

## 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) 641 Fill My Cup, Lord**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE** - Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. (Kids can sit in the front row with Pastor Sandi when they are finished greeting others)

**Anthem: Come Find Forgiveness and Love**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Holy One, we gather this day

**C: we come as we are: eyes often unseeing, ears often deaf, yet we seek to see and hear as you would have us.**

L: Accept all we bring before you today.

**C: Accept our worship we pray. Amen.**

### **MORNING PRAYER**

What can we do for you, Jesus? For the road along which we walk is littered with opportunities if only we would see them. There are those who stumble.

May we be ready to pick them up.

There are those who lose their way. May we be signposts of your love.

There are those who turn back in fear.

May we gently guide them towards you. There are those who refuse to budge.

May we nudge them in the right direction.

What can you do for us, Jesus? For the path we choose to take is paved with your promises if only we would see them. May we be alert to your voice especially in the rough places. May we be encouraged by your presence especially in the fearful places. May we go out on a limb for others knowing you carry us. May we recognize your generosity in our giving to others. Amen.

**PRAYER TIME/PRAYER HYMN (UMH) 488 Jesus, Remember Me**

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

**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) 415 Take Up Thy Cross**

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

When you called people to you, Lord, there was always a response.

Folk gave of themselves and others were changed. You call us and so, we respond with these our gifts. May our giving transform the lives of others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12 (pg 543), Luke 18:31-19:10 (pg 82)

### **Message**

**CLOSING HYMN (UMH) 399 Take My Life, and Let It Be**

**\*GOOD NEWS** (said with love and conviction!)

**May you go in peace to love and to serve God. May you be beacons of Christ's grace and love, and landmarks for those who seek Christ as the Spirit guides them closer. May the blessing of these three, be with us all. Now and always. Amen**

### **Sharing Grace:**

We all live in communities, though they differ in size, shape, and nature. Take a walk or drive around your community this week and look for things you may not have noticed before.

- Did anything surprise you?
- Did you spot anything or anybody that looked like they needed some care and attention?
- What could you do to help?

**FWS –Faith We Sing      UMH – United Methodist Hymnal**

**Please join us for fellowship downstairs after the service  
with our hosts Gene and Marilyn James**

**SERVING THIS WEEK (4/2/17)**

Greeters: Marilyn Sands and Barbara Bailey  
Ushers: Bill and Delores Sutherland  
Scripture Reader: Joyce Weidrich  
Fellowship: Gene & Marilyn James  
Sunday School: Pam Althouse  
Nursery: Doreen and Laurie  
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry  
Door Greeter: Jeff Stempien

**SERVING NEXT WEEK (4/9/17)**

Greeters: Hope and Jim Enslow  
Ushers: Ron and Jane Salyer  
Scripture Reader: Laurie Prinzivalli  
Fellowship: Gene and Marilyn James  
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller  
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Breanna Summers  
Counters: Elly Stempien and Bill Sutherland  
Door Greeter: Doug Fingar

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Brunch after Church today! Please come and join us  
after church for brunch downstairs.**

Lenten Lunch – April 6th- First Baptist Church in Penn  
Yan – 12:00 – the cost is \$7.00.

Family First – Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am.  
We will be baking to make “Kindness Plates” to be  
taken to local volunteer organizations.

**Contact Us**

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