

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MARCH 22, 2015  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**WELCOME AND GREETING**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE - #2152 "Change My Heart, O God"**

**CALL TO WORSHIP -**

L I will sing of your steadfast love forever, O Lord.

**P I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

L I will declare that your love stands firm forever.

**P Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
love and faithfulness go before you.**

L Blessed are they who have learned to acclaim you

**P. And blessed are they who walk in the light of your presence.**

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**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

Most Holy God, we come week by week to seek from you in this sanctuary a blessing. We come hoping that you will touch us, that you will fill us, but sometimes we feel Lord that you have nothing to give us and we are tempted to give up on prayer and worship, we are tempted to abandon you. We confess, O Lord, that we are unwilling to consider that perhaps we do not receive because we are already full. Most generous God, help us empty ourselves so that we might receive your grace. Help us Lord give up our vain desire for personal happiness, for financial success, for a life free from pain and labor. Help us be rid of the critical judgements about others and about our world that fill us with anger and weariness of soul. Help us Father, to cast out all thought that we can do without the love of our neighbors and the support of your Spirit.

Loving and gracious God, we thank you for your grace and your mercy. As we gather today in the name of Jesus to celebrate the new covenant that you have made with us in through his death and resurrection, be present with us and bring to life within us the message that you have written upon our hearts. Amen.

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

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE -#297 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

**CHOIR ANTHEM – "Journey"**

**CHILDREN'S TIME –**

**PRAYER TIME**

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

**SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; John 12:20-33**

**SERMON: "A Promise Kept" – Rev. Judy D. White-Wunder**

**OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God - our hearts would not withhold our devotion, or our hands grasp for ourselves what you have called us to give. May these gifts signify our commitment to you and to the gospel revealed by your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord. Receive these offerings and lead us in his path. We ask it in his name, Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN: #424 "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK**

**Organist: Elly Stempien**

**Choir Director: Aimee Perry**

**Liturgist: Stacy Wyant**

**Scripture Reader: Sarah Stackhouse**

**Greeters: Amos and Laura Hammond**

**Ushers: Doug and Terry Fingar**

**Fellowship: Joyce Wiedrich and Meredith Nielsen**

**Sunday School: Marguerite Miller**

**Nursery: Donna Johnston and Phil Pearce**

**Counters: Elly Stempien and Bill Sutherland**

**TONIGHT – LIVING WELL SERVICE – 5-6pm. Pastor Judy Wunder, leading worship**

**SERVING NEXT WEEK: 3/29/15)**

**Organist: Elly Stempien**

**Choir Director: Aimee Perry**

**Liturgist: Stacy Wyant**

**Scripture Reader: Stacy Wyant**

**Greeters: Linda Folts and Michele Covert**

**Fellowship: Nancy and Bruce Westerdahl**

**Sunday School: No Sunday School today, Palm Sunday**

**Nursery: Terry Fingar and Sonya Andersen**

**Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry**

**This Week in the Life of the Church**

**Tues:**

**Noon: UMW meet**

**7pm – Choir Practice**

**Bible Study this week. We will begin a new series taken from the book “Where Is God When It Hurts” by Philip Yancey. We are going to look into the meaning of suffering and how to work through it. Please join us.**

**THE LENTEN LUNCH THIS WEEK....**

**March 26 –The Sheep and the Goats, Pastor Judy White-Wunder, preaching. Ham and Escalloped potatoes for lunch. \$6.**

**7 Tickets are on sale for SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER PRODUCTION, MOSES. We will be going April 10-11 by car. Anyone who would like to drive please let Pastor Judy know. Price is 49.50 for tickets plus for hotel .**

**Holy Week Schedule:**

**Palm Sunday and Musical Sunday, Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Maundy Thursday Sader Meal, Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm**

**Good Friday Service, Friend UMC, 7pm**

**Easter Sunrise on Keuka Lake, at 7am.**

**Easter Morning Service, 9am**

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