

St. Timothys United Methodist Church
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March 15, 2009 – 10:15 am
Third Sunday in Lent

(Large print bulletins and hymnals and hearing aid devices are available. A nursery is provided for children younger than First Grade. Ask an usher to help you.)

Gathering

Prelude

Mozart

"Contemplation from Movement II of Sinfonia Concertante, K.V. 364"

(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: Let us worship God, who has set us free from bondage and made us a people of God's own choosing.

All: We are no longer strangers and aliens in the land, but we belong to a new Kingdom, and we are led by the Spirit.

L: Today we proclaim the faithfulness of God's grace that has brought us thus far. God will show us new possibilities and new directions.

All: We will make God our refuge, and trust the abundance of God's wisdom and grace.

***Opening Hymn**

"God is Here"

Red hymnal, 660

Unison Prayer

Gracious God, who created us in your own image: grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and help us to employ our freedom in the building and maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your name; through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

- Adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*

Praying

Call to Prayer "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" Black hymnal, 2200

Sharing Joys and Concerns

(After each joy or concern, we sing, "**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.**")

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sing responsively) Black hymnal, 2278

***Passing the Peace**

Listening to the Word

The Scripture Song "O Young and Fearless Prophet" Red hymnal, 444

The Christian Gospel John 2:13-22 Pew Bible, 93

Anthem "There Is A Green Hill Far Away" – Gounod Janet Krebs

Sermon "Acting Prophetically" Dick Clark

Sermon Response "We Are Called" Black hymnal, 2172 (refrain)

Responding to the Word

Announcements and Opportunities

Offertory Sentence Liturgist

"Lord, bring us back into focus. Wake us up. Fill us up. Connect us. Simplify us. Make our steps definite, and show us a few tables that need kicking over."

-Robert Raines, *Lord Could You Make It a Little Better?*

Offertory "My Soul Waits in Silence" Shea

***Dedication Song** "Seek Ye First" Red hymnal, 405

***Prayer of Dedication** Unison

O God, you desire our love and justice, not hollow worship. We present these gifts as a demonstration of our desire to love you and our neighbors more fully. We ask that through these gifts we may participate in God's domain on this good earth. Accept our gifts, and us, that love and justice may be increased and Your love be made known in a broken and violent world. Amen.

