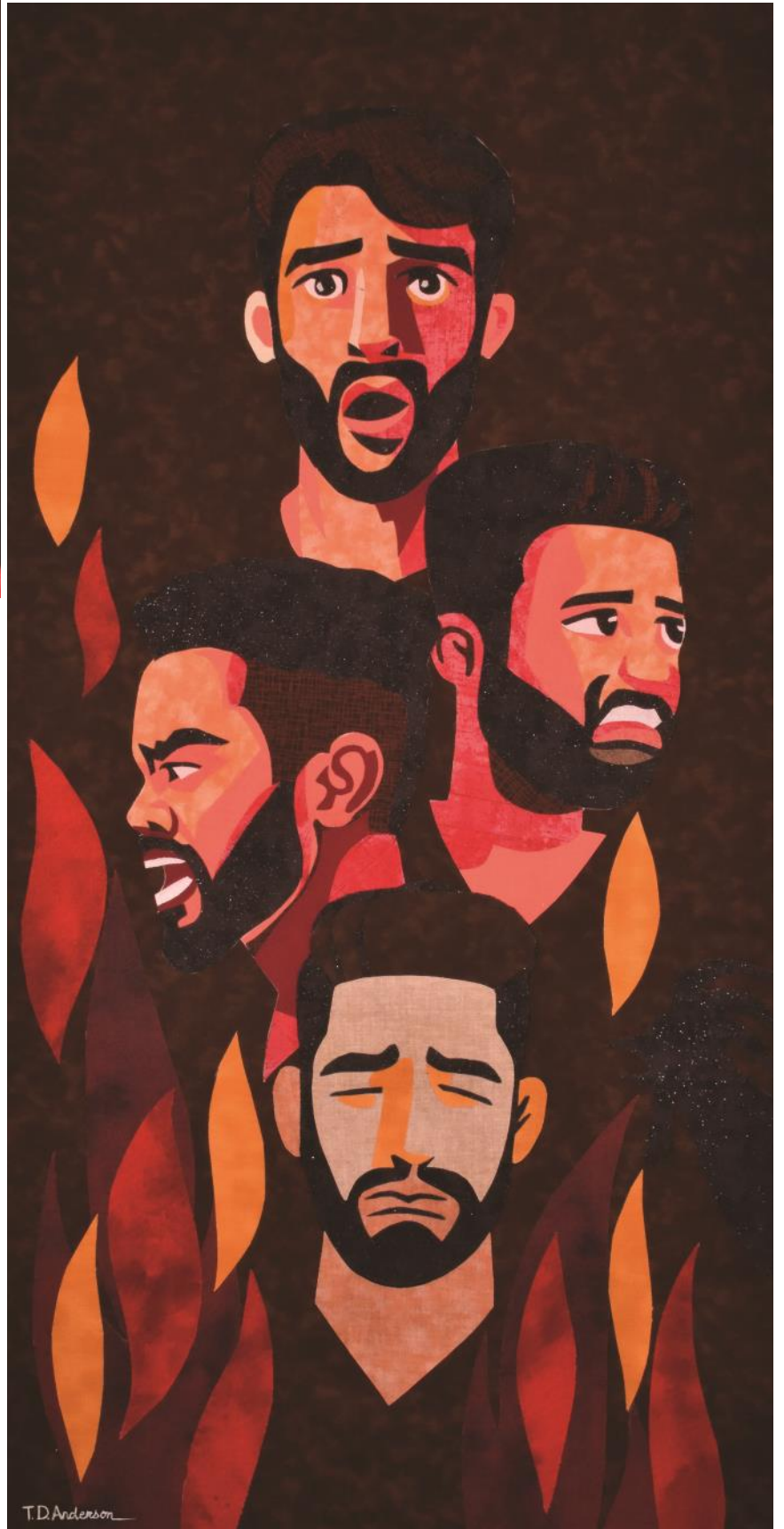
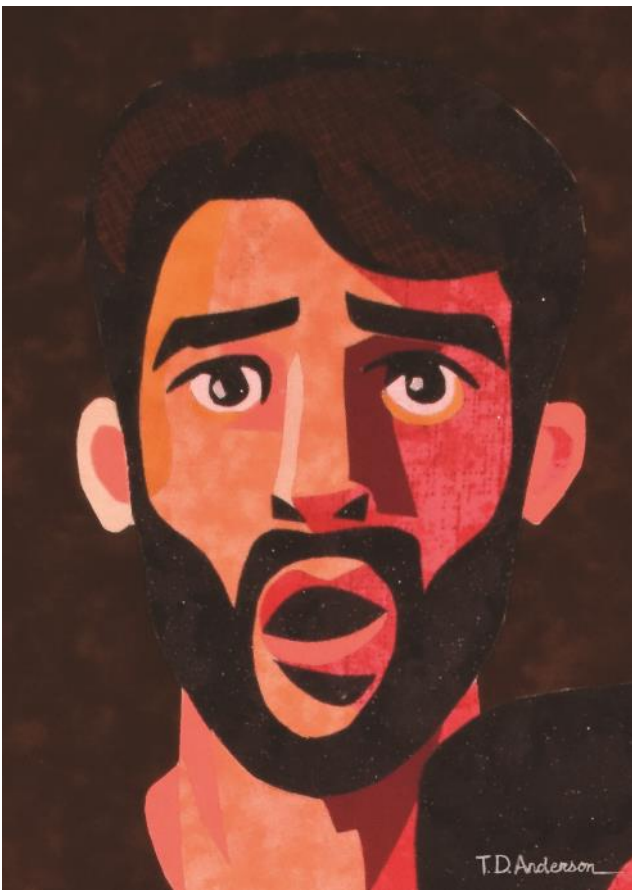


