



Message from Pastor Michelle

Super Sunday

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth in him, should not perish, but shall have everlasting life." John 3:16

This Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday. It is likely that grocery stores are going to witness all time high sales on chips and salsa, chicken wings, and all the things that make a good game day spread! It would not be too far a stretch to say the dynamics surrounding this years' super bowl could have the numbers of people watching at an all-time high! I was watching the today show and Jenna Bush Hager had a detailed flight plan that was outlining the possibility of Taylor Swift performing in Tokyo and making the Super Bowl. By her analysis, she could make it!

There is no doubt we love sports, and we love following a good story! Here is the truth friends. Chips and Salsa are good, addictive even, but they won't bring healing to your spirit. Football is fun, but it doesn't bring salvation to our world. Taylor Swift is amazing and so is Travis Kelce, but I think they would even admit, they have nothing on Jesus. We are approaching the journey towards a Super Sunday that has nothing to do with the Super Bowl. I am talking about Easter Sunday! The journey to Easter includes Fat Tuesday Dinner, Ash Wednesday, the forty-day journey to the cross, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and then #Thethirdday! Be in the story!

I love the Lenten journey that leads to Easter. Part of the reason is that it is such a personal journey as well as a corporate one. Jesus will meet each of us along the way if we commit to the journey. The Holy Spirit will grow us in ways we could never imagine if we commit to the journey. What would it look like if we were as committed to our journey with Jesus as the world will be committed to watching the Super Bowl this Sunday? Imagine the power of our witness as we come together to commit to walking #thesefortydays of Lent together.

There is nothing wrong with watching the super bowl or being involved in sports. These are things that bring us joy. Yet, we are approaching the season in the life of the church when we are called to corporate commitment to our walk with Jesus. We meet together in worship, so that we can be formed and shaped by each other as much as by the prayers, the singing, and the sermons. I can't wait for the journey to unfold, for I am sure this is going to be a powerful year of God meeting us just where we are and moving us forward each step of the way!

I'll be watching the Super Bowl Sunday! I am sure it is going to be a great game! Afterwards, I'll be getting ready to lead you all on the journey of #thesefortydays and I don't know about you, but I #cantwaitforthethirdday! I love being the Pastor of Good Sam UMC. You are an incredible group of people who surprise me all the time!

Grateful to be...With you on the journey,

Pastor Michelle