



March 6, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Communion Sunday

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Office Hours: Mon, Wed: 8:30-4:30, Thurs: 8:30-12:30

WELCOME. We are a compassionate Christian community fostering a personal connection with God for people of all ages and expressing God's love through worship, education, mission, music and fellowship.

We're glad to gather together as a community of faith today. No matter where you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here to join in worship and service. If you are new to this community of faith, we rejoice in your presence with us. Remember, we're not strangers, but rather friends who journey together, following the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a newcomer, we invite you to sign the pew pad.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available from the ushers or the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary.

MISS A WORSHIP SERVICE? Services are recorded every week. A CD-R is available upon request by contacting the church office at 342-4242.

Rev. Mouser can be reached by cell at 519-5280,
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Pastor's Office Hours: Monday & Wednesdays from 1-3
Please call ahead.
Office Hours are Monday & Wednesday from 8:30-4:30
and Thursdays from 8:30-12:30

GREETER: BARB ORDWAY

USHER: SUSAN CONNOR

YOUTH GREETER: ZOEY SULLIVAN

ACOLYTE: ERIC LEAVITT

COMMUNION: RUTH MCNAMARA AND MIKE JAMES

TRANSPORTATION NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 13, IS PROVIDED BY BETSY STRYKER . PLEASE CALL HER TO ARRANGE A RIDE AT 585-721-5754.

Please join us for Coffee and fellowship immediately following the Service.
Your host is JIM VERNI.



Order of Worship

*those who are able, please stand

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 410**

“In Christ There is No East or West”

MCKEE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

SILENT PRAYER

Loving God, we have journeyed here from diverse places and stages in life. All are welcome here. We open ourselves to what you have in store for us this day. We unlock the parts of ourselves that we have kept hidden from you. Open our minds to the message you have to share with us today. May we have ears to hear and receive. Open our spirits to your grace, your forgiving love, and your faithfulness in times of doubt and fear. Open our bodies to the comfort of your embrace, that we might feel your presence in relaxed shoulders, soft hands, and deep breaths. Amen

PRELUDE French Suite No.4 in E flat major BWV815, Movt 1 J.S. BACH

CALL TO WORSHIP

TODD MAYER

One: God welcomes you to this place – if it’s your first time, if you were here last week, or if you’re returning after a long time away.

All: We are happy to be in God’s presence!

One: God is with us on our Lenten journey, providing the nourishment and love that we need. We remember God journeying with God’s people out of Egypt and through the desert.

All: We praise God and remember God’s faithfulness.

One: On their journey home, God greeted God’s people in the promised land with new food to replace their meals of manna. God was doing a new thing in their lives.

All: We’re looking for the new thing that God is doing in our lives today.

One: God welcomes you to this place – where all will find love, forgiveness, and restoration.

All: We celebrate in God’s presence!

***HYMN NO# 468** “Just as I am, Without One Plea”

WOODWORTH

CALL TO CONFESSION

TODD MAYER

God’s love for us is so amazing, it embraces us and empowers us to be honest about our lives and our need of God’s grace. Pray with me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

TODD MAYER

God of reconciliation, during the Season of Lent you implore us to return to you – whether it be through personal repentance or by extending your love to those around us. God, help us to find the courage to turn around and return to you when we have hardened our hearts against you and others. God, help us to find the courage to turn around and return to you when we have unresolved issues in our personal lives. God, help us to find the courage to turn around and return to you when we have neglected those who are most in need. God, help us to find the courage to turn around and return to you – knowing that your loving grace and forgiveness are always available. We only need to look to you and confess where we have fallen short.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

Friends, know that whenever you make the slightest turn towards God, God is so eager to forgive you that God runs toward you and embraces you!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 32

TODD MAYER

ANTHEM “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say “

THOMAS TALLIS/DONALD BUSAROW

WORDS WITH CHILDREN/ LORD’S PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

SERMON “Radical Searching“

REV.DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

***HYMN #349** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy“

CROSS OF JESUS

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Invitation

Bread. Simple bread. Nourishing, life-giving. Yet we do not live by bread alone. It is important, but it is not enough. We need the vibrancy and life-giving power of the word of God: to lead us, to comfort us, to guide us, to challenge us. In this Communion bread, therefore, we follow Jesus’ example and take bread – plain, ordinary – and invite it to symbolize for us nothing less than the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creator God, take this bread we offer and use it to remind us that wherever we are and wherever we go, Christ is with us.

Therefore, we can venture into unknown and even scary places, knowing we are not alone.

Following Jesus’ example, we take bread, and we break it, that we might share it with others. **We offer it to all – as a symbol of nourishment for our bodies, but also as a symbol of the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ in our world and in our lives.**

We remember Jesus gathering with friends on the very night he was betrayed to death. He paused, took bread, broke it, and gave it to them saying, “Take and eat this – my body. When you share this, remember me.”

Likewise he took a cup of wine and offered it to them saying “Take and drink this – my blood poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. When you share this, remember me.”

