

**BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 24, 2013**

WELCOME AND GREETING

ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING

***SONG OF PRAISE - #2202 "Come Away With Me"**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. Only the hungry search for bread.

Only the thirsty look for water.

This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

P. Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.

Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

L. So, let us come here today with our hunger and thirst,
our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,
and let the God of life satisfy our souls.

**P. The Lord Longs for us. Come into his presence with
thanksgiving.**

**PRAYING TOGETHER: Holy God, you dwell among your people,
And our hearts are full of gratitude for your closeness.**

Who is like you, O Lord?

Your majesty astounds us, Your holiness overwhelms us,

**And yet, in your mercy you draw near to us. For we know you long
for us more than we long for you. You dwell among us and even in
us, Lord Christ.**

**Awaken our hearts to desire your beauty and to long for your
presence**

that we might know you and be known by you,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

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

***HYMN OF PRAISE: #2218 "You Are Mine"**

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Love Unmeasured, Love of God"

CHILDREN'S TIME –

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

**SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1(p.198 N.T.)
Luke 13:31-35 (p.77 N.T.)**

SERMON: "The Lord's Longing" Rev. Judy D. White

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY: Hymnal, #95

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** Gracious God, accept these gifts which
we offer in response to the riches of your immeasurable love.
Strengthen us with your Spirit to witness to that love in all we do and
say, so that others may come to believe in Jesus as Saviour and Lord
Amen

***CLOSING HYMN: #172 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"**

***Those who are able please stand**

SERVING CHRIST THIS 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

TODAY:

**Pastoral Parish Relations Committee Meeting will meet after
worship for a brief meeting.**

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Organist: Cindy Heggie
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Dick Smith
Greeters: Ed and Sally Head
Ushers: Pam Althouse and Barbara Bailey
Scripture Reader: Meredith Nielsen
Fellowship: No sign up as yet
Sunday School: Carole Clow
Nursery: Phil Pearce and Aimee Perry
Counters: Dick Smith and Fremont Clow

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.

Wed. 10:30am, Bible Study

7:30 Choir Practice until after Easter

Our Second Lenten Supper is this Wed. Feb. 27th, 6-7:15pm. See signup sheets for supper

Feb. 27th –“Listening To Jesus”

Mar. 6th - “Eating With Jesus”

Mar. 13th - “Watching Jesus’ Miracles”

Mar. 20th – “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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