

Welcome to our worship service today!

We are so glad you are with us and pray that you will sense the presence of God in a powerful way as we worship together. God bless you richly!

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

AMEN!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 383 v 1, 2, 3

"This is the Day of New Beginnings"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*HYMN TFWS 2160 v 1

"Into My Heart"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, it is interesting that it is easy for us to identify with today's scripture about the "Prodigal Son." Some of us are easily reminded of our own selfishness and stubbornness when we willfully sought our own way. Others are reminded about how angry we were when others were not held accountable for their actions, when we have been so careful not to displease anyone. Still others can identify with the father who, feeling the loss of his son, welcomes him home again, reminding the brother that he has always been in the love and care of the Father. We hear this story and it's a pleasant memory. But do we really understand what it is about? Do we know that we have also been stubborn and selfish, angry and unforgiving, sorrowful and caught between two conflicting factions? We are no different from these characters, in our own unique way. Yet, in God's infinite love, we also are forgiven

and healed. We are called to turn our lives back to God's care, which is always extended to us. Forgive us and heal us, gracious God. Open our hearts and our spirits to truly receive the blessings of your healing love. For it is in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, that we pray. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Once we were "dead" to all the things that God hoped for us; but in God's love we are again brought to life. Rejoice, dear ones, you are forgiven.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 32

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER UMH #70

*HYMN 348

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

MESSAGE

"The Lost (Luke 15)"

Pastor Debra Schaffran

GIVING BACK TO GOD

DOXOLOGY UMH #95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 140

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

BENEDICTION

*PARTING MUSIC

"Amen"

**UMH - United Methodist Hymnal*

THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

Sun., Mar. 31

4th Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
12 p.m. Book Study
2 p.m. Earl Fredrickson funeral;
visitation begins at 1 p.m.

Mon, Apr. 1

7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Tues., Apr. 2

10 a.m. – 8 p.m. CORE
5:30 p.m. TOPS

Wed., Apr. 3

5:30 p.m. Jesus After Supper

Thurs., Apr. 4

6 p.m. UM Men
7 p.m. Trustees

Sun., Apr. 7

5th Sunday in Lent

Communion

Food Shelf Sunday

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Missions potluck
12:30 p.m. New Member Class

ASSISTING TODAY

Acolyte

Jude Houglum

Flowers

Roberta Thompson

Greeters & Ushers

Janell Anderson

Reader

Robin Priebe

Servers

Ty & Jen Houglum

Sound

Robin Priebe

**Note: you must find your own
replacement if unable to assist.**

Organists/Pianists:

Phyllis Junnila

Maree Nordenstrom

Elaine Keehr

Offering Mar. 24

Pledge \$1446.00

Non pledge \$292.00

Loose \$24.00

Og. Reimb. \$142.00

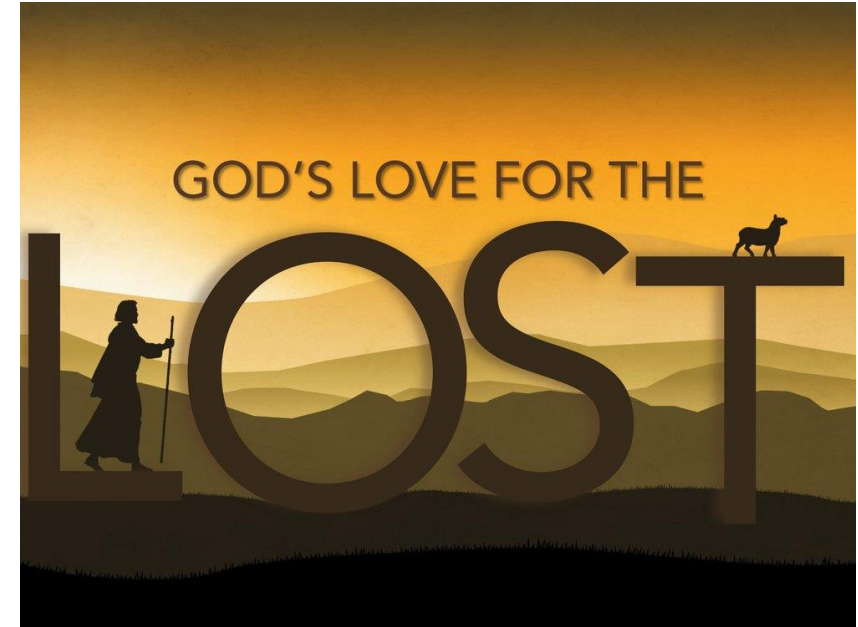
Missions \$6.00

Total \$1910.00

Attendance 61

18th of month

Cross & Flame deadline



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 31, 2019 10:30 a.m.

“Living for Christ, Sharing His Love”

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