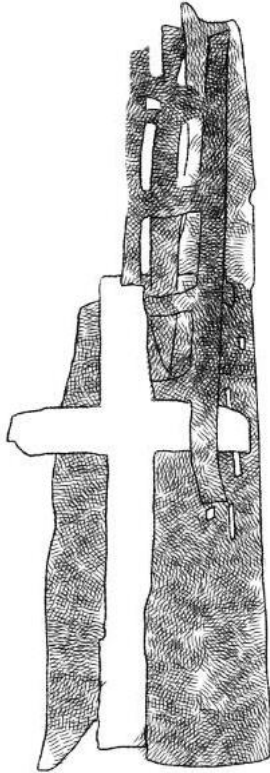


**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2016**



Lent—  
The path followed.  
The cross considered.  
The markers on our way.  
The markers left behind.  
The heavy stones carried.  
The ones we lay down.\*\*

**Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.**

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PRELUDE

Karen Goering Hostetler, Accompanist

WELCOME

David Stewart, Worship Leader

\*HYMN #71

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

Following this hymn, please remain standing and welcome those around you.

You may be seated upon hearing the sound of the bell.

PRAYER (based on Psalm 63)

L: O God, You are our God, the One in whom we trust.

We've gathered together today to worship You—

to open our hearts and minds to Your presence.

We long to meet You here, and to hear Your voice.

**C: We praise You—lifting our voices and prayers in joy and expectation.**

**Come among us in Your power.**

**Pour out Your spirit on our thirsty souls,**

**that we may be filled with goodness and love. Amen.**

HYMN #506

*I sought the Lord*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Alyssa Bennett Smith and Ruth Harder

ANTHEM

*Grant Unto Us Thy Peace*

Mendelssohn

(Please reserve expressions of appreciation for Community Building time)

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:1-9

HYMN STS #60

*Come to me, come to us*

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: WHY (WHY NOT) CHRISTIAN?

Kendric Beachey

Response: STS #60, *Come to me, come to us*

Brian Pauls

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME  
SILENT REFLECTION

SHARING JOY

*We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

*Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the back of Wesley Room.*

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN *O God, in your love* (see insert)



*Children in K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.*

\*SENDING FORTH

L: Go in the Spirit of Jesus, who proclaimed God's loving care.

Where there is illness or injury,

**C: may there be healing.**

L: Where there is loneliness and isolation,

**C: may there be companionship and renewed community.**

L: Where there is conflict and broken relationship,

**All: may God's peace be restored. AMEN.**

\*POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "STS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

\*\*The words on the front of the bulletin were provided by the Rainbow Visual Arts Committee to go along with the visual displays at the front of the Sanctuary and back of Wesley Room. The metal cross sculpture was a project completed by Arlie Regier and his youth Sunday school class in the 1980s.

Anthem text:

Grant unto us thy peace, O Lord.  
Grant us thy peace enduring.  
For there is none with the strength,  
Who could so firmly defend us.  
For thou art our hope and safety.

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