

St. Timothys United Methodist Church
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March 29, 2009 – 10:15 am
Fifth 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

"O Come and Mourn"

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(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: God says, "The time is coming when I will make a new covenant with you."

All: You are our God and we are your people!

L: God says, "I will put my law within you and write it on your hearts."

All: You are our God and we are your people!

L: God says, "All will know me from the least to the greatest."

All: You are our God and we are your people!

L: God says, "I, your God, have spoken."

All: You are our God and we are your people!

L: God, on this day we come before you in prayer and song.

All: You are our God and we are your people!

All: God weaves in us the heart of the Divine.

***Opening Hymn**

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

Black hymnal, 2128

Unison Prayer

Create in us clean hearts, O God. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may find joy and gladness in your presence. Amen.

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 Hebrew Scriptures Jeremiah 31:31-34 Pew Bible, 735

The Psalter Psalm 51, Response 2 Red hymnal, 785

The Christian Gospel John 12:21-33 Pew Bible, 106

Anthem "Come, Follow Me – Arr. Joseph Martin Chancel Choir

Sermon "Open Hearts" Dick Clark

Sermon Response "Come and Fill Our Hearts" Black hymnal, 2157

Responding to the Word

Announcements and Opportunities

Presentation of Award Pins United Methodist Women

Offertory Sentence Liturgist

"Forty thousand children will die today because they are poor, and nuclear war could annihilate us all at any moment. People are being tortured right now all over the world, some of them for the 'security' of the United States.

"Meanwhile we get up in the morning, drink our coffee, go to work, come home, eat dinner, put the kids to bed, watch TV, lock up, and go to bed. Maybe after dinner we send a check to Save the Children; maybe over the weekend we go to church or even to a demonstration. But we do not let the horror of the world disturb our routine. You'd think we'd do something ..."

–John Alexander in *International Christian Digest* quoted in *Word and Witness*

Offertory "Ah, Holy Jesus" Bliss

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

***Prayer of Dedication** Unison

O Lord our God, who has nurtured us as mother and father, who has blessed us with the gifts that sustain us in all ways, who has given us a new heart, accept these thanksgiving gifts that they may be instruments of your nurture of others. May all that is given in love to your purposes be blessed. Amen.

Going Forth

***Closing Song** "Hymn of Promise" Red hymnal, 707

***Blessing**

***Blessing Response** "Come and Fill Our Hearts" Black hymnal, 2157

***Postlude** "Morning Reverie" Peterson

* = The Congregation is invited to stand
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