

April 6th, 2014
Fifth Sunday of Lent

RESTORED IN CHRIST

BROKEN JUSTICE



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



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Prelude "O Sacred Head"

J.S. Bach

*** Opening Hymn**

"St. Crispin LM"

Jesus, thy blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.

Lord, I believe thy precious blood, which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty, was also shed in love for me.

Lord, I believe, were sinners more than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, for all a full atonement made.

When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to thee, whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all thy hands have made, an everlasting ransom paid.

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

One: In ancient times, God made clear that his people are to love justice
and to show mercy.

**All: "Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God," God said
through the prophet Micah.**

One: When Jesus confronted hypocrites, he renewed Micah's words.

All: Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

One: The world craves justice and kindness, but finds little of either.

All: Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

One: But here, tonight, we delight to know that what God demands of
us, he eagerly and fully gives to us.

All: Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

One: God works with perfect justice and God freely showers us with
kindness. He teaches us to walk in faith and humility.

All: Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

One: The justice that God gives is not the justice of the world. It is justice
coupled with kindness and offered in humility. It is the justice of the Gospel.

All: Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

One: So here in this place we experience God's justice, rejoice in God's
kindness and learn to walk humbly with him.

All: Here in this place we receive the gifts of the Gospel.

Confession and Absolution

One: Justice is often sought, but usually proves elusive in the world, and
even in our own lives. It is not easy to do what is fair, and we know that
there are even times when we would rather not treat others with justice.
But an even more frightening prospect should be the possibility that
justice might actually one day be applied to us. Aware of our problems

*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, April 6th

Worship, 10:00am
Birthday/Anniversary Fellowship
following worship

Wednesday, April 9th

Church Office Hours, 1:00-6:00pm
Lenten Meal, 6:00pm
Lenten Devotion, 6:30pm
Choir Practice, 7:00pm

Thursday, April 10th

Church Office Hours, 8:00am-Noon

Sunday, April 13th

Adult Sunday School, 8:45am
Confirmation, 9:00am
Youth Sunday School, 9:30am
Worship, 10:00am
ASTA Care Service, 1:30pm
(Elders, Kammy, Grace & Priscilla)
Passion Play in Bloomington, 2:00pm

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



REMEMBER

The big **FISH WEIGH-IN** will take place next Sunday, April 13 at church!

Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing will change lives, change communities, and change the world.

Will **YOUR** fish weigh the most??!!

Your Missions Committee

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

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

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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.*

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