THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

March 4, 2007 The Second Sunday of Lent 10:45 a.m.

Lent is the season of 40 days leading up to Easter Sunday, beginning on Ash Wednesday. It is a time of personal reflection, confession and preparation. It is a time to spiritually retreat from the busy-ness of life and to look inward and seek the cleansing of the Holy Spirit. This will enable us to better understand the nature of the Sacrifice, better prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, and better prepare to carry the light of Christ to the world. Sundays in this season are to remain celebrations; we must never lose sight of Christ's triumph over death. Thank you for being here today; it is our hope that worship will be deeply meaningful for you.

We would also ask that in consideration of other worshippers, please turn off, or switch to silent mode, all paging and cellular devices. Hearing Assistance devices are available from any usher.

WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS and MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS EMPHASIS

Nancy Hurst

*INVITATION TO SHARE IN WORSHIP Hebrews 12:2-3 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, And sat down at the right hand of God.

Let us consider him who endured such opposition from sinful people, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE In the Cross of Christ I Glory arr. MacDonald Having experienced the warmth of Christian fellowship, we now invite you to take this time to prepare your heart to encounter the living God in worship!

CALL TO WORSHIP Amazing Love AMAZING LOVE

INVOCATION Jeff Allen

*HYMN NO. 206 Blessed Be the Name BLESSED NAME

SONG OF CELEBRATION Sing for God

MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD Jason Cogdill

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jason Cogdill

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness;

By his wounds we have been healed.

*HYMN NO. 25 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy WELLESLEY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Jim Pernell

OFFERTORY The Majesty and Glory of His Name Fettke

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS Doxology OLD 100^{TH} Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON The Call Pastor Ezekiel 2

ANTHEM Written In Red Kirkland
I love you. I love you. That's what Calvary said. I love you. I love you.

I love you, written in red.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMISSIONING OF COLLEGE MISSION TEAM Jeff Allen

*HYMN NO. 596 Go Forth and Tell! O Church of God NATIONAL HYMN

*BENEDICTION Pastor

*RESPONSE A Parting Hymn We Sing DENNIS

POSTLUDE Postlude in E-flat Major Franck

*Those who are able are asked to stand. All song texts used by permission, CCLI #2433318.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers in our Sanctuary today are given by Donna Bates in celebration of Tony Bates' birthday.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today	
9:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting
9:30	Sunday School
10:45	Gathering for Morning Worship
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir
5:30	Youth Snack Supper
6:00	Discipleship, Channel
7:00	L.I.F.E. Worship Service
8:00	Handbells
Monday	
9:30 a.m.	Monday Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 907, Community Bible Study
<u>Tuesday</u>	
10:00 a.m.	Grace Note:
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Basketball Banquet – Smith Hall
<u>Wednesday</u>	
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Supper Line Open
5:45	WOM – Conference Room
6:00	Cherub Choir, Sing for God, Psalm 8:2 Rehearsals, Youth Crosstraining
6:45	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
	Mission Friends, RAs, GAs, Youth Discipleship/ Missions
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<u>Saturday</u>	,
7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study

Nursery Workers Today: Dianne Baker, Ann Keith, Karen Lefler, Saundra Smith, Jim & Leigh Ann Pernell

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