

This Week's Roadmap: Community

Reflect on these "mile markers" this week:

Why is the church community important to you?

How has your understanding of the role of the church in your faith life changed?

How does being in community challenge you in your faith?

Why do you think community is on God's roadmap?

Lenten Judas Purse

This week's Judas Purse focus is safety, security and peace building.



World Vision builds peace with and for children by weaving a fabric of resilience through their communities. From Bogotá to Beirut and from Bujumbura to Banja Luka and beyond, World Vision's peacebuilding helps communities protect and empower children affected by violence. Our tools aim to help these communities resolve their own conflicts, build capacities to heal broken relationships, and nourish more just systems and structures. World Vision does not define peace as the absence of conflict, but the abundance of *shalom*. Psalm 34:14 urges people to "seek peace and pursue it". This ancient Hebrew term, *shalom*, connotes abundance, equality, respect, justice, well-being, and of course, peace. Peace is a concept shared across many faiths.

In the long term, peace building should contribute to good governance, sustainable and equitable economic development, peace and reconciliation, and civic empowerment. World Vision empowers children and youth in conflict areas, educating and mobilizing them for peace.

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Join us this weekend for "Walk This Way."

Saturday | 6:00 p.m. Sunday | 8:25 a.m. and 10:35 a.m.

Scripture Passages: Psalm 118, Isaiah 50:4 – 9, Philippians 2:5 – 11, Luke 19:28 – 40



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Prelude

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

L: Please share the peace with those around you.

Opening Hymn No. 654

"The Church's One Foundation"

Responsive Psalm

Psalms 133 and 134

L: How good and pleasant it is when kindred live in unity!

C: It is like fine oil upon the head.

L: It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

C: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

L: Behold now! Bless the Lord.

C: Bless the Lord, all you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

L: Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord.

C: The Lord who made heaven and earth, we bless you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty God,

C: With steadfast love you draw us to yourself and surround us with community to help us grow in faith, love and obedience to you. May we be transformed by you, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection.

L: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are sinners in need of your love and grace. We cannot free ourselves from our sin. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silence for reflection.

L: God demonstrates his love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For his sake, God forgives us all of our sins. See the great love the father has for us! To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Responsive Hymn No. 656

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

God’s Word

**Ephesians 4:1 – 16 (Pg. 951)
1 Thessalonians 5:12 – 24 (Pg. 961)**

The Road Map

Hosted by: Pastor Andrea Paulson

Welcome Arron Diecker. Arron Diecker started attending First St. Paul’s about 13 years ago. Through the years, Arron’s understanding of church and the role it plays in his life has shifted. What was once an item to check of a to-do list has become a vital part of life. Tonight, Arron shares what community means to him and how being in community is an important mile marker on God’s roadmap.

Apostles’ Creed

L: God has made us his people through our baptism. Together, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Invitation

L: Lord, you held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son. We long to reflect a portion of that selflessness back to you. As we give, help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. Let us now receive the offering.

Offertory by the 8th Graders

Offering Response No. 186

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Prayers of the Church

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

L: Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements and Opportunities to Serve

Benediction

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you his peace.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn No. 326

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”