

“Becoming Disciples More Faithful Than Teachers”

Part 3. Surpass the Righteousness of the Teachers

Matthew 5:17-26

1. _____ the law, necessary until everything is accomplished.

2. _____ the righteousness of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law.

3. _____ matters with your adversaries quickly.

Keys: 1. Keep; 2. Surpass; 3. Settle

Make Companions in Christ!

Jesus ... called 12 disciples ... [two-by-two] (Matthew 10:1-5)

- Pray for your CIC
- Encounter your CIC
- Define God’s Call with your CIC
- Celebrate and commission CIC for the Kingdom of God!

Announcements/ Reminders

1. Welcome all. “March is Women’s History Month”

“Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn’t be that women are the exception.” Ruth Bader Ginsburg

2. Liturgists—thanks!

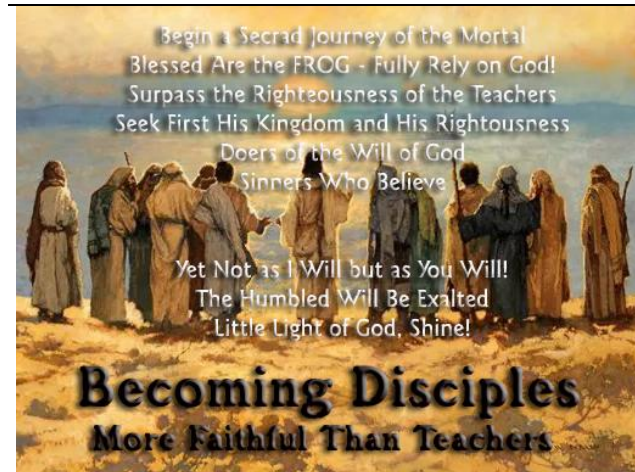
+ March 1: Christine Fattore

+ March 8: Cathy Pevey

3. Join “Lenten Journey at Covenant” (see Calendar)

4. “Joyful” Music Ministry (Kathryn Herman, Music Director)

+ Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday at 7 p.m.



Becoming Disciples More Faithful Than Teachers

Jesus called, equipped and sent the disciples rather than the teachers of the Law for His Kingdom and Righteousness. Come as the

learners of the gospel, rather than teachers of the Law. Be the faithful disciples in the unfaithful society. Follow Jesus of Nazareth. Alleluia!

❖ Liturgical Highlights during Advent

+ Sun., March 1, Second Sunday in Lent

- 9 a.m. Children/Youth (Family) Service
- 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet
- 10 a.m. Celebration of Worship

+ Sun., March 8, Third Sunday in Lent

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- 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet
- 10 a.m. Celebration of Worship

+ Sun., March 15, Fourth Sunday in Lent

UMCOR (UM Commission on Relief) Sunday

- 9 a.m. Children/Youth (Family) Service
- 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet
- 10 a.m. Celebration of Worship

+ GGYM Activities on Fridays at Covenant: Mar. 6, 13, & 27th at 6:30p

Celebration of Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026 at 10 a.m.

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Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Prelude Kathryn Herman

***Call to Worship – Joel 2:13**

Liturgist: Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord,
your God,

**People: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and
abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.**

All: Alleluia.

***UMH No. 620** "One Bread, One Body" O.B.O.B.

Opening Prayer Offered in Unison

**O God, your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all
who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again
with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold
fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your
Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one
God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Personal Prayer Offered in Silence

We pray for the people of the State of New Hampshire, the
Granite State, joined our union on June 12, 1788 (settled in 1623).
Prior to statehood, the land was inhabited primarily by the Western
Abenaki [ah-beh-NAH-kee] and the Pennacook [PENN-nuh—cook]
Confederacy. These were not single "tribes" in the modern sense but
rather a network of related bands and villages. The first permanent
European settlement was in 1623. The transfer of land from indigenous
people to European settlers was a long and devastating process. Similar
to other eastern states, the indigenous peoples suffered a catastrophic
loss of people with historical estimates as high as 90% from European
diseases, especially smallpox. Misunderstood "deed" and defensive
alliances for land were characterized by permanent transfers of land
rather than shared use agreements. Warfare resisting colonial expansion
spread throughout the region eventually resulting in many indigenous
peoples moving out of the region or north into Canada.

Today, there are no federally recognized tribes in New Hampshire. Also
pray for those who live in Belgium, Luxembourg, and Netherlands.

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel Lesson "Matthew 5:17-26" New International Version

Witness to the Word Rev. Dr. DaeHwa Park

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Confession and Pardon – UMH No. 12

***The Peace**

Offering of Our Time, Talents, and Treasures

Offertory "I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hill" Chancel Choir
By Alan Pote
Cathy Slawson, flute; Jeanne Su, violin

***Doxology - UMH No. 94** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer – UMH No. 18

"Musical Setting B"

***Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup**

Communion is shared by intinction. Cup hands and receive a
piece of bread, dip it into chalice, and take it.

Acknowledgements and Faith Sharing

Welcome visitors. Join our small groups!

***UMH No. 452** "My Faith Look Up to Thee" OLIVET

***Benediction** Rev. Dr. DaeHwa Park

Postlude Kathryn Herman

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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9a	Children/Youth (Family) Worship	Sanctuary
9:30a	Meet and Greet	Fellowship Hall
10a	Worship	Sanctuary
6p	Sunday Evening Study	thru Zoom

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11a	Coffee with the Pastor	thru Zoom
1-2p	Bible Study	thru Zoom
5:30p	Staff Meeting	thru Zoom
9p	The Holy Club	thru Zoom

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11-2p	Meet the Pastor	thru Zoom
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12p	High Noon Prayer	Sanctuary/thru Zoom
7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
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Thur., March 5

11-2p	Meet the Pastor	Pastor's Study/thru Zoom
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(Event details available at narthex)

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12 Hours of Famine – TBD (Youth Event)

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