The Obstacles of Others

A Lenten Study

During Lent this year, my sermons will be exploring the obstacles that Jesus faced in his ministry. These range from people to concepts, and not all of them are things that Jesus overcomes. No life is without its own obstacles, and hearing the obstacles that others face may allow us to be more empathetic, and also think about the challenges that we face in new ways, as well as how we might interpret scripture or faith in new ways.

This study consists of one scripture drawn from the upcoming worship service, an online video less than 20 minutes long, and a couple of questions for reflection. You are welcome to engage with this material in whatever way you would like and at any time. If you are interested in discussing anything that comes out of this process, please email me to indicate your interest and you will be included in the planning of a discussion session, likely on ZOOM, during Holy Week.

We pray that all burdens are lifted, but until that time may we hear one another with love.

—Rev. Scott

Week Six

CGPGrey

“Escape from Lockdown!”

Link: <https://youtu.be/FWP41MXLMGY>

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

CGPGrey is an educational channel covering topics from science to geography to history and beyond. He is an American but has lived in the UK for well over a decade, initially as a school teacher. However, in this video (filmed in the autumn of 2020) Grey goes out to explore London while it remains devoid of open businesses and tourists, reflecting upon some of the things in the city and his experiences past.

What is being celebrated in each of these stories? As Grey bikes through the city, this might be a good time to reflect upon where God is leading us. There are many places in our lives that we return to and find them different, no doubt as Jesus did as he entered Jerusalem before a celebratory crowd. What new times are ahead of us, and what new times are ahead of you?