

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

March 18, 2007 The Fourth Sunday in 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

*INVITATION TO SHARE IN WORSHIP

Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Let us worship God as Christ's Ambassadors.

**Through us and through our worship may we announce
the good news to all.**

Let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE *Man of Sorrows, What a Name* arr. Jarell

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 *Worthy of Worship* JUDSON

INVOCATION Mary Keltner

*HYMN NO. 204 *Glorious Is Thy Name* GLORIOUS NAME

CHILDREN'S TIME

MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD Jason Cogdill
Joshua 5:9-12; II Corinthians 5:16-21

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Cindy Johnson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Cindy Johnson

*HYMN NO. 329 *Grace Greater Than Our Sin* MOODY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Robert Huff

OFFERTORY *How Beautiful* arr. Hayes

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS *Doxology* OLD 100TH

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 *"Prodigal Reconciliation"* Pastor
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

ANTHEM *Forgiven* Red

*Forgiven, I've been forgiven; God has looked beyond my sin,
Saved me from what I might have been, gave me a new life within.
I am forgiven by his grace. Though He had chosen me to be His own,
I turned my back and walked away. And when He often urged me to return,
I simply said, "Another day." The path of sinful life I chose to go,
I did not care what others thought! But still He loved my life more than His own,
and with His life my soul He bought!*

*HYMN NO. 312 *Softly and Tenderly* THOMPSON

*BENEDICTION Pastor

*RESPONSE *Grace to You* STEARNS

POSTLUDE *Christ, the Life of all the Living* Zachow

*Those who are able are asked to stand.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers in our Sanctuary today are given by Kate Poole in loving memory of her husband, Bill.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today

9:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting, Youth Council
9:30	Sunday School
10:45	Gathering for Morning Worship
4:30 p.m.	Youth Choir
5:30	Youth Snack Supper
6:00	Discipleship, <i>Channels</i>
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

Tuesday

10:00 a.m.	<i>Grace Notes</i>
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Wednesday

12:00 noon	Finance Committee – Conference Room
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Missions Council – Conference Room
5:30 – 6:30	Supper Line Open
6:00	<i>Cherub Choir, Sing for God, Psalm 8:2</i> Rehearsals, Youth <i>Crosstraining</i>
6:45	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
	Mission Friends, RAs, GAs, Youth Discipleship/ Missions
7:30 p.m.	<i>Sanctuary Choir</i> Rehearsal
	Deacons

Saturday

7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
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Nursery Workers Today: Carolyn Matthews, Linda Palmer, Janet Somers,
Cynthia Ryder, Terri & Noah Goodman

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L.I.F.E. Worship Coordinator	<i>Cindy Johnson</i>
Deacon of the Week	<i>Robert Huff</i>