

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Sandi Perl
Ron Miller, Choir Director

Elly Stempien, Organist
Bill Sutherland, Liturgist

WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

Lighting of the Lent Candles

***SONG OF PRAISE (FWS) 2226 Bind Us Together**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE** - Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

Anthem: Christ in the Garden

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Holy One, we gather this day and come as we are

C: with our repenting hearts, with our persistent dreaming.

L: Accept all we bring before you today,

C: accept our worship we pray. Amen

PRAYER TIME/PRAYER HYMN (UMH) 393 Spirit of the Living God

PRAYER FOR OTHERS - please join Pastor Sandi in prayer for those we have lifted to God

MORNING PRAYER

Lord, you know and see our efforts to change and be renewed.

As we come before you in prayer, may you help us to believe in ourselves as you believe in us. Just as you are compassionate and gracious, may we think of ourselves, of our own hearts and be as compassionate to others as you are to us. Just as you are patient with us, may we be patient with you. May we trust that you hear us and you will answer in your time and in your way. May faith, hope and love continue to grow in each and every one of us as we pray the prayer you have taught us.

PARTY WITH THE PREACHER

COMMUNION – Thank you Fingar and Sorenson Family

***HYMN OF PRAISE: 545 The Church's One Foundation**

***OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY (p 95)**

May all that we give, be it our money or ourselves, be used to heal and help, to repair and restore, to comfort and care, to be your Church. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 (pg76)

Psalm 122 (pg 571)

Message

CLOSING HYMN (UMH) 548 In Christ There Is No East or West

***GOOD NEWS:**

A Lament - Men

Argh! Honestly, does it have to be this way? When will the world wake up? Why have people turned away from you God? When did self become more important than other? What kind of world do we want to live in, in any case?

God's Challenge - Women

What's that God? You want me to answer that question? Fed up of me moaning huh? Well okay here goes...

The Response - Men

The world I want to live in is: one where we care: for self, for each other and creation. One where we are not afraid: of self, the other or the different. One where we love: self, the other, and the dirty.

God's Reply

That's not so hard, is it? You just need to live it. Be the world you say you want, do not just complain about it!

A Retort - All

And I am meant to do it all by my lonesome?

God - It must start somewhere

Sharing Grace:

If you filled a Jar of Blessings during Advent through Epiphany, then this week and throughout Lent you get to remove a blessing each day!

Plant some cress or mustard seeds on dampened kitchen roll or cotton wool. Each day watch as the seeds take life. Think of times when an idea has taken a long time to come to fruition. How hard was it being patient?

FWS –Faith We Sing UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us for fellowship downstairs after the service with our hosts Meredith and Ruth Ann

SERVING THIS WEEK (3/12/17)

Greeters: Meredith and Ruth Ann
Ushers: Fuzzy and Ryan Andersen
Scripture Reader: Barbara Bailey
Fellowship: Meredith and Ruth Ann
Sunday School: Kerry Fitch
Nursery: Chris and Stacy Wyant
Counters: Elly Stempien and Bill Sutherland
Door Greeter: Ron Miller

SERVING NEXT WEEK (3/19/17)

Greeters: MaryAnne Miller and Joel Warren
Ushers: Marguerite and Ron Miller
Scripture Reader: Ron Salyer
Fellowship: ??????
Sunday School: Pam Althouse
Nursery: Trish deMontfort and Michele Covert
Counters: Elly Stempien and Bill Sutherland
Door Greeter: Stacy Wyant

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This is the last week to sign up! March 17th – Painting with Chris

Lenten Lunch – March 16 – First Baptist Church in Penn Yan –
12:00- cost is \$7.00 (See Clipboards)

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