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The Celebration of Worship Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2010

8:45 and 11:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care
and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them, and to
our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My
ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways
and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:6-9

VOLUNTARY

Wayne and Mary Odin

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
(See insert)

Stuart Townend

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Barbara Hopta

*RESPONSE

Thou Art Worthy

Pauline Michael Mills, based on Rev. 4:11

Thou art wor-thy, Thou art wor-thy, Thou art wor-thy, O Lord, _____
to re-ceive glo-ry, glo - ry and hon-or, glo - ry and hon-or and power. _____
For Thou hast cre - at - ed, hast all things cre - at - ed, Thou hast cre - at - ed all things; _____
and for Thy plea-sure they are cre - at - ed, for Thou art wor-thy, O Lord! _____

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jim Roberts

Lord, we are quick to blame and condemn others while we sit comfortably by in our own smug piety, as if we are blameless. But we are sinful, every one of us. It is by Your mercy that we have another day, that we live our comfortable lives of blessing. As we evaluate our own lives, the evidence weighs against us. For we do not love You with our whole hearts. If so, this world would know Your truth by our witness. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. If so, we would live in a just world where no one goes wanting. We thank You, merciful God, that You have granted us a day to repent. Forgive us and make us in the likeness of Your Son, Jesus the Christ.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so you may greet each other by name.
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Community Ministry

Sue Webster

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Barbara Hopta

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christ-ian love.
Be-fore our Fa-ther's throne we pour our ar-dent prayers.
We share our mu-tual woes, our mu-tual bur-dens bear,
From sor-row, toil, and pain and sin we shall be free.

The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds is like to that a-bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.
And of-ten for each oth-er flows the sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.
And per-fect love and friend-ship reign through all e-ter-ni-ty.

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We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Barbara Hopta

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Roberts

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Wayne and Mary Odin

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim Roberts

God of all our blessings, accept, sustain, and multiply these offerings we bring for the sake of Your glory. We bring them to serve Your ministries of compassion and to further the good news of Your kingdom, through Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM (11:00)

The Lord is My Shepherd

Allen Pote

The Lord is my Shepherd. Nothing shall I want. My Shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters. The Lord is my Shepherd Who restores my life, leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name. And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me. Your rod and staff will comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and in the house of my God I will live forever.

The Geneva Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

Bill McCoy

SERMON

THE TWENTY THIRD PSALM:
He Makes Me Lie Down

Bill McCoy

*CONCLUDING HYMN 391

Take My Life
(See insert)

HENDON

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BLESSING

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PARTING

HYMN 540

God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.

*VOLUNTARY

Wayne and Mary Odin

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Reminder: please return your hearing devices at the end of the service this morning.

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- *Restrooms* are located upstairs off the second floor hallway. Please accompany children.
- *Childcare:* Nursery and Rooms 113 and 114; Mary Mullens, Karen Scherr, Kim Smith, Aaron and Patti Alexander, Helen Liu, Carolyn Mullett, Tish and Carah Chafin.
- *Elder Visitation:* Kay Lamb, Tom Marchio, Jim McCain, Bryson McCain
- *The Flowers* today are given by Bruce Jamison and family for the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Alice B. Jamison and by Barbara and Bill Gessner in loving memory of members of the Trinity Bible Class who have passed on.
- *Greeters today are:* Pam and Brian Healy

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THANK YOU!**

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