

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT

We might say there's an attitude problem in our world and country today. Amid debates over wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, health care reform, unemployment in economic downturns, human sexuality, abortion, even many church matters, there is a lack of civility. We easily resort to complaints about others and the circumstances around us. We have ways of trying to humble those around us. I find myself driving down the road and trying to self-talk incompetent drivers into proper handling of vehicles.

Jesus could easily have had an attitude problem, too. Though deemed by believers as having the very nature of God within him, he rode into Jerusalem on a humble donkey, appealing for people's attitudes to be changed from violence to peace. But he did more than make a ceremonial ride. "He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death" (v. 8). His humbling of self went beyond most human constraints.

We are often willing to humble ourselves to a point, but seldom to the point of death. We have limits, especially when we think we are right. We conclude there are times we have to back others into corners and make our demands. But it seldom works in families, in workplaces, in religion, in politics, and in the world at large. We think we can ride against others on horses of war, failing to see the power that comes when we ride toward others on donkeys of humility. Jesus reminds us of this power, and invites us to undergo an attitude adjustment. This attitude adjustment leads into the ways of peace.

—David Brunk, pastor
West Richmond Church of the Brethren
Richmond, Virginia

Text for Today (Palm Sunday)

Philippians 2:5-11 (8), *NRSV*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, **he humbled himself** and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.



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He humbled himself



Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 David Loveall, Pastor
 Ministers - All Members
 March 28, 2010
 9:30 a.m. Worship
Palm Sunday



NOTE: The red hymnal will be used today, unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETINGS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP **March Memory Verse:** God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. II Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

* GATHERING HYMN #174 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*INVOCATION

PRAISE HYMN #155 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

MUSIC MINISTRY *Rise Again*

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)
"The True King"

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #167 *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Luke 22:14 - 23:56

MESSAGE "The Greatest Of All Time"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN #173 *Were You There?*

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

* - *Please Stand, if you are able*

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, March 28:

Message	Pastor David Loveall
Children's Message	Pastor David Loveall
Music	Teri Kelderman
Music Ministry	Teri Kelderman
Ushers	Mark Bilsland and Scott Maggert
Adult Sunday School	Scott Maggert
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, April 4:

Message	Pastor David Loveall
Children's Message	Pastor David Loveall
Music	Lynn Rolfsmeier
Ushers	Mark Bilsland and Scott Maggert
Adult Sunday School	Not this week
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Haitian Ministry directed by Rev.
Jean-Jean & Kristie Mompremier.
www.unitedchristiansinternational.org

2009 CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator Linda Adams	Church Sign Alan Cox
Deacons Clarence & Rhelma Evans Linda Adams & Jo Rolston	Custodial Care Members take monthly turns
Clerk Jo Rolston	Farm Trustee Ross Cox
Treasurer Sandi Cox	Fellowship Time Clarence & Rhelma Evans
Adult Sunday School Teachers Linda Adams Donna Brinkman Alan Cox Marcene Cox Scott Maggert Sally Young	Lawn Care Jed Cox Ross Cox
Children's Message Marcene Cox	Messenger Agent Donna Brinkman
Children's Sunday School Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox	Ministerial Committee Marcene Cox Ross Cox Rhelma Evans Jo Rolston
Church Facility Trustee Scott Maggert	Nominating Committee Ann Maggert Sally Young

OUR CHURCH

Worship Service 9:30am
Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion
1st Sunday of Each Month

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Alan Cox
Marcene Cox
Sally Young

Parsonage Committee

Ann Maggert

Pianists

Donna Brinkman
Marcene Cox
Jill Dykstra
Teri Kelderman
Lynn Rolfsmeier

Special Music

Marcene Cox

Sunday School Superintendent

Jo Rolston

Ushers

Mark Bilsland
Alan Cox
Scott Maggert

Anniversaries and Birthdays for March

Anniversaries 16 - Ross Cox
14 - Ross & Sandi Cox 26 - Lynn Rolfsmeier

Birthdays

06 - Gerald Jans
Kevin Rolston
13 - Ray Rolston
Sheena Rolston

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

Church Events

Welcome!

Welcome to all members and guests. You came to worship, go now to serve!
You've been blessed by God's love, go now to share it!

Adult Sunday School

In Adult Sunday School we are using the *Serindipity Bible For Groups* with a Bible study format. Our topic this week is "Hide and Seek" (Section 48, #2, page 44). We welcome your attendance and participation! Next week, on Easter Sunday, there will be no adult Sunday School.

Love Feast

April 1 - On Maunday Thursday, the Love Feast service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Reminders

- 1) If you have not checked your mailbox for awhile, please do so!
- 2) Continue to bring your old and discarded shoes to put in the box at the back of the sanctuary so Northwest Enterprises can process them for Soles 4 Souls. They are committing 1.2 million pairs of shoes to Haitian victims.
- 3) Spring council meeting following worship service Sunday, May 2.

Community

April 16-30 - Meals On Wheels - Be at HyVee at 11:15 a.m. See Jo Rolston to sign up.

Those Who Need Our Prayers

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. - Romans 12:12 (NIV)

1. Prayers and condolences to the Sally Young family on the recent passing of her son, John, and her sister-in-law.
2. Jeannette Grove at Fieldcrest Assisted Living Apt. #1111. Visit her, call her at 324-0028, or send her a card.
3. Pastor David Loveall, who is struggling with severe headaches and a weak back.
4. Muriel Loveall, who is dealing with double vision and went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Mn., March 26.
5. Jennifer Caldwell, daughter of Linda Adams, who needs prayer support.
6. Julie Fisher, daughter of Clarence and Rhelma Evans, who has thyroid cancer.
7. Ann Evans and Rev. John Elder who have cancer.
8. Matt Pruin and Darla Vaandrager of Sheldon who have brain cancer.
9. Our congregation and children, may all continue to grow in the Lord.
10. Living Peace Church, Sioux City. May its ministry be continually blessed.
11. UCI - Jean-Jean & Kristie Mompremier's ministry in Haiti.
12. Lost Brothers and Sisters. May we minister unto and lead by example.
13. Those Serving in the Military. Keep them from harm and danger.



SERMON NOTES of Sunday, March 28, 2010

"The Greatest Of All Time"

Scripture: Luke 22:14 - 23:56

