

MARCH 13, 2011

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

**We Assemble as Community**

**Pastor:** This is the day the Lord has made!

**People:** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**Welcome & Announcements & Passing of Pew Pads**

(Please complete the pew pads and pass them to your neighbor at this time.)

**Minutes for Mission:**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Prelude:** Organist

( Please pray this "centering prayer" in your hearts as you prepare for worship.)

You are here ahead of me, Lord, welcoming me into this time with you. Thank you for wanting me to be here to worship you. Thank you for wanting me. I am glad that you prepared today, this time, this place for us to be together again. Amen

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Welcome, children of God, to this time and place of worship.

**People:** Welcome, one and all.

**Leader:** Turn to those sitting on your row and say, "Welcome!"

**People:** Welcome!

**Leader:** We are glad that each and every one of us is here this morning, because as God's children...

**All:** We all belong to the family of God.

**\*Hymn #560** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Welcoming God, we confess that we have failed to offer one another the gracious welcome you extend to us. We have crowded our lives with activities and obligations that leave us no room for new relationships. We have avoided the newcomers' gaze, hoping someone else will be the one to welcome them. We have eagerly sought the company of people we know and closed our circle to those we don't know. In doing so, we have closed our eyes to Christ himself. Forgive us, O God, and let your warm, soothing grace flow through each of us to all your children. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**\*Commitment of Practice**

As a vibrant, fruitful, growing congregation, we believe in and commit to the following practices:

We believe in the "Practice of Radical Hospitality." Out of our genuine love for Christ and for others, we commit to invite, welcome, include, and support newcomers and help them grow in faith as they become part of the Body of Christ.

**\*The Peace**

*People: And also with you*

**We Give Thanks to God**

**Joys and Concerns, Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (Please use "Sins" and "Those who have sinned against us")**

**Offering: Offertory:** Organist

*\*Doxology, \*Offertory Prayer*

**We Proclaim God's Word**

**Anthem:** "Take My Life, Lord" Chancel Choir

**Children's Sermon:**

*(Children K-5<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed for rehearsal of the Children's Musical)*

**Hymn (Insert)** "Though I May Speak"

**First Scripture:** Genesis 18:1-8 (NRSV)

**Second Scripture:** Romans 12:9-13 (NRSV)

*"This is the Word of the Lord."*

**All:** "Thanks be to God."

**Sermon** "Radical Hospitality" Rev. Sandra Stogsdill  
**Prayer**

**We Respond and Go In God's Name**

**\*Hymn #252** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

**\*Blessing and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Worship leaders for today: Gary Becka*

*Acolyte: Aria Manor*