

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

The scriptures for the next few weeks are full of multi-dimensional stories of Jesus on the move as he heals, builds community wherever he goes, shares quiet moments with new friends, and deals with opposition. Come to worship and share the big picture of the Whole Christ for the Whole People of God:



Sunday, February 5: Mark 1:29-39: *Let us go to the neighboring towns:* Jesus is on the move; the part of us that is on the move is in tune with Christ.

Sunday, February 12: Mark 1:40-45: *If you choose, you can make me clean:* Jesus is a healing presence in our lives.

Sunday, February 19: Transfiguration Sunday: Mark 9:2-9: *This is my child, the Beloved, listen to him.* Disciples become one with Christ's Light.

LENT - Shepherd Me O God (Psalm 23)
Disciples Unite with Christ to offer Self-giving Love
During Lent we will explore the ways Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd,
using Psalm 23 each week:

Ash Wednesday, February 22: 12 noon, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.: Matthew 6:1-21: *When you fast, do not look sad; wash your face:* Jesus' instructions on how to fast, and how to pray.

Sunday, February 26: 1st Sunday in Lent: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want ... Mark 1:9-15: *And when he was baptized the Spirit drove him into the wilderness:* Disciples feed the hungry with physical and spiritual food.

Sunday, March 4: 2nd Sunday in Lent: He leads me in the paths of righteousness ... Mark 8:31-38: *Take up your cross and follow me:* Disciples build community among all people wherever they go. (Peacemaking Workshop Day starting at 1:30 p.m. this day at First Church)

Sunday, March 11: 3rd Sunday in Lent: Even in the shadow of death's valley I will fear no evil ... John 2:13-22: *Zeal for your house will consume me:* Disciples keep God's House Safe and offer God's hospitality wherever they are.

Sunday, March 18: 4th Sunday in Lent: Your rod and your staff comfort me: John 3:14-21: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world: Disciples reach out in service to the whole world.

Sunday, March 25: 5th Sunday in Lent: You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies: Passion Narrative, the story of Christ's Passion according to St. Mark's Gospel, with "Readers' Theater" composed of readers from First Church and NWU Theater majors.