

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 14, 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE "In Joseph's Garden" Rasley

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sin is put away!

Blessed are they who are free of guilt,
in whose spirit there is no deceit!

HYMN "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" 356

CALL TO CONFESSION *Psalm 32*

*From the font, hear these words are a gracious invitation to reflect on your lives,
to repent of your sins, and to receive God's abundant mercy and love.*

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to God; at a time of distress,
the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

With faith and hope, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSION OF SIN *Psalm 51*

Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me.

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me.

*You are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.*

*Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my parents conceived me.*

Create in me a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within me.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
All of this is from God, who was reconciled to us through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI

READING OF THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE *Joshua 5:9-12*

The Israelites no longer eat manna, but the crops of the land of Canaan.

READING OF THE EPTISLE *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to God's self and entrusted the message of reconciliation to us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Prayerful Alleluia" Harlan

READING OF THE GOSPEL *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

Parable of a man who had two sons.
This is the Word of the Crucified Christ.
Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON Reverend King

HYMN "Amazing Grace" 280

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical) 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "The Devotional Hour" Ritter

DOXOLOGY

HYMN "Song of Hope" (*sing through twice*) 432

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE "Amen" 587

POSTLUDE "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" Ritter

- Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

The Session will meet immediately following worship today.

Easter lily dedication sign-up sheet has been placed on the volunteer desk. The order will need to be turned in by Wednesday, March 17.

Choir practice will be held at 6:30 on Wednesday, March 17.

Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary this morning by First Presbyterian Church.

Helping Hand contribution for the month of March is *toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates or antibacterial soap.*

Hazel Howard is providing refreshments for the congregational today.

Birthdays: March 16 ~ Mary Botkin

The Reverend Georgia N. King, Pastor

Organist-Choir Director- Mrs. Pat Petty

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun. March 14

9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Social Hall
10:10 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

OFFICE HOURS

Lynn Garrison ~ Monday to Friday. 9:00-12:00

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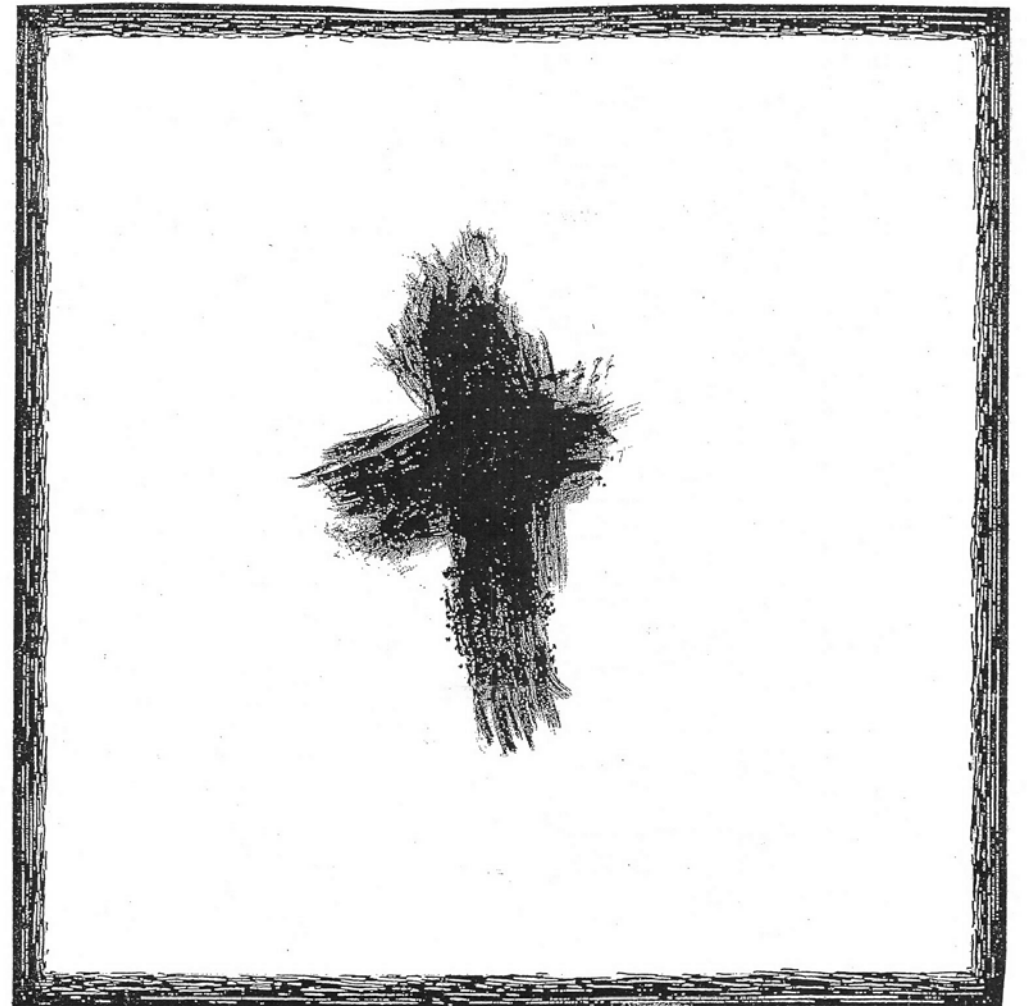


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“And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death- even death on a cross.”

Philippians 2:8