent to your phone.*
2. *You can also download the GivePlus app on our phone or tablet to give with credit/debit cards or e-check.*
3. *If you would like to set an ACH transfer, call our office at 304-776-3081*
4. *Or to mail your gift to CLUMC at 5320 Frontier Dr; Cross Lanes, WV 25313*

*Visit* [*crosslanesumc.org*](http://crosslanesumc.org/) *to learn more about ways to give.*