

The Right Kind of Help
by Oswald Chambers

And I, if I am lifted up...will draw all peoples to Myself. —[John 12:32](#)

Very few of us have any understanding of the reason why Jesus Christ died. If sympathy is all that human beings need, then the Cross of Christ is an absurdity and there is absolutely no need for it. What the world needs is not “a little bit of love,” but major surgery.

When you find yourself face to face with a person who is spiritually lost, remind yourself of Jesus Christ on the cross. If that person can get to God in any other way, then the Cross of Christ is unnecessary. If you think you are helping lost people with your sympathy and understanding, you are a traitor to Jesus Christ. You must have a right-standing relationship with Him yourself, and pour your life out in helping others in His way— not in a human way that ignores God. The theme of the world’s religion today is to serve in a pleasant, non-confrontational manner.

But our only priority must be to present Jesus Christ crucified— to lift Him up all the time (see [1 Corinthians 2:2](#)). Every belief that is not firmly rooted in the Cross of Christ will lead people astray. If the worker himself believes in Jesus Christ and is trusting in the reality of redemption, his words will be compelling to others. What is extremely important is for the worker’s simple relationship with Jesus Christ to be strong and growing. His usefulness to God depends on that, and that alone.

The calling of a New Testament worker is to expose sin and to reveal Jesus Christ as Savior. Consequently, he cannot always be charming and friendly, but must be willing to be stern to accomplish major surgery. We are sent by God to lift up Jesus Christ, not to give wonderfully beautiful speeches. We must be willing to examine others as deeply as God has examined us. We must also be sharply intent on sensing those Scripture passages that will drive the truth home, and then not be afraid to apply them.

Bethel United Methodist Church

WORSHIP SERVICE

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus #277

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

John 12:12-16

The People's Response

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the Highest

Blessed is the One Who Comes in the Name of the Lord

Hosanna in the Highest!

OPENING HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #278

TRIUMPHFUL ENTRY

(Please place palm fronds in front of the altar.)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed #880

GOSPEL READING

John 12:23-33

ANTHEM

The Palms arr. Howorth

PRAYERS AND PRAISES OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

HYMN OF PRAYER

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross #301

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Were You There African American Spiritual

DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow #94

SERMON TEXT

Luke 19:37-44

SERMON

Jesus Wept Rev. Ott

CLOSING HYMN

Are Ye Able, Said the Master #530

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed Govenor

POSTLUDE

OUR PRAYERS: Lad Howell, Dwight Courtney, Ed Newington, Carrie Fender, Mike Fanchette, Bo Hetrick, Bobbie McLaine, Debra Smith

OUR PRAISES: Kirk Breland, Carl Avant

Nursing Homes/Shut-Ins/Distant Members: Jane Brown, Nina Crosby, Lucille Culpepper, Sarah Anne Dean, June Dyches, Lynn Harrison, Joy Lawson, Jeanine Price, Rusty Riddle, Kay Speaks, Miriam Westbury.

Military Service: Elijah and Kaeleigh Forni, Matthew Mangum, Jordan Ray, Tristan Ray

Audio/Video Technician

John Thomas

The Youth Groups will NOT meet this afternoon.

The Women's Bible Study of "Jude" will meet this afternoon at 3:00.

Maundy Thursday Worship We will have Holy Communion followed by a Tenebrae service (a service of darkness) beginning at 6:00PM.



The Youth will be decorating the cross Easter Sunday. They are asking for the congregation to bring flowers.

Easter Lilies: There are still lilies available. The cost of lilies is \$30. The first 25 paid orders will be accepted. If you don't want a plant, you can still submit a memorial/honorarium.



Debra Smith – 13th

Allen Gustin – 14th

Jane Brown – 16th

Carl & Patsy Avant – 16th

Buddy & Marilyn Creech – 19th

