

Preaching schedule

2014

Mar. 16 Natalia Terfa

Title: ***Stuck***

Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-3, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Nicodemus came to Jesus in the cover of night - and then despite his desire to believe, he gets stuck. Stuck in the ways the world works, stuck in the ways he thinks things should go, and he can't hear what Jesus is telling him. Here, in the section that contains the most famous verse in the Bible, we come face to face with the love of God that frees us from our own "stucks." *"We shouldn't act surprised, when we don't understand what a God who says He passes all understanding is doing with our lives."* Bob Goff

Wednesday, March 19 Natalia Terfa

Title: ***Change of Season***

Text: Ecc 3: 1-8, Luke 13: 18-21

We hear it all the time in MN - if we didn't have the changing seasons, we wouldn't appreciate each one. Is this just something we tell ourselves in order to justify our horrible winters? Do we do the same thing in our life? Do we really need extremes to help us appreciate the changes in the seasons of our lives? (Hebrew "season" a set aside time and purpose, Greek Chronos AND Kairos)

Mar. 23 Chad Brekke

Title: ***The Real You***

Exodus 17:1-6; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-42

She had a longer conversation with Jesus than any other conversation with him recorded in the gospels. Jesus talked longer with this woman than with any of his accusers, his own disciples, or anyone else he encounters along the way. And yet, you don't even know her name! Even so, this woman may be able to help you learn something important about yourself, something you can only learn in the presence of Christ.

Wednesday, Mar 26 Katie Rykal

Change of Circumstances

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24, Luke 12:22, 25-26, 29-34

We all know the song, Don't Worry Be Happy. We hear it on the radio, on commercials, some of us grew up hearing it. But how often do we actually listen to the phrase – Don't worry, be happy? Worry is a natural part of life. We worry about the little things, we worry about the big things. Worry keeps us awake at night, occupies our minds during the day. What would our life be like if we truly embraced the "Don't Worry, Be Happy" mentality?

Mar. 30 Chad Brekke

Here's Mud in Your Eye

Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Throughout the gospels we find people trying to figure out what just happened after Jesus passes through. There is a sense that Jesus keeps moving forward, leaving a changed world in

his wake. What does this mean for the church today? Should we be working harder to hold our ground or to keep up with a Lord always on the move?

Wednesday, Apr 2 Nate Bergengren

Title: ***Change of Heart***

Text: Ezek 36:22-28, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

April 6 Natalia Terfa

Title: **Me Too**

Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45

Today we hear two of the most powerful words in the Bible: Jesus wept. What does it mean for us that we have a God that weeps with us, that joins us in not only the joys of this world, but the sorrows as well?

April 9 Brent Haglund

Title: ***Change of Plans***

Text: Isaiah 52:13-15, Mark 10:32-34

God's ways are not our own. We expect a conquering king and hero, but Jesus instead leads us down the road to Jerusalem and humbles himself on the cross. God changes our plans and replaces them with a love broader and deeper than anything we could imagine.

April 13 Chad Brekke (Palm Sunday)

Title: According To Matthew

April 17 Maundy Thursday

April 18 Good Friday

April 20 Chad Brekke (Easter)

Title: **Key Ingredients**

Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10

In ten short verses, the gospel of Matthew paints a vivid picture of that first Easter morning. The Easter Gospel is even better news than you may have imagined. Even better than life everlasting, if you can believe that!

April 27 Natalia Terfa

Title: **The End Result**

Acts 2:22-24, 29-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Our Gospel text and the epistle today both talk about doubt, and what happens when we come face to face with a risen Christ in the midst of our doubt. 1 Peter says that when we believe in Christ risen, when we go through refining trials, our genuine faith is revealed and we get an “end result.”