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)

Psalm 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.

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

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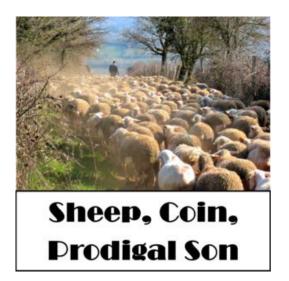
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