

Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2015

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Help me to lift up the light of Christ, O God,
so that others might believe in him, and not be condemned. Amen. .*

Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Jan Pennal

*INTROIT #519

"You Are my Strength when I Am Weak "

Jernigan, 1990

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look to the Lord your God, and live.

We give thanks to the Holy One, our Sovereign and our Savior.

We follow our Savior because Jesus is our teacher and...

God's light-bearer, God's face among us, and God's grace made alive.

For though we once were dead in sin,

Now, by the grace of God, we live!

*HYMN # 409

"God Is Here!"

Green, 1970

CALL TO CONFESSION

This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, but the people loved the darkness more than the light, because their deeds were evil. Let us confess our sin, both individually and corporately. We will pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Creator, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We grumble and complain when you have provided all that we need. We continue to walk in darkness when you have given light to us and to the world. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to trust in you so that we may not perish but may have eternal life, through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus the Son of God, we are forgiven!

We have been saved eternally by the Christ. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

#579

ANTHEM

"All We Like Sheep"

Martin

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Numbers 21: 4-9

Bibles, p.134/ LG. p. 174

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #702

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Quinn, 1969

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 3: 14-21

Bibles, p. 88 / LG. p. 114

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Condemned, or Not?"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen."

– The Nicene Creed

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY#707

*“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”
March Hymn of the Month*

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #738

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” (v 1 – 3)

Gladden,1879

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #738

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” (v. 4)

POSTLUDE

Selected

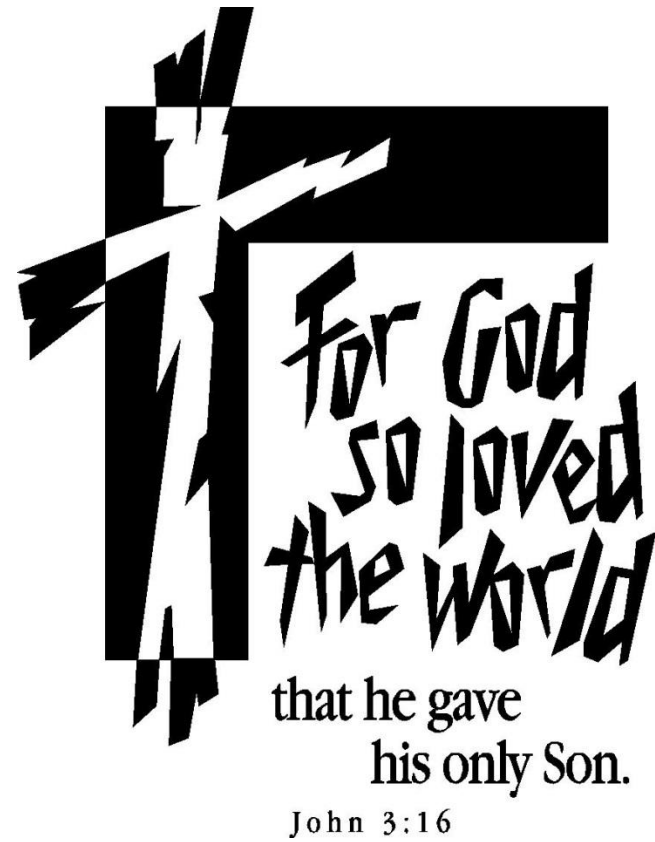
(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Jane, Tolly & Diane Dill, Bob Hays, Neil Pennal, Debbie Murphy, Billie Manck, Jack Clark, Hoyce Huggins, and Cindy Ratliff

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesdays	4:15-5:15	Kids for God
Thursday 3/19	6:30 pm	Session Meeting
Sunday 3/22	3:00 pm	<i>“Book of Luke”</i> FUMC

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