

April 6,7 2019

“The Unfair Way”

Matthew 26:47-68, 27:1-26

Message by Steve Fowler

Worship led by Laura Scharer

Music:

Here Is Love	Come To The Altar	Jesus Paid It All
I Have Decided	Christ Is Enough	

Sermon:

You can't fix injustice with injustice.

“The limitation of riots, moral questions aside, is that they cannot win and their participants know it. Hence, rioting is not revolutionary but reactionary because it invites defeat. It involves an emotional catharsis, and it will be followed by a sense of futility.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Lord my God, I take refuge in you; save and deliver me from all who pursue me, or they will tear me apart like a lion and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue me. Lord my God, if I have done this and there is guilt on my hands—if I have repaid my ally with evil or without cause have robbed my foe—then let my enemy pursue and overtake me; let him trample my life to the ground and make me sleep in the dust. Arise, Lord, in your anger; rise up against the rage of my enemies. Awake, my God; decree justice. Let the assembled peoples gather around you, while you sit enthroned over them on high. Let the Lord judge the peoples. Vindicate me, Lord, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity, O Most High. Bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure—you, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts.

Psalms 7:1-9

“The practice of non-violence requires a belief in divine vengeance. So many of the world's problems today would be solved if people believed in the fact that there is a God who judges justly and that we can trust Him to put things right in the end.”

Miroslav Volf

You can't wash your hands of injustice.

If you genuinely care about justice you should want Christianity to be true.

Am I, in any way, fighting injustice with injustice?

Am I washing my hands of any injustice that is in my power to address?

Remember that every injustice on earth is recorded in heaven, and one day every wrong will be made right by a just Judge.

Jesus, when he was reviled, did not revile in return when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

1 Peter 2:23