

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
First Sunday of Lent

*The Son of Man  
is betrayed  
into the hands  
of sinners...  
See, my betrayer  
is at hand.*

MARK 14:41-42



The TRIALS of JESUS  
**Judas**



The Federated Church of Paxton  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service



# The Trials of Jesus

## The Voice of Judas

*A Special Service for the Season of Lent*

### Invocation And Opening Sentences

#### Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

\*Prelude      *“Chanson Triste”*      Ravel

#### \*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\* One: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

One: I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**All: For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”**

One: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

**All: But to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

\*Opening Hymn      *“Lord, Jesus, Think on Me”*      PH #301

### Confession and Absolution

One: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in love.

**All: He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.**

One: Confident that our God is gracious and forgiving, let us confess our sins.

**All: O Lord, I have worried about your provision for me. I have been greedy for material things. I have sought power and glory at the expense of others. I have ignored your Word, though I know what it says. I have avoided the hard road of righteousness and taken the easy road of sin.**

One: Our Lord Jesus Christ says, “If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven.” Assured by his word and promise, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

## Psalm Responsory

Psalm 75

One: We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.  
We recount your wondrous deeds.

**All: At the set time that I appoint I will judge with equity.**

One: When the earth totters, and all its inhabitants, it is I who keep steady its pillars.

**All: I say to the boastful, “Do not boast,” and to the wicked, “Do not lift up your horn;**

One: do not lift up your horn on high, or speak with haughty neck.”

**All: For not from the east or from the west and not from the wilderness comes lifting up,**

One: but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.

**All: For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs.**

One: But I will declare it forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

**All: All the horns of the wicked I will cut off, but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.**

## Prayer Of The Day

**Lectionary Scripture**     Isaiah 51:17-23; 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

**Anthem**     *“How Beautiful”*

Twila Paris

**Gospel**     Mark 14:32-42

**Children’s Sermon**

**Message**

**Offering**     *“A Sonnet”*

Granados

**Prayers**     *(Each petition ends with this response)*

One: Innocent Lord, who suffered for us,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**     *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

PH, #438

**\*TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**     *“Andante Sostenuto”*

J. S. Bach

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today, February 26th**

First Sunday of Lent

Knights Templar Service at 1:30pm

**Wednesday, February 29th**

Soup Supper & Devotion at 6:00pm

Youth Group at 7:00pm

Choir Practice at 7:00pm

**Thursday, March 1st**

UCC Clergy Meeting in Blmgtm

**Friday, March 2nd**

World Day of Prayer

**Sunday, March 4th**

Communion Sunday -  
Elders, Doug & Deana Niewold

March Birthday & Anniversary  
Fellowship after Worship

**Wednesday, March 7th**

Soup Supper & Devotion at 6:00pm

Youth Group at 7:00pm

Choir Practice at 7:00pm

*Birthdays & Anniversaries*

**February**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Russ & Nancy Taylor Ann.

6<sup>th</sup> - Eric Funk

9<sup>th</sup> - Laura Adkins

25<sup>th</sup> - Robin Niewold

26<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Swan

**Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders**

**February**

Alan & Georgia Turner, Red & Laura Adkins,  
Kelly Williams

**March**

Deana & Doug Niewold, The Struss Family

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

Carol Thilmony-broken wrist; Helene Ellis-dislocated shoulder blade;

Marcella Woodworth-wrenched wrist; Wayne Niewold;

Jeff Legener; Bill Cofel; John Lateer

***Homebound or in Nursing Homes***

Wayne Niewold - Heartland Healthcare, Paxton

Sue Moore - 1115 Harbers Lane, Apt 132, Metamora, Il 61548

Donald Rhodes

Jani Fraim - Room 219, GC Hospital & Health Center

Wanda Larson - La Canada Care Facility, Tucson, AZ

Marcella Woodworth - Prairie Village, Rantoul

**For the month of February, please bring *canned vegetables, noodles,  
peanut butter, & cereal* for the Food Pantry.**

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

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