And so, loving God, as we share this bread and this cup may we remember the presence of the living Christ in our midst and be grateful. Amen

**Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Wine
Communion of the People
Prayer After Communion**

Lord of all Life, we have shared the bread of Christ reminding us of the call to feed others. We have shared the cup of Christ reminding us of the call to share with others the new life Christ brings to our world. May we do so in your name and to your glory. Amen.

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY
DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Loving and forgiving God, you provided food for your people in the desert. You quench our spiritual thirst and comfort our weary souls when we turn toward you. No matter how far away we journey, we only need to take one step toward you, and we are embraced by your love and compassion. We bring these offerings to you with a spirit of humility. May the God who makes all things new transform these offerings into expressions of love, justice, and peace in our congregation and beyond these walls. Amen

***HYMN # 456 “Amazing Grace”**

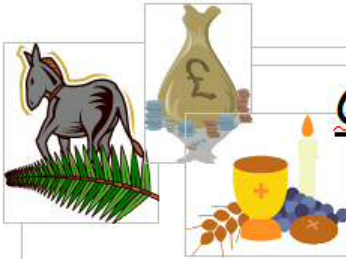
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***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

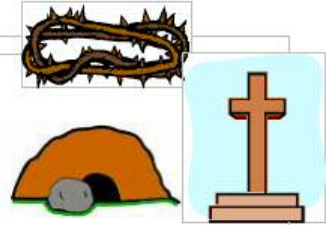
POSTLUDE Italian Concerto in F BWV971, Movt. 3

J.S. BACH



Children's Workshop

"Symbols of Holy Week"



Gathering in Room 12: March 6th

	<u>March 13</u>	<u>March 20</u>
<p>"Palm Sunday" <i>(Kindergarten - 3rd grades)</i></p>	<p>Computer Lab <i>Mrs. Linda Hayes</i> Computer Station</p>	<p>Room 10 <i>Mrs. Allison Cubitt</i> Musical Art Station</p>
<p>" Good Friday" <i>(4th - 7th grades)</i></p>	<p>Room 10 <i>Mrs. Allison Cubitt</i> Musical Art Station</p>	<p>Computer Lab <i>Mrs. Linda Hayes</i> Computer Station</p>

Intergenerational Easter Worship Service: March 27th

Preschool Teacher: Mrs. Patty Mayer (March 6th); Mrs. Gretchen Spencer (March 13th and 20th)

Youth Group News

(Grades 6-12)

- Square Dance to Benefit Mission Trip: TODAY from 3-5 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Cameron Bowl-a-Thon: Sunday, March 13th from 4-6 p.m. (*Note time change from 1:30-3:30), Cost is \$10/person to bowl 2 games, shoe rental, pizza & beverage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FORUM: on March 13th Karla Barkley will be sharing information on Keller's Kats Rescue. In May the AEM will be collecting cat food and other items to support this mission.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Through your gift, you can serve people in your community and around the world by providing food, fresh water and assistance to those rebuilding after crisis, and resources to overcome oppression. Our collection will be on Palm Sunday, March 20th. Envelopes will be available next Sunday, March 13th.

DEVOTION FOR TODAY: God's forgiving love embraces everyone. The youngest, the oldest, the wanderers, the dutiful, the sinful, the just are offered a welcome that can make everything new. This week's focus scripture is a story of rebellions and returning, and of a love that reconciles, puts us back together, in spite of ourselves. We are challenged to live generously among those we might consider family.

ADULT ED AND MISSION COMMITTEE invites you to suggest ideas for mission giving, the line designated for Mission Giving in the 2016 budget. They may be directed to Barb Ordway, Stella Megargle, Mike James, Alice Estes, Barb Chamberlin, Doug Caine, and/or Peg Baker. (Please note this is separate from the suggestions for the Ray Nelson memorial monies.)

SARAH'S CIRCLE: Please join us for a buffet lunch and tour at Tasteful Connections Catering on Thursday, March 10th at 12:00 PM. The menu is:

*Quiche Lorraine-Vegetarian Asian Lo Mein-Bread/Rolls-Dessert du jour
Coffee/Tea Wine is \$5.00 per glass*

The cost is \$18 and reservations must be called in to Alice Estes at 544-0854 by Tuesday, March 8th.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, March 6th

10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	CW Gathering	
11:30 am	Deacons' Meeting	Memorial Lounge
3-5 pm	Square Dance	Fellowship Hall

Communion Sunday & Lily Orders

Monday, March 7th

6:00 pm	AA	Rooms 10/14
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Tuesday, March 8th

7:00 pm	Troop 203 Meeting	Memorial Lounge
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Wednesday, March 9th

6:30 pm	Bells Practice	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Troop 127	Room 14
6:45 pm	Troop 79	Room 15
7:00 pm	Pack Meeting	Memorial Lounge
7:00 pm	MPP	Room 3
7:30 pm	Choir	Room 13

Thursday, March 10th

12 noon	Sarah Circle	Tasteful Connections
5:30 pm	Wolf Den	Room 14
7:15 pm	Garage Sale Mtg.	Memorial Lounge

Next Sunday, March 13th

10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:15 am	CW	
11:15 am	Adult Forum	Fellowship Hall
	"Keller's Kats"	
4-6 pm	Cameron Bowl-a-thon	