

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
4th Sunday in Lent

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

March 15, 2015

10:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me? arr. Powell

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

God has redeemed us from trouble and gathered us in grace.

* Hymn 618 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed**

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,

that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 578

"O Lord, Have Mercy"

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;

O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;

O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: John 3:14-21 (NT, p. 94)

Psalter: Psalm 107 (Hymnal 653)

A Time with Children

Anthem

"O Jesus, Crucified for Man"

David Peninger

Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10 (NT, p. 192)

Sermon: "Give It Up"

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Response 843: "My Soul Is at Rest"

My soul is at rest in God alone; my salvation comes from God.

Offering

Offertory

"Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted"

arr. Behnke

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 260 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"
Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "In the Cross" arr. Whitford

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given by Jack and Diane Scheuer to the Glory of God and in memory of Brett Knierim, Diane's liver donor.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Steve Selige
<i>Joyful Noise</i> leaders	Jack Pittman, Barbara Wadsworth
Ushers	Vi Dygert, Jack Pittman
Welcomers	Jeanne Comly



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By **grace**
you have
been saved
through
Faith...

It is  **the**

gift
of God.
Ephesians 2:8

John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the

immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.