# The Service for the Lord's Day Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent March 14, 2010 – 11:00 AM

\* Indicates congregation standing if able. Parents with infants may remain seated.

Congregational responses indicated in bold.

# **GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

May each of us worship with openness and love between God and our fellow worshipers. Everyone present is a child of God, and all are welcomed here in his house of worship.

Minute for Mission

Haiti

Deb Hyder

HANDBELL PRELUDE

"Where You There?"
Micki Anderson - flutist

arr. Dan Edwards

#### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

From now on, brothers and sisters,

we regard no one from a human point of view.

# 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 is reconciled to us through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

So we are ambassadors for Christ. God is making an appeal through us; we entreat you, on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*HYMN OF CALL # 145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

# CALL TO CONFESSION (PSALM 32)

#### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, compassionate beyond measure, merciful beyond belief, we have been in the far country, lost in our sin, distant from you, seemingly beyond your reach.

Yet something is calling us back.

Somehow, we hope to return to you.

We're just not sure about the details.

Yet before we can work out what to say, you are running to us.

Before we can voice our confession, your arms are around us, welcoming us home.

Your forgiveness astounds us.

Help us to believe that it is so, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

...(silent & personal confession) Amen

SUNG RESPONSE # 572 "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

**KYRIE** 

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI # 579

"Glory Be to the Father"

H. W. Greatorex

HANDBELL ANTHEM

"The Wonderful Cross"

arr. Bill Ingram

#### THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PSALM: Psalm 32

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joshua 5:9-12

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**SERMONS** 

A New Creation

The Rev. Craig Hendrix

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Trad.) Hymnal – pg 14

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN # 391 "Take My Life" (verses 1-4)

HENDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins/sin against us)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** 

"Near the Cross"

by Shackley

- \*DOXOLOGY # 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
- \*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

# **THE SENDING FORTH**

\*SENDING HYMN # 376 "Love Devine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION # 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.

\*POSTLUDE "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

barr. Sanborn

#### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Liturgist: Deb Hyder Pianist: Mary Hook

Ushers: Chelsea Richmond and Teresa Hettrick

Sound: Greg Murr

#### **BETHEL STAFF**

**Rev. Craig Hendrix - Interim Pastor** 

**Emeritus** 

Deb Hyder – Parish Nurse

Mary Hook – Pianist and Organist

Chris Badger – Handbell Choir Director

Linda Gerth – Child-care

Rev. Richard Hettrick, D. Min.- Pastor

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# Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

~ a community of faith coming together, for fellowship, study and service . . . seeking God's peace, justice and love ~

#### A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:

We extend a warm welcome from Bethel Presbyterian Church! We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders adding your name and address and if you desire a church newsletter or a pastoral call. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us" rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..." Prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks, please put those in the offering plate.