

**BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
FEBRUARY 17, 2013**

**WELCOME AND GREETING**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE - #2112 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

L.God calls us to worship in this season of Lent.

**P.We are people of promise.**

L.Christ calls us through wilderness to garden,  
from table to cross.

**P.We are people of promise.**

L.The Spirit sustains us in times of temptation.

**P.We are people of promise.**

L.God's promise is to all creation.

Healing, forgiving, beckoning...

**P.We are people of promise.**

L.Let us walk together in faith, trusting God to be with us through  
all the turnings and seasons of our lives.

**P.We are people of promise.**

**PRAYING TOGETHER:**

**Holy God,**

**This morning we raise our celebrations and joys. Help us to see these moments as Blessings from you. Let these moments of smile and laughter provide the strength we need when times get tough. Help us to see the joy in every moment, and that laughter which can turn around our days in a moment. This Lent, Help us to find more opportunities to experience the Joys you provide. May we walk this valley with Christ. Amen.**

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

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: #130 "God Will Take Care of You"**

**QUARTET: "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" Jeff & Elly, Marguerite & Bruce with Jeff & Ron Miller on trumpet & piano for interlude (Ron accompanying)**

**CHILDREN'S TIME –**

**PRAYER TIME**

**PRAYER HYMN - #2200 "O Lord, Hear Our Prayer"**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 10:8b-13(p.160 N.T.)  
Luke 4:1-13 (p.61 N.T.)**

**SERMON: "The Journey Begins" Rev. Judy D. White**

**OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY: Hymnal, #95**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**God of eternal love, we come to this Lenten journey in your presence. Mindful of all you have done for us, confident in your promises, we offer these gifts, those given through faith and the living of our lives. Bless them and us to love, serve and follow in Christ's name. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: #269 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"**

**POSTLUDE:**

**\*Those who are able please stand**

**SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK:**

**Organist: Cindy Heggie**

**Choir Director: Aimee Perry**

**Liturgist: Dick Smith**

**Greeters: Linda and Mike Folts**

**Ushers: Sherri Hunt and Michele Covert**

**Scripture Reader: Carole Clow**

**Fellowship: Chris and Stacy Wyant**

**Sunday School: Jessica Kenneda**

**Nursery: Terry Fingar and Sonya Andersen**

**Counters: Elly Stempien and Bill Sutherland**

**SERVING NEXT WEEK:**

Organist: Cindy Heggie  
Choir Director: Aimee Perry  
Liturgist: Dick Smith  
Greeters: Bev Dean and Ron Sergent  
Ushers: Phil and Kathy Burdick  
Scripture Reader: Sarah Stackhouse  
Fellowship: Ron and Jane Salyer  
Sunday School: Meredith Nielsen  
Nursery: Chris and Stacy Wyant  
Counters: Elly Stempien and Bill Sutherland

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

**Tues:**

Noon: UMW meet at Antique Inn  
No Choir Practice on Tues. until after Easter. Choir will be Wed.  
following Lenten Suppers.

**PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS MEETING, 6:30PM**

**Wed.10:30am, Bible Study**

7:30 Choir Practice until after Easter

**Our Lenten Suppers starts Wed. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:15pm.  
See signup sheets for supper and lessons on  
Jesus.**

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> –“Walking With Jesus”

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> –“Listening To Jesus”

Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> - “Eating With Jesus”

Mar.13<sup>th</sup> - “Watching Jesus’ Miracles”

Mar.20<sup>th</sup> – “Suffering With Jesus”

**SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED, BUT YOU NEED TO SIGN UP  
FOR A HEAD COUNT. HOPE YOU WILL MAKE THIS A  
JOURNEY OF FAITH THAT WILL TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE.**

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