

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 10, 2013

WELCOME AND GREETING
ORGAN PRELUDE/CANDLE LIGHTING

*SONG OF PRAISE - #2151 "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

L. O God, sometimes we feel we are far away from home".

P. Help us to hear your call, "come home my child."

L. We are so weary of doing things by ourselves.

P. Help us to lean on you for all things..

L. We know you never forget us even though we stray far from you.

P. Lead us away from our mistakes to find reconciliation with You.

L. You love us no matter what we have done.

P. Let us worship the Lord with thanksgiving and praise.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious and wonderful God, we hear your voice calling us out of our wilderness to join with you on your journey of faith. May your journey be ours as we walk toward the cross of redemption and find forgiveness, love and grace. Help us to listen with open ears to your call of repentance. Come and be present with us today. In Jesus precious name, Amen.

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CHORAL ANTHEM: "Bow the Knee"

CHILDREN'S TIME –

PRAYER HYMN - #2193 "O Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying"

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corin. 5:16-21(p.181 NT)
Luke 15:1-3,11b-32(p.78 NT)

SERMON: "The Great Homecoming" Rev. Judy D. White

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY: Hymnal, #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: As we offer our gifts this morning, we offer ourselves to this ministry of reconciliation. Help us to open our minds to the possibilities, open our hearts to true, and open our doors so that we might share that love with those who have felt far off from it and forgotten. We pray in the name of Jesus, the embodiment of that love. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: #348 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

*Those who are able please stand

TODAY – Administrative Council will meet immediately after worship service for a brief time.

SERVING CHRIST THIS WEEK:

Organist: Cindy Heggie

Choir Director: Aimee Perry

Liturgist: Stacy Wyant

Greeters: Meredith and Don Nielsen

Ushers: Barbara Bailey and Pam Althouse

Scripture Reader: Phil Burdick

Fellowship: Linda Folts and Elly Stempien – **It's BIRTHDAY SUNDAY (all who have birthdays in March don't forget to come to fellowship so we may celebrate your special day)**

Sunday School: Sarah Stackhouse

Nursery: Terry Fingar and Sonya Andersen

Counters: Dick Smith and Fremont Clow

Snow Remover: Jeff Stempien

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Organist: Cindy Heggie
Choir Director: Aimee Perry
Liturgist: Stacy Wyant
Greeters: Mary Ann Miller and Joel Warren
Ushers: Ron and Marguerite Miller
Scripture Reader: Bruce Westerdahl
Fellowship- Phil and Kathy Burdick
Sunday School: Meredith Nielsen
Nursery: Laurie Prinzivalli and Donna Johnston
Counters: Elly Stempien and Bill Sutherland
Snow Remover: Jeff Stempien

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 Fourth Lenten Supper is this Wed. Mar.13, 6-7:15pm. See signup sheets for supper

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.

Bluff Point UMC is scheduled to help St. Paul Lutheran Church for the Mar. 14th Lenten Luncheon. If able to help contact Meredith Nielsen as soon as possible.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DRAMA, MAR. 28TH. WE NEED DISCIPLES!! JESUS IS CALLING YOU. CONTACT PASTOR JUDY

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