

Resist evil in all its forms:
Racism, Discrimination, Exploitation, Violence



Whosoever will come after me,
let him deny himself, and take up his
cross, and follow me. *Mark 8:34*

February 20 & 21, 2021

1st Sunday in Lent

Gathering to Celebrate in Worship

Welcome & Call to Worship Birthdays & Anniversaries
Announcements Invocation

Offering Up of Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness

Hymn of Praise *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*
God Sightings and Personal Testimonies
Prayer Concerns *Solidarity with Virus, War and Storm Victims and Suffering Children*

Added to the Prayer List from Last Week

Michelle Adcock, Bill Stallion

Families of Mark Engle, Alan Samuel, Roni Sisk, Russel Stewart, Barry Whitaker

Health Care Workers: Ron Fowler, Melissa Milam, Donna Smith, Greer Waldrop,
Joy Crook, Susie Schumann, Michelle Adcock, Elizabeth Uys

Homebound: Dianne Stallion, Freda & Dan Wyatt, Mary Lou Anderson,
Betty Travis, Carl Hamilton, Ruth Purvis

Military Families

Ron Fowler, Dylan Field, Kale Merrick, Matthew Petway, Sarah Petway,
Randy Bagwell, Christopher Telle, Brittany Jones, Bryar Fortner

In God's Hands: Ecumenical Prayer Cycle for Feb 28-Mar 6
Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands

Prayers of the People

Gracious and life-giving God, through the suffering and death of your
Son Jesus Christ you have raised us to the new life of grace: Hear our
prayers on behalf of all people, that your promise of fruitfulness may
extend throughout the world, as we say:

**We praise you in the great assembly.
May our hearts live forever.**

Magnify the voices of the poor and needy until they fill the hearts and
minds and ears of the leaders of this and all nations, that all people in
authority may follow in your ways of justice and mercy.

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May our hearts live forever.**

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

Words of Assurance, Pastoral Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer

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Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness.
"Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow!"

Proclamation of the Word

The Epistle Romans 4:13-25

The Gospel Mark 8:31-38

Hymn of Celebration *The Old Rugged Cross*

Passing the Peace of Christ Prayer for Illumination

Spiritual Exploration **Our Cross**

Rejection and Resurrection

And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many
things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and
scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. *Vs 31 (KJV)*

Paradigm Shift

"Satan, get behind me! You are looking at this only from a human
point of view and not from God's." *Vs 33 (TLB)*

Personal Cross

"If any of you want to come with me," he told them, "you must forget
yourself, carry your cross, and follow me." *Vs 34 (GNT)*

What Matters Most

What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you,
the real you? *Vs 36 (MSG)*

The Real Shame

"If any of you are embarrassed over me and the way I'm leading
you when you get around your fickle and unfocused friends,
know that you'll be an even greater embarrassment to the
Son of Man when he arrives in all the splendor of God, his Father,
with an army of the holy angels." *Vs 38 (MSG)*

Responding to God's Call on Our Lives

Invitation to Christian Discipleship *The altar in our heart is always open*

Hymn of Dedication *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone*

Continuing in Ministry to Our Community

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." *Jesus, Mark 16:15*

Going Forth to Love Others as Christ Loves Us

Choral Benediction *Beloved, Let Us Love One Another*



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We invite everyone to share fully in the worship services, life, ministry, and leadership of Briensburg United Methodist Church inclusive of age, race, nationality, gender, LGBTQ, theology, politics, and legal status.



Reconciling Ministries Network

Our "Reconciling Congregation" invites you to become a "Reconciling United Methodist" by completing a card in the vestibule or signing up online at www.rmnetwork.org

Please support the ministries of your church with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness
See www.Briensburg.org/calendar for complete calendar

WORSHIP & STUDY

[Saturday Worship Celebrations](#)

- 5:00 pm — Online Interactive

[Sunday Worship Celebrations with Communion](#)

- 11:00 am — In-Person and Online Worship

[Wednesday Leadership Bible Study](#)

- 6:30 pm — Interactive Online Discussion

Girl Scouts & Venturing Crew continuing online and as announced

All In-person events, except worship services, are suspended.

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Next Week's Bible Reading

John 2:13-22

But he was speaking of the temple of his body. *John 2:21*

Beloved

Let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for

God is Love.

1 John 4:7-8

Worship and Bible Study by Phone or Computer

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669 900 6833

When prompted, enter the

Meeting ID: 377 073 712

Passcode: 522606

Or, if you want to participate with video by computer or smartphone, follow the prompts at zoom.us/j/377073712

The meetings will be online 15 minutes early so everyone can greet and catch up with each other.

Briensburg United Methodist Church
Hymns for February 27 & 28, 2021

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Jesus keep me near the cross
There a precious fountain
Free to all a healing stream
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain

Chorus

In the cross in the cross
Be my glory ever
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river

Near the cross a trembling soul
Love and mercy found me
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me

Near the cross O Lamb of God
Bring its scenes before me
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadows o'er me

Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping trusting ever
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river.

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The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffring and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

O the old rugged cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary

In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
Where His glory forever I'll share]

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Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

Must Jesus bear the cross alone
And all the world go free
No there's a cross for everyone
And there's a cross for me

The consecrated cross I'll bear
Till death shall set me free
And then go home my crown to wear
For there's a crown for me

Upon the crystal pavement
Down at Jesus' pierced feet
Joyful I'll cast my golden crown
And His dear name repeat

O precious cross O glorious crown
O resurrection day
Ye angels from the stars come down
And bear my soul away

How happy are the saints above
Who once went sorr'wing here
But now they taste unmingled love
And joy without a tear

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