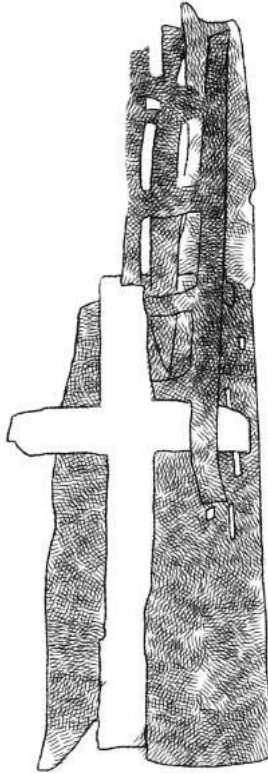


FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 6, 2016



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.

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, Accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

John Mueller, Worship Leader

*HYMN #114

In thee is gladness

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

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Harder

ANTHEM

The lamb

Tavener

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Fred Smith

LENTEN REFLECTION: WHY (WHY NOT) CHRISTIAN?

Sammy Stayton

HYMN #471

Eat this bread

Additional stanzas:

2. Be renewed, be reborn,
Leave your sins and come to my table.
Be renewed, be reborn,
in this new life you will be free.

3. Live in love, live in hope,
Heed the call to love one another.
Live in joy, live in peace,
seek my will and be one with me.***

COMMUNION SERVICE

- Words of Institution and Invitation
- Sharing Bread and Cup

Please come forward by the center aisle, take the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. Return by the side aisle. To receive a blessing in lieu of partaking in the bread and cup, please present yourself with hands folded. Gluten free crackers and grapes are also available.

- *Hymn of Response #299

New earth, heavens new

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

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 (east side of sanctuary).

OFFERING

ADULT EDUCATION INTRODUCTIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #478

Sent forth by God's blessing



Children in K - 5th 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: God who will not be contained,
who breaks convention to surprise us with healing and hope,

***All: open our culture-bound eyes
that we may move beyond our borders
to bring hope and healing to the world. 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.

***Written by John Mueller

*****Sing the Story* #154

Anthem text, by William Blake (1757-1827)

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
He is called by the name,
For he calls himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and he is mild;
He became a little child.
I, a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name,
Little Lamb, God bless thee!
Little Lamb, God bless thee!

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