

MORNING WORSHIP

March 14, 2010

Fourth Sunday of Lent

CHIMES AND PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Let us gather this day and celebrate the blessings of God!

People: With God's help we can face the problems and dangers of tomorrow.

Pastor: Who indeed can stand against the power and might of the Lord our God?

People: No force in all creation can endure against God or without God's help.

Pastor: Praise be to God who has sustained us all the days of our lives.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

†**HYMN 302:** *I Danced in the Morning*

SIMPLE GIFTS

†APOSTLES' CREED:

*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.*

†GLORIA PATRI:

*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.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

We are your children, Father, and we desperately need your love and forgiveness. We see the attractions of the world, and find ourselves with the prodigal son. We taste a little bit of religion, and find ourselves with the elder son. Forgive us for concentrating on ourselves, without understanding we need you to be our Father. We feel your love winning us back, and we want to share in the celebration of the lost being found. Receive us in the name of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

KYRIE: NO. 574

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Pastor: Friends, hear the Good News! When anyone is united to Christ, there is a new world.

People: The old order is gone, and a new order has already begun.

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joshua 5:1-12

Pew Bible, Page 197

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

INVITATION

OFFERTORY: *Wonderful Peace*

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†**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

ANTHEM: *On Eagle's Wings*

Joncas-Wagner

WORD WITH CHILDREN

Deborah Pogue

(Children through 5th grade may depart for the nursery/children's church)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Luke 15:11-32

Pew Bible, Page 78

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *Taking Charge*

The Rev. Tom Langston

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

*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, for ever. Amen.*

†**HYMN 306:** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADER'S HYMN

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

† All are invited to stand

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PRAYER CONCERNS If you have a prayer concern that you would like our pastor and/or church members to bring before God, please write it on the card located in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or has other care concerns, please notify the church office or the elder on call for March, Erika Roberts.

THE FLOWERS today are given by Warren and Jeannine Wells to the glory of God and in grateful appreciation for the church family's support during Jeannine's continuing recovery period.

PADD SUNDAY is acknowledged today with a special offering. These monies support the Presbyterian Agency for the Developmentally Disabled that provides 24 hour care for individuals with disabilities. If you wish to donate, make checks payable to Marion Presbyterian Church and note "for PADD" or place cash in an envelope and mark "for PADD".

THE CHERUB CHOIR grades 3k-5, will practice during children's church today to prepare to sing during the Easter Sunday worship service. Please encourage your child to participate!

EASTER LILIES Please fill out the insert if you would like to purchase an Easter lily to honor or remember a loved one. The lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

YOUTH GROUP met on Friday night and enjoyed midnight bowling and a lock-in. No meeting tonight. Next Sunday, *Ultimate Frisbee*.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Beth Moore's study of David, *A Heart Like His*, continues on Wednesday, 9:00am, in the fellowship hall.

LENTEN LUNCH Wednesday, at noon, Marion Opera House, hosted by The Harvest Church.

FOOD PANTRY Our food ministry has improved the potential of meeting the goals of Marion Presbyterian Church in providing food to those in need in our community by partnering with the Refuge Family Worship Center. Please continue to fill a bag or bring non-perishable food items to church on Sundays.

NEW ADDRESS Chris Atkinson is now serving in Afghanistan. Here is his address if you would like to send him a note of support:

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