

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MARCH 8, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME AND GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING

***SONG OF PRAISE - #2119** *"Where The Spirit Is"*

CALL TO WORSHIP -

L The Lord teaches us his decrees so that we may keep them till the end.

**P With my whole heart I seek you Lord;
do not let me stray from your commandments.**

L The Lord gives us understanding that we may keep his law

**P May I treasure your Word in my heart, O Lord
so that I do not sin against you.**

L We have chosen the way of faithfulness; O God.

May we always bless your Holy Name.

**P May your praise always be upon my lips
and may the meditations of my heart
be acceptable to you my Rock and my Redeemer.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Loving and Gracious God, we ask that you would come into our midst this day - that you would enter into our hearts and minds and cast out those thoughts and feelings that are contrary to your will. Pour out your Spirit upon. Make us, and make this sanctuary, a temple of your presence, a house of everlasting prayer and praise unto your name. May we hear your Word with joy and in gladness and in love do it. We ask it in the name of Christ Jesus - he who gave himself for us and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE -#77** *"How Great Thou Art"*

CHOIR ANTHEM - *"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"*

CHILDREN'S TIME -

PRAYER TIME

PRAYER HYMN - #2086 *"Open Our Eyes, Lord"*

SCRIPTURE READING:

SERMON: We welcome Rev. Beckie Laumeier and her husband, Robert, to our church this morning. Thank you Beckie for leading us in worship.

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We pray to you most Merciful and most Gracious God, accept these tithes and offerings given in love and in obedience to your word. Make us, your humble servants, ever more holy, so that in all that we say and do your mercy and your power and your love may shine forth - and the world render you praise on account of us. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN: #295** *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK

Organist: Cindy Heggie

Choir Director: Aimee Perry

Liturgist: Stacy Wyant

Scripture Reader: Barbara Bailey

Greeters: Meredith Nielsen and Barbara Allart

Fellowship: Ron and Jane Salyer and Deb Smith

Sunday School: Joyce Wiedrich

Nursery: Linda Folts and Sharon Larsen

Counters: Chris Bailey and Ron Salyer

TODAY - LIVING WELL SERVICE - 5-6pm. Rev. Jeff Childs is leading worship.

Next week will take offering for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Easter Lilly orders are due Mar. 22.

SERVING NEXT WEEK: 3/15/15)

Organist: Cindy Heggie
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Stacy Wyant
Scripture Reader: Ron Salyer
Greeters: MaryAnne Miller and Joel Warren
Fellowship: Doreen Sorensen & Terry Fingar & the Kids
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller
Nursery: Chris and Stacy Wyant
Counters: Elly Stempien and Ron Salyer

This Week in the Life of the Church

Tues:

Noon: UMW meet
7pm – Choir Practice
No Bible Study this week. Will resume, Mar. 18th 10am.

THE LENTEN LUNCH THIS WEEK....

March 12 -The Wise and Foolish Maidens (Matt 25:1-13) Pastor Elizabeth Boesen, preaching. Beef Stew, served by St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Bluff Point UMC (if you want to help please see Meredith Nielsen)

Pastor Judy and Art will be on vacation Feb. 25th- Mar. 16th. If there is any emergency please call Stacy Wyant, 315-536-9589. Rev. Tom Wunder will be covering for her Mar. 8th – Mar. 16th.

Pastor Judy would like to plan a trip to Lancaster Sight and Sound Theater to see Moses on April 10-11. It is the last time this production will be at Lancaster for some time. We'd like to purchase 15 tickets at \$46.55 each. We can carpool. Stay overnight at a hotel then come back next day.

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**FAITH AND LOVE....
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IT'S WHAT WE DO...**

