

## Transcript of Video Message from Dr. Phil Gehman

Hey y'all, Kay and I are so absolutely delighted to be sharing in the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Faith Church.

I want to tell you the story about the first Easter Cross that Faith Church had, in 1980.

In good Presbyterian fashion, the idea arose in the Worship and Commitment Committee and subsequently was endorsed by the Session.

A few days later a couple guys constructed the Cross.

Someone else went out looking for chicken wire to drape it in.

As you can imagine the finished project was a pretty gangly contraption.

Anyway, after the Maundy Thursday Service, a hole was dug in the lawn along Friendly Avenue, and the cross was inserted and was draped in black.

The next day I started to get a little bit concerned.

Would anyone remember that the Easter Cross was there?

Would anyone bring flowers for the cross?

Well I need not have worried.

On Easter Sunday morning, when I went to the church early to practice my sermon a couple of times and to take the shroud off the cross, flowers had already been inserted.

And by the time Sunday School arrived and certainly by the service of worship, the cross was just a beautiful, beautiful creation.

Forever afterwards, that cross served as a vivid reminder of the vivid faith of the people of Faith Church.

And reminded me how the people of Faith Church were always willing to pitch in together, as they surely were.