



Watch the service with this sermon at  
<http://www.catoctin.org/stand-up-for-jesus/>

### Context

*In Luke's gospel, the news of Jesus' teachings and miracles has been circulating throughout Galilee and the crowds are flocking. Jesus settles the crowd alongside the sea and shares his famous sermon by first proclaiming his blessings and woes, and then telling parables and stories to guide his followers.*

### Key Takeaways

- *Sometimes you know there's a "log in your eye" but you are too angry, busy, or exhausted to recognize, admit, and address it. It is so much easier to focus on the "speck" in another's eye instead of looking inward.*
- *We struggle because both good and bad are present in all of us. But as the Iona community assures us, God's goodness is planted much more deeply than all the bad that haunts us. Come to Jesus, the true master gardener, who prunes and nurtures us.*
- *Like a poorly sited building, your faith foundation may be eroded. Perhaps life is changing too much, too fast, or you can't be bothered and depend on do-overs. It's easy to postpone getting right with God. But when the floods come your building gets washed away.*
- *What happens if you are left with no foundation or it's eroding? You can admit it and call on the Lord, who brings order out of chaos. Jesus, is the master builder, who can repair or remake your foundation to make it strong.*
- *If you say "I don't care," your festering problem will take over, like the single Russian olive tree that overtook an empty 1.5 acre lot.*
- *When things are lousy for us or throughout the world, always remember that Jesus loves us and has power over everything. Don't be afraid, trust in Christ, hear what Jesus says and take action by calling on the Lord.*
- *Do mercy, act justly, and walk humbly with God until that day when sin and death are swallowed up in victory. Jesus gets the last laugh on death, sin, and brokenness. Thanks be to God for life, love, and service to Christ.*

**Luke 6:39-49** (NLV) "Then Jesus gave the following illustration: 'Can one blind person lead another? Won't they both fall into a ditch? Students are not greater than their teacher. But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher. And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying, 'Friend, let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart. So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say? I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house right on the ground, without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins.'"



### Announcements

*Take part in the life of the church as you feel called and able to do! Meetings are (I) in person, (V) virtual, or (H) hybrid.*

- **March 2** - Prayer Service (V) 6:00 pm
- **Ash Wednesday Service** - 6:30 pm (H)
- **March 3** - Book Club (H), 7:30 pm
- **Sunday, March 6 - First Sunday in Lent**
  - **Worship including the Lord's Supper** (H) 11:00 am
  - **Christian Education** – Adult Sunday School (H) at 10:00 am; Children's Sunday School during 11:00 worship.
  - **"Rapping with the Rev"** after worship (H) in Fellowship Hall with snacks
  - **Prayer & Care Team** at 12:30 pm
- **Church Mission Trip** – in June to Appalachia, KY. For more info, contact [pastor@catoctin.org](mailto:pastor@catoctin.org).
- **March 8** - Operations meeting (V) at 4:00 pm
- **March 9** - YMAC Team Meeting 1:00 pm,
  - Prayer service (V) at 6:00 pm
  - Lenten Bible Study (H) at 6:45 pm

# Lent starts this week, Wednesday, March 2!

The season of reflection, penance, and service in preparation for Easter begins

- **Ash Wednesday Service** - March 2 at 6:30 p.m.  
*in person in the sanctuary*
- **Lenten Bible Study series** (hybrid) - "An Acceptable Fast"  
6:45 p.m., Wednesdays, March 9 - April 13
  - *themes include voicing gratitude, taking the long view, choosing well, accepting responsibility, welcoming the future, and trusting God in times of conflict.*
- Opportunities for prayer, fellowship, charity, and service

# Ministry Opportunities

Do any of these sound like you? Maybe God is calling you to serve!

- Positions with Tech Team, Stewardship, or Operations
- Needed gifts:
  - Administration
  - Communication
  - Helping
  - Leadership
- Areas of interest, passion, & skills
  - Website and church data management
  - Streaming and video
  - Stewardship and planned giving



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STARTS NEXT SUNDAY,  
MARCH 6!

## Rapping with the Rev!

Following worship, take some time to chat with Pastor David!

Got questions about church life, the universe, or God? Ask away! (No, he doesn't have all the answers, but he loves exploring questions!)

Plus, snacks! Join us in person in the Fellowship Hall



# Got an Announcement?

- If you have an announcement you want to get out to the CPC family, send it to [pastor@catoctin.org](mailto:pastor@catoctin.org) or [clerk@catoctin.org](mailto:clerk@catoctin.org) or call 571-293-6543.
- Send it by Thursday to have it included in the next Sunday service.



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# CPC Mission Trip 2022

Pike County, Kentucky



We're opening this mission opportunity up to **Upper Elementary to Adult** participants. Please take time to prayerfully consider participating in this event.

Non-Refundable Per-Person Commitment Fee  
Due Date: **February 27, 2022**  
Commitment Fee: **\$100 (Payable to CPC)**  
Trip Dates: **June 26 - July 1, 2022**  
Location: **Pike County, Kentucky**

Questions? Contact [pastor@catoctin.org](mailto:pastor@catoctin.org) or [mission@catoctin.org](mailto:mission@catoctin.org)

Learn more at <https://experiencemission.org/mission-trips/appalachia-kentucky>



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