

## 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 (UMH) 394 Something Beautiful*

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

**Anthem: The Cross Was His Own**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Holy One, we gather this day  
coming just as we are:

**C: we are lost, waiting to be found, we are  
searching, hoping to rejoice.**

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

Some of the best-known words...

Some of the most comforting words... We have heard stories of being  
lost and being found. We have rejoiced at stories of being lost and  
being welcomed safely home.

As we think of these familiar parables once more, we take time to think  
about ourselves and all across our world those who need to know of  
your generous mercy and unconditional love. God of love, you never  
cease to open your arms to us when we turn to you. Give us grace and  
understanding to recognize the distress of others. We pray for all who  
are in dark places be it through their own choices, the misguidance of  
others, or by force. May all know that nothing can separate us from

your love as we pray the prayer you have taught us... (see the Lord's  
Prayer below)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** –Our father, who are in heaven, hallowed by thy  
name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us  
this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptations, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

### PARTY WITH THE PREACHER

### COMMUNION

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: (UMH) 367 He Touched Me**

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

Holy One, just as you show us the ways in which you wish us to live,  
may you show us how to use these gifts of service and money to seek  
those who are lost, to bring sight to the blind and to welcome those  
who are misguided in thinking that they are beyond your love and  
forgiveness. Amen

**SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:1-10 (pg 78)**

**Psalms 119:167-176 (pg 570)**

### Message

**CLOSING HYMN (UMH) 389 Freely, Freely**

**\*GOOD NEWS:**

Go into the world loved, forgiven, and found.

May you see the love of God all around you.

May you show the compassion of Christ in all that you do.

And may you be surrounded by the Holy Spirit as you seek guidance  
today, tomorrow and forever more.

**Sharing Grace:** Has there been a time when you felt lost or lost  
something that was precious to you? Talk about how that felt with  
someone. Is there someone who you feel cut off from that you want to  
see back in your life? Maybe this week is the week to make the first  
move in restoring that relationship.

**FWS –Faith We Sing**

**UMH – United Methodist Hymnal**

Please join us for fellowship downstairs after the service  
with our hosts the Detar Family

**SERVING THIS WEEK (3/19/17)**

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

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (3/26/17)**

Greeters: Amos and Laura Hammond  
Ushers: Ryan Andersen and Maci Nicholson  
Scripture Reader: Sarah Stackhouse  
Fellowship: Marilyn Sands and Barbara Bailey  
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller  
Nursery: Terry Fingar and Sonya Andersen  
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry  
Door Greeter: Russ Heggie

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Lenten Lunch – March 23 - First Baptist Church in  
Penn Yan – 12:00 – the cost is \$7.00.

A huge thank you to Chris Wyant for leading us in  
painting and to everyone who painted!

March 27<sup>th</sup> – Monday Night Movie – Star Wars or Star  
Trek??? What do you think? See Pastor Sandi or Babs with  
your thoughts.

**Contact Us**

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**Sheep, Coin,  
Prodigal Son**

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