



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 14, 2010

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CHIMES

GREETING The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRELUDE A Way To Calvary Leadeth Liander/Wood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

†HYMN 476 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord,  
you are compassionate beyond measure,  
and merciful beyond belief.  
We have been in the far country,  
lost in our sin, distant from you,  
seemingly beyond your reach.

But something is calling us back.  
Somehow, we hope to return to you.  
We're just not sure about the details.

Yet before we can work out what to say,  
you are running to us.  
Before we can voice our confession,  
your arms are around us,  
welcoming us home.  
Your forgiveness astounds us.  
Help us to believe that it is so,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ.

(Silent Prayer)

Pour out your mer-cy and hear our prayer Pour out your grace and cleanse our hearts.  
5 Pour out your love and make us whole. Pour out your-self  
8 O God, pour out your-self and save us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON

Joshua 5:10-15

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Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**



*Blest is the one whose sin is forgiven, and whose wrongs are put far away.  
Happy is the one free of guilt, whose spirit is pure, whose words are the truth.  
(Refrain)*

*When I refused to confess all my sin. My body wasted away.  
Day and night my sins were before me; my strength dried up like the summer's heat.  
(Refrain)*

*When I declared my sin to the Lord, and my heavy guilt I confessed;  
God forgave all my transgressions; my sin and guilt were taken away.  
(Refrain)*

## CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN - II

## ANTHEM - II

## Wondrous Love

Parker and Shaw

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this that caused the Lord to bliss.  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, for my soul.*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down. When I was sinking down, O my soul.  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul. Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I am.  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing. While millions join the theme I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be.  
And through eternity I'll sing on. And through eternity I'll sing on.*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, And through eternity I'll sing on.*

## LESSON

Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

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Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

Party Time

John Wurster

*Silence and Stillness*

## †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all the families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God make us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

**With believers in every time and place  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

†HYMN 403                      What a Friend We Have in Jesus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER - I

**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  
debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - II (*please echo the cantor*)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

Harmony

†RESPONSE

*Hymn 592*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures, here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God of grace and mercy,  
we are thankful for the life you have given us in Jesus Christ.

**Help us to rejoice in your presence,  
to trust in your love,  
and to use the gifts you have given us,  
so that your name might be glorified in our lives  
and throughout the whole creation,  
as we seek to follow Jesus,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

†HYMN 412                      Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Our God Is Our Strength

Zachau

## Worship Notes

Large print bulletins are available from an usher. †Please stand if able. **Bold** type indicates unison response.

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## Serving Today

### MUSICIANS

I/II - Tim Summerlin, Cantor  
II - Chancel Choir

### SCHEDULED GREETERS

I - Nan Schiavo, Betty Lewis,  
Herb Lewis

II - Gil McCoy, Eunice  
McCoy, Joyce Odem, Jack  
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### SCHEDULED USHERS

I - Mel Appel, Sally Bobertz,  
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ton

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## Let Us Pray...

...for those in the hospital this week: Carolyn Bruner

...for Kay Alexander and family following the death of her husband Bill on March 8.

...for Judith and Arthur Clough and family following the death of Judith's mother this week.

## Let Us Worship God

Our monthly service for Healing and Wholeness is tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary (*note location change*).

Friday Lenten service March 19 in the chapel at 12:00 noon. The preacher will be Kate Rascoe. The soloist are Jane Ragsdale and Christine K. Chenoweth.

## New Adult Sunday School Classes

**These classes will begin March 21.**

**THE FIRST GREAT END:** Our discussion will be facilitated by Rob Lohmeyer in room 206.

**GALATIANS,** led by LeRoy Schlechte in Ryan Hall.

**MORAL AND ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF GLOBALIZATION,** led by Warren Ferguson in room 208.

**THE GIFT OF YEARS** led by Howard Hovde in room 204.  
(CLASS IS FULL)



# Welcome to Worship



We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us this Sunday. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join our church family. After worship, elders present will gather near the communion table to meet with those who have an interest in uniting with us. Welcome brochures are in the pews and on the table in the narthex, where you will also find a walking-tour guide describing the art of this church.

## FPC Community Briefs

**Join us for our 12:00 Lenten services** held on Fridays, through March 26, in Schreiner Chapel. Lunch will follow each service in Ryan Hall. Cost will be \$3.00 payable at the door.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Challenge:** The Mission and Stewardship Committee invites you to take the "40 Dollars in 40 Days" challenge this Lent. Set aside \$1/day for each of the 40 days in Lent and make a donation to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes are in the pews.

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Community Service Infusion** will take place on Saturday, March 27, 2010 and you can participate. Skills needed, none. Desire to serve others, yes. Good time guaranteed, absolutely. We have tentatively signed up for two projects, one involving painting and another light cleaning. If you are interested, contact Ben Doerries, 895 1403 or [bdof@kfc.com](mailto:bdof@kfc.com). More information to follow.

Would you like to place lilies in the sanctuary on **Easter Sunday**? If so, please fill out the purple form in the narthex or the church office and place in the designated box by **Sunday, March 28** with your payment. Each lily plant is \$12.50. You can pick up your plant after the 11:00 service on April 4.

**A Celebration Of God's Creation** will be held on April 23 at 7:00 p.m. This concert/event is in conjunction with activities on Earth Day, April 22. Organ masterworks, Scripture readings, Psalm 104 presented by the children, hymns and choir anthems have been selected to inspire and encourage us to appreciate what God has given us.

**Fellowship II Spring Fling** - Save the Date: Friday, April 30-6:30 p.m. Hosts: Harold and Judy Wunsch. More information will be forthcoming.

## Calendar for March 7 - 14

### Sunday, March 14

Daylight Savings Time Change  
8:30/11:00 Worship  
9:45 Sunday School  
5:30 Healing Service; sanctuary  
No *WELL* - Spring Break!

### Monday, March 15

1:00 New Member Planning Mtg.;  
Rm 208  
5:00 Budget and Finance  
6:30 Stephen Ministries training;  
FLC 500

### Tuesday, March 16

6:45 River Hill Bible Study  
9:15 Staff  
10:00 Beth Moore Bible Study  
4:00 Bell choir

### Wednesday, March 17

7:00 Choir

### Thursday, March 18

12:00 PW Luncheon; Ryan Hall  
3:00 Stephen Ministries;  
Ryan Hall

### Friday, March 19

Children's Corner Closed  
12:00 Lenten service; chapel

### Saturday, March 20

11:00 HOPES Kitchen

### Sunday, March 21

8:30/11:00 Worship  
9:45 Sunday School  
2:30 Divide  
No *WELL* - Spring Break!