



March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Greeting

Opening Hymn "How Can We Name a Love" 111 UMH
Mark Swessinger, baritone

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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. Amen.

Offering

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading and Sermon

First Story: The End of the Age -Rev. Robb McCoy

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

13 As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

2 "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

5 Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. 6 Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 8 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

24 "But in those days, following that distress, "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;

25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

26 "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

28 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. 29 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. 34 It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

35 "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Response in Song "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" 368 UMH
Mark Swessinger, baritone

Blessing

Closing Hymn "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" 405 UMH
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WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Mark 13:37

“And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon.	Mark 13:9-13	Trust in Trials
Tue.	Mark 13:14-23	Flee!
Wed.	Psalm 102:1-11.	Hear My Prayer, O Lord!
Thu.	Psalm 102:12-17	Promises
Fri.	Psalm 102:23-28	God Our Provider
Sat.	Mark 14:1-2	Between a Rock and a Hard Place

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- ◇ **Highs and Lows:** Name one silly thing you saw or did today. Name one serious thing you saw or did today.
- ◇ **Thinking About This Week’s Story:** One way we can “keep awake” is to watch for people who need God’s love, and then help them. Who did you see that needed God’s love today and how did you share God’s love with them?
- ◇ **Getting Ready For Next Week’s Story:** People celebrated Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem on a colt. What is one way you celebrated today?

PRAY TOGETHER

Say this prayer together: Dear God, help me watch for you today. Amen.

SERMON SERIES:

“First Story”

April 5	Palm Sunday: Anointing at Bethany	Mark 14:3-9
April 12	Easter Sunday: Resurrection	Mark 16:1-8