

March 30th, 2014  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

# RESTORED IN CHRIST

BROKEN PROMISES



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



# Restored in Christ - Broken Promises

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Prelude

*"Trust in Jesus"*

Haan

\* Opening Hymn

*"Aberystwyth"*

Savior, when in dust to thee low we bow the adoring knee;  
When, repentant, to the skies scarce we lift our weeping eyes;  
O, by all thy pains and woe suffered once for us below,  
Bending from thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

By thy helpless infant years, by thy life of want and tears,  
By thy days of deep distress in the savage wilderness,  
By the dread, mysterious hour of the insulting tempter's pow'r,  
Turn, O turn a favoring eye; hear our penitential cry!

By thine hour of dire despair, by thine agony of prayer,  
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, piercing spear, and torturing scorn,  
By the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dreadful sacrifice,  
Listen to our humble sigh; hear our penitential cry!

By thy deep expiring groan, by the sad sepulchral stone,  
By the vault whose dark abode held in vain the rising God,  
O, from earth to heav'n restored, mighty, re-ascended Lord,  
Bending from thy throne on high, hear our penitential cry!

\* Opening Litany (*responsively*)

One: When God speaks, God acts. God's speaking is bound to God's being.

**All: If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He cannot deny himself.**

One: Jesus is God speaking and revealing himself to us.

**All: If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He cannot deny himself.**

One: Jesus is the Word of God present for us.

**All: If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He cannot deny himself.**

One: Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise, and the assurance that God will keep every promise he has made.

**All: If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He cannot deny himself.**

One: Jesus is the proof that God will do what he has said. Jesus is the comfort and the encouragement that we will share in the completion of all God's wonderful plans.

**All: If we are faithless, he remains faithful. He cannot deny himself.**

**Confession and Absolution**

One: Talk is cheap. There is an enormous gulf between a word said and a deed done. We know too well the pain of broken promises and the hurt caused by empty assurances. People have failed us. But we know that we also struggle to keep our word. We have caused and continue to cause our own hurt and pain. We have failed others. We have failed God.

\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND

**All: Lord God, I have not been faithful. I have made promises that I could not keep. I have spoken a word of agreement and then forgotten to uphold it. I have given assurances and then failed to follow through. I have committed and then changed my mind when it became difficult. Forgive me for my empty words. Forgive me for my broken promises. Forgive me for being faithless.**

One: When we are faithless, he remains faithful. God has promised always to forgive the repentant sinner. There is no doubt, then: God knows your failure and your sin, and he forgives you for all of it. Take heart; your failures have all been forgiven. God has promised it, and he always keeps every promise. Amen.

**1st Reading** Psalm 15

**2nd Reading** 2 Timothy 2:8-14

**Anthem** *"For the Least of My Brothers"*

Hruby

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 26:30-35, 69-75

**Youth Moment**

**Sermon**

**Offering**

**Offertory** *"Bread of Heaven"*

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

One: Christ who heals all brokenness,

**All: Restore our broken promises to you.**

**\*Closing Hymn** *"Jesu, Meines Lebens Leben"*

Christ, the life of all the living,  
Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Who, thyself for me once giving  
To the darkest depths of woe:  
Through thy suff'rings, death and merit  
I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou has suffered great affliction  
and hast borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion,  
fully to atone for me;  
Thou didst choose to be tormented  
that my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *"March in G"*

Handel

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

Worship, 10:00am

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Presbytery Meeting in Effingham, 10am  
(Pastor Colleen & Elder, Jackie Roy)

**Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

PAMA Meeting at Monical's, 12-2pm  
Church Office Hours, 2:00-6:00pm  
Lenten Meal, 6:00pm  
Lenten Devotion, 6:30pm  
Choir Practice, 7:00pm

**Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Lake Fork UCC Clergy Mtg, 10am

**Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee Mtg (PC), Noon

**Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Adult Sunday School, 8:45am  
Confirmation, 9:00am  
Youth Sunday School, 9:30am  
Worship, 10:00am

## March

*Birthdays & Anniversaries*

4th - Delores Turner

6th - Shannon Satterlee

10th - Alex Goudy

12th - Mike Goudy

13th - Alan Turner

18th - Jim & Robin Niewold Ann.

23rd - Greg Anderson

26th - Susan Satterlee

27th - Victor Johnson



### Habitat for Humanity & Paxton Community Sale

Here is more information about the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser that we're having at the Paxton Community Sale on Sat., April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Paxton Park District.

There are a few items that are not acceptable at the sale: Dogs, Cats, firearms, hazardous materials, LP tanks, used mattresses, or tires not mounted on usable rims, and no clothing.

The Park District will accept goods all day Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 8am-6pm and Saturday morning from 6am-9am with the Sale starting at 10am. Just mention which items are being donated to Habitat for Humanity so that it will be given the appropriate number. They will give you a different number for your other items not being donated.

If you have any questions, please call Lee LeClair @ 217-781-3481.

***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 Nursing Homes***

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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