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Welcome to Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2010

9:00 AM

Gathering Music

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

By Brian Doerkson

Crosswinds

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

+Songs of Praise

“Celebrate Love”

FWS 2073

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

FWS 2128

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Children’s Time

Nick Perry

As the children gather, please join in singing:

“Where Children Belong”

FWS 2233

After the Children’s Time, children through age three may be excused to the nursery.

Children ages four through seven return to their seats.

+Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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The Message
"Of Sons and Siblings"
The Rev. Rich Neal

Offering and Special Music
"You Found Me"
By Jeremy Dieblers
Crosswinds

The Lord's Supper
(See insert)

+Closing
"Cry of My Heart"
FWS 2165

+Words of Peace

Postlude
"Forever"
By: Chris Tomlin
Crosswinds

+ Indicates: please stand as you are able.
FWS hymns are found in the black spiral bound books.
Hymnal numbers are found in the blue, hardcover books.
Acolytes: Damian Powers and Molly Brown

Altar Guild: Brian Meisenberg
Head Usher: Robert Wood
March Usher Team: James Leopold, Raymond Rebmann,
Eric Gerken, James Steimer

Church family and friends may request special prayers through the Prayer Chain by calling Bob or Irene Hayman.

For those who would find it helpful, large print bulletins, hymnals and Bibles are available in the back of the sanctuary. We also offer comfortable ear-sets that provide improved listening. An usher will be happy to assist with either.

Loving, consistent infant and toddler care is available in the nursery from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM. We have a paging system so you can be quietly alerted if your child needs your presence. *Parents wishing to use this service are welcome to take their children to the nursery at any time.* If you need directions, please ask an usher.

The quiet activity clipboards for children to use during worship are in the small bookshelf at the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you need help.

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Phone: 634-4800

If you have an emergency and must speak to a pastor you may call:

The Rev. Richard Neal at 984-3541

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Pastoral Office Hours:

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Prelude “Jesu, Blessed Jesu” Gordon Young

Welcome and Announcements

+Gathering Litany

Count yourself blessed! How happy you must be to have your slate wiped clean and get a fresh start in life.

**When I refuse to admit my sin, my soul groans;
 The pressure never lets up, my life grows dry and brittle.**

Return to God, whose love for you never fails.

**Mercy awaits all who turn to God in their hearts.
 Let us sing God’s praise forever.**

+Hymn “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Hymnal 138

+Gathering Prayer

God of patient love: You await the return of the wayward and the wandering and eagerly embrace them in pardon and love.

You have welcomed us home. Give us generous hearts, like yours, to welcome all who seek a place at the table of your unconditional love; in Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 New Testament p. 248

+The Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 New Testament p. 108

Concerns and Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Time

Nick Perrin

As the children gather, please join in singing:

“Where Children Belong” FWS 223

After the children’s time, children aged four through seven may leave for the Christian education extended session with their teachers.

Sermon “Of Sons and Siblings” The Rev. Rich Nease

+Hymn “Your Love, O God” Hymnal 120

Invitation to the Lord's Table

All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive the bread and the cup. We do not refuse any who desire to receive.

Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

We serve grape juice instead of wine at the Lord's table.

Gluten-free elements are available at the center station.

Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory Music

"The Rose of Calvary"
The Chancel Choir

Joseph Martin

+The Presentation

tune: Hymnal 296

**Unto God be praise and glory; to the Father and the Son,
to the eternal Spirit honor now and evermore be done;
praise and glory in the highest, while unending ages run.**

+The Great Thanksgiving Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymnal, pp. 15-16

Prayer after Communion

O God: You have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.

Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymnal 384

+Benediction

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away. Everything has become new! All this is from God, who has reconciled us through Christ

Now we are ambassadors for Christ. God appeals to the world through us: Be reconciled to God!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

"Our Lord Reigns"

S. Pethel

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