

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2009

10:50 AM

Peter is rebuked because he misunderstood what it meant to follow Jesus. Jesus must suffer, even be put to death. To be his disciple means sacrifice as well. Such a thought was difficult for Peter, just as it is for us today. To lose one's life for Christ's sake is to put self behind and serve others without thought of reward.

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* **Scheidt**

*Call to Worship

The way of worship invites us: "Give thanks, call on God's name."

We remember God's wonderful works and our hearts rejoice in God's presence.

The way of the covenant beckons us: "Walk blameless before your God."

God awakens our faith and trust and calls forth righteousness.

The way of the cross summons us: "Deny yourself and follow."

Christ challenges our complacency and bids us risk all for the gospel.

* **Hymn** *The God of Abraham Praise* **Page 116**

*Invocation

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

PROCLAMATION

New Testament Lesson *Romans 4:13-25* **N. T. Page 155**

Paul reminds the Jewish-Christian congregations in Rome that the founding stories of Judaism point to a God who graciously offers to include people in covenant on the basis of faith, not perfect obedience to the law.

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

Children's Message **Jeannie Wermuth**

Children's Church (Children age 4 through 1st grade may go to the Children's 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** *Take Up Thy Cross* **Page 415**

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 8:31-38

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Following Jesus means following him to his death, and possibly our own. Jesus tells the disciples that he will suffer and die at the hands of the religious authorities. Peter rebukes him privately, but Jesus rebukes Peter in front of all the other disciples, then turns to the crowds to declare that all who want to be his followers must take up their cross and follow him. If you're in this for yourself, you will lose everything. But if you're in this to follow Jesus and see the gospel lived, even if you die, you've gained it all.

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Message

Jesus, Profit or Loss?

Rev. Charles Swadley

RESPONSE

Offertory Prayer

Unison

Let us pray: **May our offerings prove that we are neither ashamed of the gospel nor unwilling to risk all your gifts to us. We rejoice in your promises, O God, even as we give ourselves to serve in Christ's name. Use these gifts and our lives to bring your love to all humankind. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

Pavonne

Klouse

*Doxology

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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. Amen.

*Apostles Creed

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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.

Consecration of Covenant Cards

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn

Standing on the Promises

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*Commission and Blessing

As we have met God in worship, we go forth to encounter God in our work.

We depart as a covenant people whose highest loyalty is to Almighty God.

The cross of Christ goes before us into the world, reminding us of the cost of discipleship.

We face the realities of everyday life, intending to put God's purposes before our own gain.

The promise and presence of God's covenant go with us to strengthen our resolve.

Our hearts rejoice in God's wonderful works; we will praise God in our words and deeds. Amen.

*Benediction/Benediction Response

*Postlude

When We Are In Utmost Need

Kerr

***Please stand as you are able. Hearing devices are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are now available. 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 the blessings He has bestowed upon us. 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 The **Lay Reader** is Jonathan Turner. **First Response Team:** Mark and Debbie Gillis. The **Greeters** are Ray and Brenda Robinson. The **Lay Speaker** is Hal Costley.

Last Sunday, March 1st when we began Lent, we celebrated a consecration of our personal faith based covenant to the ministry of LUMC for 2009. During that service we had the opportunity to place a sealed, self-addressed envelope containing our personal covenant of sacrificial support for LUMC ministries on the Communion Table. For those of you who could not be present, there is an opportunity this morning to fill out a Covenant card and seal it in a self-addressed envelope as provided by the ushers. This will establish your personal Covenant with God to support the LUMC ministries. Next week your sealed, self-addressed envelope will be placed in the Narthex Mail Box where it can be picked up by you to take home and place it in a sacred place as a reminder of your covenant with God.

The Upper Room devotional for March and 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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