

April 17th, 2014
Maundy Thursday

RESTORED
IN CHRIST

BROKEN SANCTUARY



The Federated Church of Paxton
6:30 p.m. Worship Service



Restored in Christ - Broken Sanctuary

Prelude *"With This Bread and Wine"*

*** Opening Hymn** *"Rock of Ages"*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

*** Opening Litany** (*responsively*)

One: The world is sometimes a very hard place.

All: Life can be cruel; people can be unkind; days are often difficult.

One: Trying to do the right things the right way is not easy.

All: At times, following the way of Christ comes with a high price.

One: Struggling against the tug of sin demands steady attention and concerted energy.

All: Resisting the temptations of Satan, the world and our own flesh is weary work.

One: Burdened and weary, we need a place to rest and be refreshed.

All: It is not that we want to avoid what is asked of us or seek to evade the work; we simply need a safe place to pause and rejuvenate.

One: God has given you this place.

All: We come here to find shelter. We come here to find restoration and renewal.

One: Here in this place God delivers his gifts.

All: And as he gives them, we are restored, strengthened and encouraged to return to the work we have to do.

One: But right now, we simply rest in his presence.

All: Right now, we receive what he gives.

Confession and Absolution

One: Made weak, weary and worn out by life in this world, we too often fall into temptation and fail to receive God's gifts in simple trust. So we confess our sin and seek God's forgiveness and grace.

All: Lord, we are prone to listen to the wrong voices. Instead of your clear direction for our lives, we hear the confusing and lying sounds of the brokenness around us. We are prone to find our own solutions to our problems. We ignore your clear word and follow instead the advice and temptations of the sinful world and our own crooked thinking. We are prone to forget. You give us promises to build up our hope and our courage, but we forget them. Forgive us for failing to receive your good gifts. Forgive us for neglecting and despising the refuge of your grace.

One: God does forgive. Every weakness in the face of temptation, every sinful choice, every failure to submit to God's plan is all forgiven for the sake of Jesus. You have his grace. Take shelter in his abiding love. Amen.

1st Reading Ezekiel 37:24-28

2nd Reading Hebrews 9:11-15

Anthem *"Senzeni Na" (What Have We Done?)*

Gospel Reading Luke 22:39-48

Sermon

Holy Communion

(as you come forward for Communion, drop your offering in the plate)

Prayers *(Each petition ends with the following response:)*

One: Christ who heals all brokenness,

All: shelter us in the sanctuary of your love.

***Closing Hymn** *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"*

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Stripping of Altar

***Benediction**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, April 18th

Good Friday
Church open from Noon - 3pm

Saturday, April 19th

Holy Saturday - Pastor Colleen off

Sunday, April 20th - Easter

Council Provide Breakfast, 8:30am
Worship, 10:00am (Elder, Jackie Roy)

Monday, April 21st

Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 22nd

Earth Day

Wednesday, April 23rd

Ottawa Round Table, 10am
Choir Practice, 7:00pm
May Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, April 26th

Pastor Colleen off

April

Birthdays & Anniversaries

4th - Vicki Cole

13th - Larry Clampitt

19th - Larry & Debbie Sexton Ann.

20th - Elizabeth Satterlee

26th - Jalen Kaiser

29th - Doug Niewold

30th - Lou Lateer



Deuteronomy 15:11

*"There will always be poor people in the land.
Therefore I command you to be openhanded
toward your brothers and toward the poor
and needy in your land."*

Upper Room Bible Church

425 W. Orleans, Paxton, IL

Standing in the need of NEW &

GENTLY USED clothing & shoes

May 2nd & 3rd - Spring and Summer Attire

August 1st & 2nd - Fall School & Winter Attire

Dec. 6th - Toy Giveaway

Laura 217-419-2334 OR Kim 217-249-2961

It takes more than one church, it takes a whole
community to carry out the WORD of God.

***Lord, We ask thanksgiving, comfort, healing
and faith for these friends and family members***

Our Church Family, Robin & Randy Pearson,
Kitty Anderson, Jeff & Barb Legener

Continued Health of Cancer Treatment Patients

Janet Goudy, Alan Turner, Ivan Andreae

Homebound or in Adult Health Care Centers

Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

For the month of APRIL, please bring *peanut butter, jelly
& canned spaghetti* for the Food Pantry.

As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.

Pastor Colleen Lawrence, Minister

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