

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 2009

10:50 AM

The tables are turned on the money changers! Jesus was angered by their disregard for the Temple; God's house was never intended to be merely a trading place. However, more than the tables get turned, for in his prophecy Jesus predicts how true worship will occur. He points to his resurrection, when believers will worship him in spirit and in the truth of new life. No longer will God's praise be confined to some building.

### 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** *Meditation on "Ave Verum"* **Mozart**

### \*Call to Worship

Gather to ponder the wisdom and law of God. Draw near to share in God's strength and power.

**The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul; God's testimony is sure, making wise the simple.**

The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart; God's commandments are pure, enlightening the eyes.

**The fear of God is clean, enduring forever; God's ordinances are true and righteous altogether.**

**All: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

\* Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **Page 384**

### \*Invocation

\* Hymn of Praise *More Precious than Silver* (2 times) **TFWS 2065**

### PROCLAMATION

**New Testament Lesson** *1 Corinthians 1:18-25* **N. T. Page 166**

Paul notes what must have been obvious – proclaiming a crucified man as Messiah and Savior creates difficulties for all people, Jewish or Gentile. But for those who “get it,” it is a powerful, life-changing message that opens up a new understanding of God and the world.

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

**Children's Message** **Pastor Charles**

**Children's Church** (Children age 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> 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 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* **Page 295**

\*Gospel Lesson *John 2:13-22* **N. T. Page 93**

Jesus makes Temple worship impossible at the busiest time of the year -- the Passover sacrifice. He confronts those who had turned the Temple courtyard into a marketplace, and they ask him what sign of authority he has for doing this. He tells them, “Destroy the temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

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Message *Why Did You Make Such a Fuss?* **Rev. Charles Swadley**

### RESPONSE

**Offertory Prayer** **Unison**

Let us pray: **As we honor you with these gifts, O God, we give thanks for all your blessings and pray that you will help us to be good stewards. Keep us from trading on your generosity for our own benefit rather than participating fully in your caring love for all humanity. May we be disciples and servants, not self-seeking money changers. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *O Love, How Deep* **Titcomb**

\*Doxology **Page 95**

*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.*

### SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* **Page 298**

### \*Commission and Blessing

Go forth in the joy of serving God and keeping God's commands and ordinances.

**God's ways are not burdensome, and God's wisdom, in Christ, empowers us.**

Leave behind the dominion of presumptuous sins and the tyranny of self-centered striving.

**God cleanses us from our hidden faults and grants us strength, not of this world.**

Receive God's wisdom and strength to guide all your thoughts and actions.

**We receive anew God's perfect law of love, with rejoicing hearts and enlightened eyes. Amen**

### \*Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

\*Postlude *Variations on "God of Grace" and "Once to Every Man and Nation"* **C. Hall**

**\*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 memory of loved ones by Margie Kuszaba. The **Lay Reader** is Ruth Wilson. The **Acolytes** are Lynette Any and Emory Magner. The **Crucifer** is Jess Wade. **First Response Team:** Buddy and Sylvia Arbogast. The **Greeters** are Walter and Irene Gammon. The **Lay Speaker** is John Wermuth.

**Church Council meets Tuesday, March 17, 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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*We envision churches where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world*

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