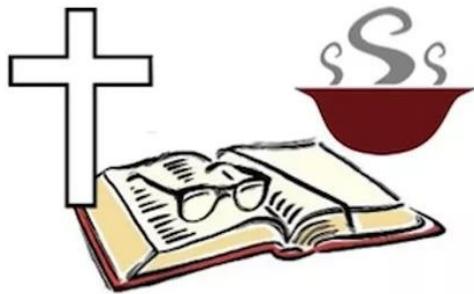


Granite Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 24, 2021



Virtual Lent
Soup & Scripture



OPENING PRAYER



2021 LENT SOUP & SCRIPTURE STUDY

Five Wednesdays in Lent:

FEBRUARY 24	Week One:	MEDITATING
MARCH 3	Week Two:	PRAYING
MARCH 10	Week Three:	LOVING
MARCH 17	Week Four:	THANKING
MARCH 24	Week Five:	LIVING

The inspiration for the five subjects is from the Lenten devotional [Living Into Lent](#) by Donald K. McKim (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2020); however, the content of the five study sessions does not come from McKim's book.

LIVING

Scripture & Reflections

“Do It Now”

“Doing Righteous Deeds”

“Repenting Throughout Life”

“Caring for the Earth”

“Doing Justice”

“Loving Neighbors”

“Reconciling”

“Do It Now”

John 12: 1-8 ◦ Mary Anoints Jesus

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?'



“Do It Now”

John 12: 1-8 ◦ Mary Anoints Jesus (continued)

(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, ‘Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.’

“Mary’s declaration for Jesus is not deferred until after his death but is offered to Jesus while he lives.”

Gail R. O’Day

“Doing Righteous Deeds”

James 2: 14-16 ◦ Faith Without Works Is Dead

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

“We do not become righteous by doing righteous deeds but, having been made righteous, we do righteous deeds.”

Martin Luther

“Repenting Through Life”

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55: 6-9



“Repenting Through Life”

“Accordingly, we must strive toward repentance itself, devote ourselves to it throughout life, and pursue it to the very end if we would abide in Christ.”

John Calvin

“Caring For The Earth”

“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.”

Psalm 24: 1

“We are challenged to be faithful, wise, trustworthy, and hardworking stewards of the wonderfully fruitful earth that God has entrusted to our care.”

Henry G. Brinton

“Doing Justice”

“Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, . . . who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.”

Psalm 146: 5-7

“What does the Lord require of us, but to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with the Lord our God.”

Micah 6: 8

“When we perform deeds of justice, we are alive; when we sin, we cease to be.”

Jerome

“Loving Neighbors”

“The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Mark 12: 31

“As the one who loves God you cannot do otherwise. As you love God, you will love your neighbor; the one who with you is loved by God and loves Him in return.”

Karl Barth

“Reconciling”

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.”

2 Corinthians 5: 18

“To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God’s reconciling community.”

The Confession of 1967



CLOSING PRAYER