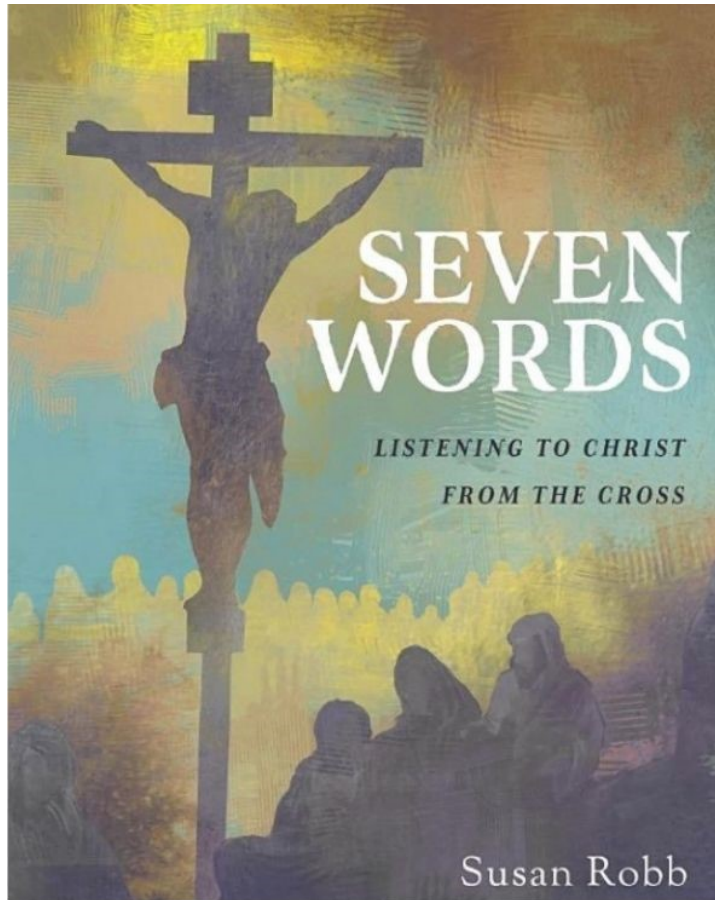


LENTEN SUNDAY SERMON & STUDY SERIES

March 6—April 17, 2022



EXAMINE THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS

In *Seven Words*, Susan Robb looks at the seven last words of Christ on the cross through a lens that finds life and hope in His final sayings, while exploring each from a biblical and historical perspective. The book brings a hopeful and contemplative take on the cross during the weeks of Lent.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES ENCLOSED

All are Welcome!

Registration is Not Required • No Cost for the Book

We Encourage You to Participate!

Groups Begin Week of March 6 and continue through April 17



Just as Advent led us to the birth of Jesus, the Season of Lent prepares us for the greatest sacrifice ever made, the death of Jesus on the Cross. This act made it possible for us to inherit eternal life, but how many of us really want to face the reality of the cross? As Pastor Robb states: “The reality is that preparing for the joy of Easter by walking with Jesus through His last days, and taking time to stand by Him and listen to His words from the cross, offers a depth of understanding and spiritual power that one simply cannot experience by moving only from joy to joy.”

Too often, instead of following the way of the cross and listening to the most meaningful and powerful words ever spoken, some joke about “giving up” something, knowing that they can have whatever that something is on Sundays throughout Lent.

It’s easy to forget that it’s from the cross that Jesus spoke and showed His deepest love for us. It’s from the cross that as Jesus breathed His last breath and spoke His last words that His deep trust in the Father and His divine glory were revealed. Jesus offers us the possibility of an intimate relationship with Him if only we are willing to approach the cross.

Yes, Advent is easier. The sounds of Christmas are all around us while Lent is more somber. Lent requires us to reflect on our lives and to seek a deeper walk with Jesus. Lent challenges us to ask ourselves where we are in our walk with Christ. Lent asks us what we are willing to let God do in our hearts and lives, not only for during the Season of Lent, but in our lifetime. In the end, both seasons offer hope, joy, peace, and love.

In *SEVEN WORDS*, Rev. Susan Robb looks at the seven last words of Christ on the cross from a biblical and historic perspective and finds life, hope, challenges, and blessings in His final sayings. She challenges us to a deeper, rewarding walk with Jesus.

The easy-to-read book, *SEVEN WORDS* by Rev. Susan Robb, is available for you free of charge. Please pick up a copy and join an adult group. You will find that not only are you blessed, but that you will also be a blessing to someone else. The following adult groups will be studying *SEVEN WORDS* by Susan Robb. If you have questions, please contact the leader of the group or Linda Manning.

ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ON SUNDAY MORNING

AGAPE PLUS

Leaders: Pam & Pat Thornton, Kurt Streicher, Phil Paulson, Marian Paulson

Agape Plus meets in Rooms 302-303 on the upper level on Sundays at 9:30 AM. This is a mixed class who welcomes everyone and encourages you to join them at any time! This class is meeting in person and via ZOOM. Contact the church office or one of the leaders for the link to ZOOM.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK

LADIES ARM GROUP

Leader: Sharon Phillips

This Ladies ARM group is a caring and sharing group of women whose primary focus is to create an atmosphere where group members affirm and encourage one another. They usually meet at the church in Room 304 on the upper level of the church on the 2nd and 4th (and perhaps the 5th) Thursdays of the month from 7:00-9:00 PM. However, as they navigate through the challenges that COVID presents, this could change and they would then meet via ZOOM. Please contact the church office if you plan to join this group. All women are welcome!

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Leader: Chris Harvey

The Thursday Evening Bible Study group meets during the school year on Thursday Evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM. This mixed group meets via Zoom, so please contact Chris Harvey or the church office for the link to ZOOM. They would be delighted to have you join them!

WINGS (WEDNESDAY INSPIRATIONAL NIGHT (OF) GROUP STUDY)

Leaders: Jean Black and Heather Dennis

WINGS is a group that is open to everyone! They gather to study the current Sunday Sermon Study Series and then, at other times, offer a different study, watch and discuss a movie, or participate in a service project. They meet at the church in Room 302-303 on the upper level on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 PM.



ASH WEDNESDAY IN-PERSON WORSHIP

March 2nd at 6:30pm

**Imposition of Ashes will be
Offered throughout the Day**

Pastor Tom and Connor Morrison will be at the church throughout the day beginning at 7:00am if you would like to stop in for prayer and to receive the mark of ashes.
(No Appointment Needed)



Seven Words

Listening to Christ from the Cross



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