The Descent by Rev. T. Denise Anderson



Thursday, March 28, 2024

**Maundy Thursday;
Stations of Peter**

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

MAUNDY THURSDAY: STATIONS OF PETER

Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**

PRELUDE

Adagio - Moonlight Sonata (Op 27, No 2)
James Sharpe, Piano & Organ

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyterian Outlook

One: We gather tonight to tell the old, old story.

All: a story of bitterness and betrayal, of despair, denial and death.

One: We gather tonight to tell an even older story prepared before the worlds began:

All: a story of love powerful enough to rewrite our endings with the promise of new life.

One: In the telling of the story, in the breaking of the bread, in the coming of the night,

All: we draw near once more to Christ.

*** OPENING HYMN #513**

Let Us Break Bread Together

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Partaking of Communion Elements

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

A Sanctified Art

Holy God, as we journey through this familiar story, help us to understand it anew. Show us, O God, where we find ourselves in the narrative, and move us toward a more just and compassionate future. Amen.

HYMN #356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (verse 1)

STATION 1: Peter resists then receives the foot washing

John 13: 1 - 20

Pew Bible, NT, pages 107– 108

Response :

Reading by Peter :

Congregational Response (Naming who we are called to serve)

STATION 2 : Jesus foretells Peter's denials

John 13 : 31 - 38

Pew Bible, NT, page 108

Congregational Response (Naming those we love profoundly)

STATION 3 : Peter draws his sword

John 18 : 1 - 11

Pew Bible, NT, page 112

Response :

*** Congregational Response** (*Prayer of confession*)

Holy One, we are convicted of our addiction to violence. We lament the proliferation of firearms. We bemoan the staggering statistics of intimate partner violence. Yet, we confess our own complicity in the pain of our neighbors. Whether we have uttered harmful words about each other, or simply refused to acknowledge another's pain, we have betrayed the peace you left with us. We have created societies that justify violence and discrimination. God of grace, have mercy upon us, and save us from weak resignation to these evils. Amen.

*** HYMN #420**

God of Grace and God of Glory

STATION 4 : Jesus is arrested and Peter denies Christ

John 18 : 12 - 18

Pew Bible, NT, page 112

Response :

Congregational Response:

Merciful God, we confess that, too often, we've been inactive bystanders in the face of someone else's victimization. Forgive us for choosing self-preservation over justice. Amen.

