

St. Timothys United Methodist Church
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March 9, 2008 – 10:15 am

Fifth Sunday in Lent

(Large print bulletins and hymnals and hearing aid devices are available. A nursery is provided for children who have not entered First Grade. Ask an usher to help you.)

Gathering

Prelude "Looking Toward the Cross" Smith
(We invite you to use the prelude as a time for centering on God, the Holy, the Spirit, the Living Jesus. Please be considerate of others for whom this is a quiet time.)

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship Responsively
Leader: Come into the presence of the God of life, the God of resurrection,
People: the God of everlasting life.
Leader: In this season of Lent, in this journey toward the cross
People: let us remember that we are forever in the presence of the God of life.
Leader: Come, let us worship.

***Opening Hymn** "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" Red hymnal, 383

Unison Prayer

Stir in us an abiding trust in you, O God. Let it be a trust that revels in life's celebrations. Let it be a trust that steadies us in death's presence. We trust you in all that comes now, and in all that is our hope. In Jesus Christ. Amen.

Praying

Call to Prayer "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" Black hymnal, 2193

Sharing Joys and Concerns

(After each joy or concern, we sing, "**Lord, listen to your children praying.**")

Silent Prayer

*Passing the Peace

Listening

Scripture Song	"Womb of Life"	Black hymnal, 2046
The Christian Gospel	John 11:1-45	Choral Reading
Anthem	"When Jesus Wept" – Billings	Chancel Choir
The Sermon	"From Death Into Life"	Dick Clark
Sermon Response	"Shepherd Me, O God"	Black hymnal, 2058

Responding to the Word

Announcements and Opportunities for Service

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"In Europe a strong wind blew in and destroyed a great stained glass window of a cathedral. The sexton was cleaning up afterwards when a man who had heard about the accident came and requested the broken pieces. The shards were given to him. Later he returned and presented the cathedral with a beautiful Rose window constructed from the broken pieces. God's redemption includes using once broken human lives which have been reclaimed and reconstituted for God's beautiful purposes."
-Word & Witness, 1996

Offertory

"Crucifixus"

Karg/Elert

*Dedication Song

"Seek Ye First"

+UMH, No. 405

*Prayer of Dedication

Unison

Gracious God, who continually beckons us from death into life, from darkness into light, from exile to home, give us courage to live into life. We offer these gifts with the hope that they will help give others food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, sustenance, and courage. Be with us on the rest of our Lenten journey to the cross, and beyond death into life again. Through Jesus. Amen.

Going Forth

*Closing Song

"We Are Called"

Black hymnal, 2172

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response** *"Shepherd Me, O God"* Black hymnal, 2058
"Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life."

***Postlude** *"Behold the Man"* Richolson

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