

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 7, 2010

10:50 AM

The themes are repentance and bearing fruit. One leads to the other. To repent is to do an about-face. To bear fruit is to use bestowed gifts for the well-being of others. Both repentance and bearing fruit imply that someone other than we ourselves will influence our behavior. To repent is to obey God. To bear fruit is to serve our neighbor. Therein lies the great commandment.

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 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* **Callahan**

*Call to Worship

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, buy, and eat!
Our souls thirst for God in a dry and weary land. We seek God's power and glory in the sanctuary.

Listen carefully to God and eat what is good; delight yourselves in the rich food God provides.
Here our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast. Together our mouths praise God with joyful lips.

God offers us steadfast love and a covenant relationship. We are called to be faithful witnesses and leaders.

We have come to meditate on the living God. We seek inspiration and empowerment to do what God asks.

* **Hymn** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* **UMH Page 127**

*Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* **Bilhorn**

Men's Chorus

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 55:1-9* **O.T. Page 685**

A prophetic song in which God promises mercy, pardon, and abundant provision to those who repent and trust in God.

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

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

Special Music *Others* **Stuart and Barry Iglehart**

***Gospel Lesson** *Luke 13:1-9* **N. T. Page 76**

Time is available for repentance and response – the fig tree and the gardener.

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

Message **Revealing Christ: The Extravagant Generosity** **Rev. Charles Swadley**

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer **Unison**

Let us pray: **All that we present to you now, O God, we have received from your hand. We give so the hungry may eat and the thirsty may receive pure water. We share to send the good news of your Word to those who have not heard. We invest in just causes, that your mercy may be known among all people. Most of all, we give because passing on your gifts in generous response is necessary to life. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *Know My Heart* **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.

Presentation of the Communion Elements **Ned and Brenda Custis**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving **Page 18**

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.

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn** *A Charge to Keep I Have* **UMH Page 413**

*Commission and Blessing

God sends us out as witnesses to good news. May our lips praise God as long as we live.

God's steadfast love is better than life; God's mercy and pardon break through life's clouds.

Call on God in the midst of each day's tasks; meditate on God's presence through the night.

God is our help in all times and places; we will call on God's name wherever we are.

God will grant us strength to resist temptation and vision to labor for what truly satisfies.

Praise God, whose waters quench our thirst. Thank God for the bread of life that feeds our souls. Amen.

***Benediction/Benediction Response**

***Postlude** *Air* **Handel**

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 memory of my father, Stephen W. Everhart, by Sherri and Jeff Hedrick. The **Acolytes** are Jay Wade and Lynette Any. The **Crucifer** is Jess Wade. The **Lay Reader and Communion Servers** are Butch and Adam Kelchner. The **Lay Speaker** is Butch Kelchner. The **Greeter** is Beverly Kilgalen. The **Outside Greeter** is Laura Cone.

The **Upper Room** devotional for March/April is now available for you to pick up. This devotional guide is available on the table in the hall across from the church office. A suggested donation of \$0.75 for small print and \$1.00 for large print is requested.

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