HYMN #356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (verse 2)

STATION 5 : Peter denies Christ again and again

John 18 : 19 - 27

Pew Bible, NT, page 112

Reading by Peter :

Congregational Response (*Reflecting on the art and participating in Peter's denial*)

STATION 6 : Jesus is Crucified

John 19 : 1 - 8, 14 - 20, 25 - 30

Pew Bible, NT, pages 113 - 114

Reading by Peter :

Congregational Response (*Singing then departing in silence*)

HYMN #356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (verse 3)

DISMISSAL

“Prone to wander, Lord, we feel it, prone to leave the God we love.” Friends, we are more like Peter than we may like to admit. Our Lord has died and we were not there. And so, tonight we grieve with Peter. Our wandering hearts are heavy. But as you leave this place, remember: your wandering heart is always tethered to the love of God. God's abundant grace existed for Peter and it exists for you. God's love will never run out. So go now in peace, trusting that streams of mercy shall find us all. Amen.

All worshipers depart in silence.

JOYS & CONCERNS

If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.

- ◆ Pray for Rod Behlen as he continues on Hospice Care.
- ◆ Pray for Jeannie Kiser Jensen as she deals with difficulties after surgery.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Harold Palmer, brother of Loretta & Chris Dixon. Harold passed away on March 22nd and funeral service was held March 27th in Lyons, Ne.
- ◆ **Homestead Presbytery: Belden Union**
Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Belden Union congregation. May they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.
- ◆ **UCC Living Waters Association: Stanton New England Congregational UCC** (Stanton, NE 68779)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 29 - Good Friday Ecumenical service, noon, Grace Episcopal church, church offices closes at noon
- March 31 - Easter Sunday service, 10 am; egg hunt
- April 1 - Church office closed
- April 13 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- April 20 - Youth Pizza Fund Raiser

Rescue Mission Meals

Federated Church delivers meals to the Rescue Mission the second Friday of each month. The new Rescue Mission is located in the old Mory's Haven, on 15th Street and 12th Avenue. There are no steps there. Meals should consist of a main dish, a salad or vegetable and bread or rolls. Dessert is not necessary but always appreciated. Suggestions include tacos, soup, sloppy joes, casseroles, spaghetti, lasagna, pizza, burritos, enchiladas, or whatever you'd like to take. Because you need to plan for 25 people, it is a good idea to pair up with someone. The meal should be there by 5:00 p.m. There are several openings for this year. Please be a part of this important ministry and sign up in the Narthex!
Social Concerns and Missions Committee

THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

Friday, March 29, 2024 - Good Friday

- 12:00pm Church Office closed
- 12:00pm Good Friday Ecumenical service, Grace Episcopal Church
- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, March 30, 2024

No events scheduled

Sunday, March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday

- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:00am Easter Egg Hunt
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, April 1, 2024

Church office closed

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

- 1:30pm Cries of the Spirit, Library room
- 5:30pm Consonaires, Choir room
- 6:30pm Christian Education Committee
- 7:15pm Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

- 10:00am Staff meeting, office
- 6:30pm Bells of Joy Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 4, 2024

- 6:30pm Worship Service, Sanctuary

Friday, April 5, 2024

- 6:00pm El Buen Prayer Service, EC6

Saturday, April 6, 2024

No events scheduled

Sunday, April 7, 2024

- 8:45am SALT (Adult Education), Fellowship Hall
- 9:00am Education Hour, various rooms
- 10:00am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 3:00pm Spanish Worship Service, Sanctuary

Membership & Growth Small Groups: Do you enjoy concerts, plays, or any upcoming arts and events in Columbus? However do you stay home because you do not want to attend alone and would rather go with others? Here is your chance to go with others. The Membership and Growth Committee is getting a group of people together to attend these events. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Lind and leave your name, phone number and email address. I will add your name or names to the list and will contact you when the next event comes up. If there is something you would like to see or attend, please give us your ideas. Please contact the church office if you need Ruth's contact information.