THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

March 6, 2005

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:45 a.m.

Lent is the season of 40 days leading up to Easter Sunday, beginning on Ash Wednesday. It is a time of personal reflection, confession and preparation. It is a time to spiritually retreat from the busy-ness of life, and to look inward and seek the cleansing of the Holy Spirit. This will enable us to better understand the nature of the Sacrifice, better prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, and better prepare to carry the light of Christ to the world. Sundays in this season are to remain celebrations; we must never lose sight of Christ's triumph over death. Thank you for being here today; it is our hope that worship will be deeply meaningful for you.

We would also ask that in consideration of other worshippers, please turn off, or switch to silent mode, all paging and cellular devices. Hearing Assistance devices are available from any usher.

WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS and MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

*INVITATION TO SHARE IN WORSHIP

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, or take your Holy Spirit from me.

> Restore unto me the joy of your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Meditation Matt Evans, violin Massanet

We invite you to prepare your heart to encounter the living God in worship!

CALL TO WORSHIP I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord LAND OF REST

INVOCATION

Jeff Allen

MUSICAL OFFERING

Clap Hands Psalm 8.2

Wagner

*HYMN NO. 521

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

PROMISED LAND

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Responsive Reading #671

Jeff Allen

ANTHEM

Who at My Door is Standing? Ainesis

arr. Scott

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Most holy and merciful Father,

We confess to you and to one another that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

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

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.

You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways, by forgetting your love.

Forgive us, we pray, and free us from our sin. Renew us in the grace and strength of Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Iesus Christ your Son, our Savior, Amen.

COLLEGE MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:14-16

Pastor

ANTHEM

The Light In Me Psalm 8:2

LeDoux

CHALLENGE

Jeff Allen

PRAYER

Barry Nelson

*HYMN NO. 143

What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE CHOIR: Stanza 1: CHOIR AND CONGREGATION: Stanzas 2-4

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jerry Cook

OFFERTORY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Matt Evans, violin

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

Doxology

OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ve heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANTHEM

Saints Bound for Heaven Sanctuary Choir

Parker/Shaw

SERMON

In the Storm of Life, God Gives Mercy Ionah 1:1-3:4

Pastor

*HYMN NO. 56

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

HYFRYDOL

Pastor

Choir and Congregation

He will keep me till the river rolls its waters at my feet; Then he'll bear me safely over, where the loved ones I shall meet. Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me, Sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

POSTLUDE

Postlude in A Major

Zachau

FLOWERS

The flowers in our Sanctuary today are given by Alma Stoess in loving memory of her husband, Charles.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

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| <u>Today</u> | |
| 12:15 p.m | . Visitation Assignments |
| 3:30 | Youth Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal |
| 4:30 | Ainesis Rehearsal |
| 5:30 | Youth Snack Supper |
| 6:00 | Discipleship, Channels Rehearsal |
| 7:00 | Handbells Rehearsal |
| Monday | |
| 10:00 a.m. | Monday Bible Study |
| 7:00 | Boy Scout Troop 907 |
| <u>Tuesday</u> | |
| 10:00 a.m. | Grace Notes Rehearsal |
| Wednesda | <u>y</u> |
| 5:30 p.m. | Media Center Open |
| 5:30 - 6:3 | Supper Line Open |
| 6:00 | Cherub Choir, Sing for God, & Psalm 8:2 Rehearsals |
| 6:45 | Prayer Meeting, Mission Friends, RAs, GAs, Acteens, Challengers |
| 7:30 | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |
| 7:45 | Finance Committee Meeting |
| Thursday | |
| 6:00 - 7:3 | 9 p.m. Basketball Banquet – Smith Hall |
| <u>Saturday</u> | |
| 7:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study |

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