

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14, 2010

10:50 AM

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Educational Wing.

WELCOME/MEDITATION

All are asked to complete the attendance register in the pew and pass it along to each person. Please indicate any prayer concerns also to be given to the ushers during the offering.

Prelude *Blessed Jesus* **Webber**

***Call to Worship**

A new day has dawned, God's gift to us; the fruits of the land are ours to enjoy.
We are a new creation in Jesus Christ; the old has passed away, the new has come.

There is a day for forgiveness and reconciliation; celebrate God's love for the lost who are found.

The glad cries of deliverance surround us; shouts of joy arise from our hearts.

Let all who are faithful offer up prayers; may all who are in Christ give thanks.

We will be glad and join the dance of life; with the upright of heart, we rejoice and sing.

***Processional Hymn** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (stanzas 1,2, & below)* **UMH Page 57**
Harlots and publicans and thieves, in holy triumph join! Saved is the sinner that believes from crimes as great as mine.

Murderers and all ye hellish crew, ye sons of lust and pride, believe the Savior died for you; for me the Savior died!

With me, your chief, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below and own that love is heaven.

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise** *O How He Loves You and Me* **TFWS Page 2108**

PROCLAMATION

New Testament Lesson *2 Corinthians 5:16-21* **N. T. Page 181**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message **Bob Friend**

Children's Church (Children age 4 through 1st grade may go to the Children's Church Room)

Junior Church (Children 2nd grade through 5th grade may go to the Junior Church Room)

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* **UMH Page 301**

***Gospel Lesson** *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32* **N. T. Page 78**
Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Message *Will My Child Ever Come Home?* **Rev. Charles Swadley**

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer **Unison**

Let us pray: **Thank you God, for proclaiming our worth when we do not value ourselves. Thank you for welcoming us to a celebration of life with so many precious gifts. Thank you now for the privilege of sharing so others may be led to your joyous embrace. Help us to be generous in gratitude for your lavish provision for all our needs. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *Amazing Love* **Harlan**

***Doxology** **UMH Page 682 (stanza 5)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Apostles Creed** **Page 881**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* **UMH Page 297**

***Commission and Blessing**

Stay near to God during the week that lies ahead; be faithful in your times of prayer.

God is our hiding place and present help; we will speak to God and for God this week.

Live as ambassadors of Jesus Christ every day; rejoice when a sister or brother returns home to God.

We will seek to love as we have been loved; we will welcome, not judge, our brothers and sisters.

We have been reconciled to God through Jesus Christ; God's love and compassion will be with us always.

We will be glad and rejoice in God's goodness; we will share the joy of God's love. Amen.

***Benediction/Benediction Response**

***Postlude** *Deep Were His Wounds* **Johnson**

Hearing devices are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are now available. *Please stand as you are able whenever you see this symbol. All **bold type** indicates congregational participation. As we worship, we are using the red United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and the black The Faith We Sing (TFWS). We do ask that you turn off all electronic equipment, including cell phones, as a courtesy to others. Nursery care for infants-preschoolers is available at the 10:50AM Service, in the educational wing. Please see an usher for assistance.

Welcome! We are so pleased that you have chosen to worship with us on this day. Your presence is an encouragement and inspiration to us. Let us celebrate our faith and offer our thanks and praise to God for His blessings. If you desire to join our church, please speak to Rev. Charles Swadley or Rev. Bruce Lake. Membership occurs with Profession of Faith or a Letter of Transfer from another United Methodist Church or other Christian Church.

The **Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of my friend, Mark's birthday by Grace Mimbe. The **Acolytes** are Alexandra-Smith Scales and Savannah Schmidt. The **Lay Reader** is Patricia Emory. The **Lay Speaker** is Chris White. The **Greeter** is Beverly Kilgalen. The **Outside Greeter** is Mickey Barlow.

Church Council meets Tuesday, March 16, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend your Church Council meetings. This is the governing leadership body of your church. Your Council meets on the third Tuesday night of every month. At these meetings you can hear the most up to date financial reporting, gain insight into specific ministry efforts, and participate in the discussions of issues which impact on our church. Although voting is restricted to elected and appointed leadership, you have the opportunity to be heard in this open forum. We respectfully ask that any presentations or items for consideration be submitted in writing at least one week prior to a meeting so that any supporting documentation can be viewed and prayerfully considered by the entire Council. In this way our discussions or questions can be accomplished in the most effective and complete manner.

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