



*Where Your Treasure Is...A Journey Towards God*

Worship Bulletin

9 AM Service of Community and Sacrament

10:30 AM Service of Worship

**9:00 A.M.**

**SERVICE OF COMMUNITY AND SACRAMENT**

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sexual orientations and gender identity.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 14, 2010**

*Let us now enter into the Holy One's presence.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**#197**

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

**NEAR THE CROSS**

**#195**

*The Old Rugged Cross*

**THE OLD RUGGED CROSS**

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, faithful people, and find that quiet center where God may enter.

**We gather as God's people;**

**Hungry for God's holy presence,**

**Ready for God's word to us.**

Come, let us worship.

**HYMN OF PRAISE #202**

*O God, How We Have Wandered*

**PASSION CHORALE**

**A TIME FOR CENTERING**

*Silence...*

**READINGS**

Traditional Reading: Luke 15:1-3a, 11b-32

Bruce Strand

Contemporary: Excerpts from "The Parable of the Dysfunctional Family"

by Barbra Brown Taylor

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

Kristen Curlee

**NOURISHED BY THE WORD**

*How do you feel about each character?*

*The father...*

*The prodigal son who sets out to see the world...*

*The eldest son who remains at home...*

*Is there a character in whom you see yourself?*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Holy God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER OF BLESSING**

**Send, O covenant God, your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts, empowered by your Spirit may they become signs of shalom to one another and to all peoples of the earth. Amen.**

**THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**BENEDICTION**

**God of the wilderness, be with us as we wander through the desert of our lives.  
Keep us from running back to the safety of old assumptions, and walk with us as we learn to live the life abundant. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH #190**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*God Hideth My Soul*

arr. Mark Hayes

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kristen Curlee

**Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven.**

In Christ, we become a new creation.

**Everything old has passed away.**

We see how God makes things new.

**God rejoices over each of us.**

With thanksgiving, we worship God.

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PASSION CHORALE

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Loving God, in this holy space we gather with gladness and expectation. Help us, your sons and daughters, to know that you always love us. As we worship today, help us know that if we stay away from you, you are always ready to welcome us back with open arms. Prepare our hearts to welcome and embrace all your people as you do us. We pray as Jesus taught, **Holy God, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**MISSION MOMENT – STEWARDSHIP**

Brown

Michelle Esposito, Gregg

**A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**SCRIPTURE**

2 Corinthians 5:11

Luke 15:11b-32

Brian Frye

SERMON HYMN (see insert) *Lead Me, Guide Me* Doris Akers/Richard Smallwood

SERMON “Sardines and Other Salty Matters” Rev. Susan A. Henderson

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Let us pray,

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Amy L. Lewis

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Hear My Prayer*  
The Chancel Choir

Moses Hogan

\*DOXOLOGY

sung to the tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**The generosity of your love overwhelms us, O God. We could simply stand in awe, but you call us to respond and these gifts are our response. We give so your love may be shared; peace giving love to those in pain of mind or body; empathetic love to those who have suffered loss, tough love to the powerful and oppressive; practical love to the hungry and the homeless. Remembering your generous love in Christ, we ask your blessing. Amen.**

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BENEDICTION

Time and time again God waits for us with open arms.  
Go into the world to be God’s loving embrace.  
**Immersed in God’s blessings, we go where the Spirit leads us.**

POSTLUDE (see insert)

*I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me*  
Choir and Congregation

I’M SO GLAD

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Bulletin Cover: The journey towards God seems to  
always lead us to places where we truly feel at home.

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**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH 21**

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians: 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

**What is Happening With Christian Education Today?****During the 9:00 service****Adult Education** *Contemporary Theology* – Conference Room

Childcare for infants through two-year olds in the nursery - Room 106

**During the 10:30 service**

Childcare for infants in the Nursery - Room 106

Childcare for toddler/two year olds - Room 003

Lambs (3 and 4 year olds and pre-kindergarten 5 year olds) - Room 006

Kindergarten – Room 107

First Grade – Room 208

Second and Third Grade – Room 009

Fourth and Fifth Grade – Room 207

Middle School – Room 206

**Evening Youth Program**

5:30 Dinner – Youth and Parents Potluck - Social Hall

6:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary

7:00 Middle School (7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) – Room 206

Covenant Class – Conference Room

Senior High (10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) – Room 207

**Large Print Bulletins** are available.  
Please make your needs known to an usher.

**Children's Worship Activity Bulletins** and pew packets of crayons are available each Sunday in a basket located by the doors to the sanctuary. Please return the crayons to the basket at the end of the service.

**Assistive Listening Devices** are available for people needing hearing assistance during worship. Ask an usher for one.

**Offering Envelopes** are available in the Entrance Hall or in the pew racks.

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