

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011**

***PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

Pre-Service Voluntary: “*Adagio in D*” – T. Dubois
Welcome / Announcements
Temple Talk: “*New Orleans Work Trip*” - Gail Harker

† WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP †

Prelude: Variation on “*Lasset uns mit Jesu ziehen*” - R. Hillert
“*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*”

A brief silence is observed.

† GATHERING †

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.
Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***THE GATHERING SONG:**

Hymn #802: “*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*”

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*Please stand if you are able

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (a brief silence is observed)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

May Almighty God

strengthen you with power

through the Holy Spirit,

that Christ may live in your hearts

through faith.

C: Amen.

REETING

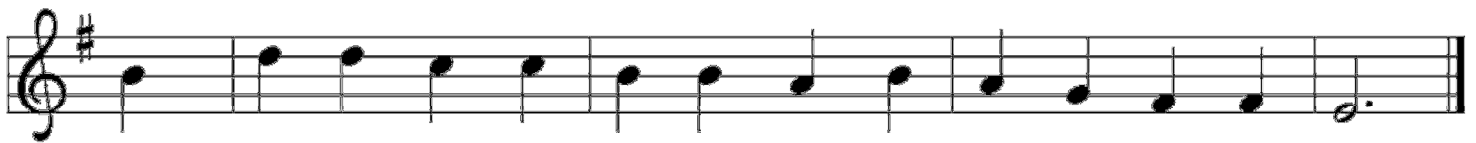
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

THE KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

† GOD'S WORD †

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

L: A reading from Ezekiel the 37th chapter.

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

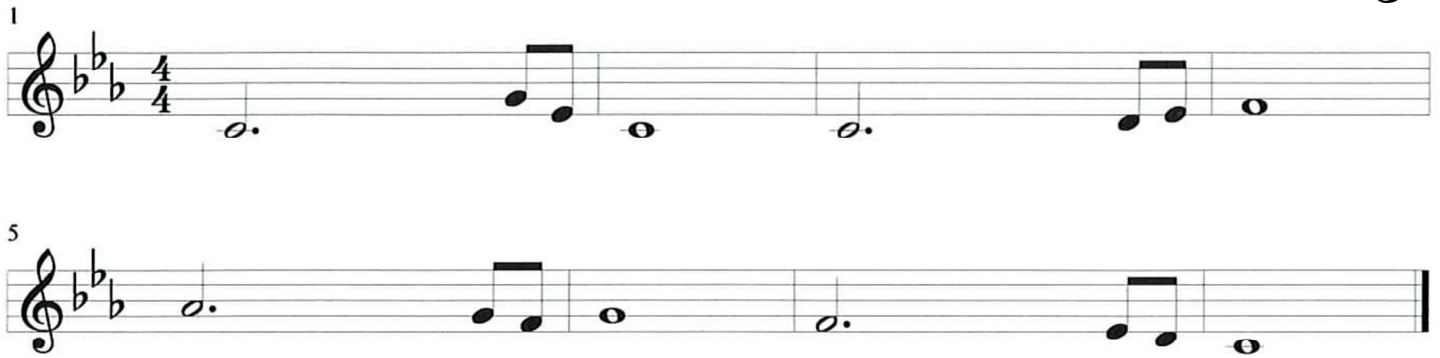
¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 130



¹Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

²O LORD, | hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

³If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

⁴Yet with you | is forgiveness,

in order that you | may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord

more than those who keep watch | for the morning,

more than those who keep watch | for the morning.

**⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there
is | steadfast love;**

with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall | redeem Israel

from | all their sins.

PSALM RESPONSORY:

“Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee”

Chancel Choir

- arr. R. Leaf

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:6–11

L: A reading from Romans the 8th chapter.

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

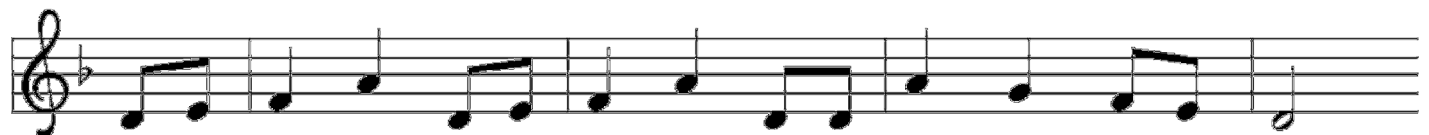
⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

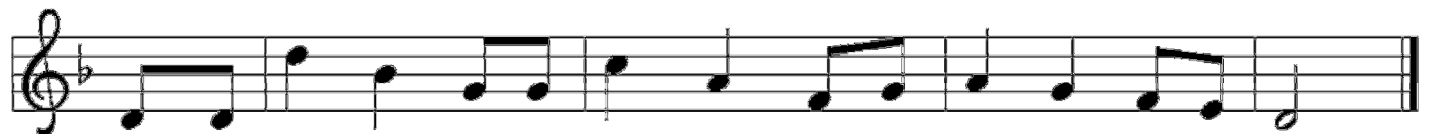
L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***LENTEN VERSE**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 11:1–45

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not

lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for

you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #666: *"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

† We Offer to God †

P: As we return to the waters of baptism during this season of Lent, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P: You are the Lord: You have spoken, and you will act. Give your church confidence that in this life, you feed us with your word, and answer our every prayer. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You breathe into our dry bones, and we live. We pray for the universe, the solar system, and our fragile planet; for all creatures that creep or swim or fly or run. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You open our graves and bring us up from death. We pray for those who are afraid; for those who live in hiding; for those who have buried too many loved ones. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You wept at Lazarus's tomb and weep with us when we mourn. We pray for widows and orphans; for those who are depressed; for those who are sick (*especially*); and for those who have lost hope. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You are the resurrection and the life. We pray for our congregation; for the very old and very young among us; for singers, readers, ushers, acolytes, and those who help serve communion. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: You are our Messiah and teacher. We thank you for giving us examples of faithful living in the saints who have gone before us (*especially Mikael Agricola, bishop*). God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

***THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY:

Variation on “*Wondrous Love*”

Tune of Hymn of the Day

– J. Carter

*OFFERING HYMN



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

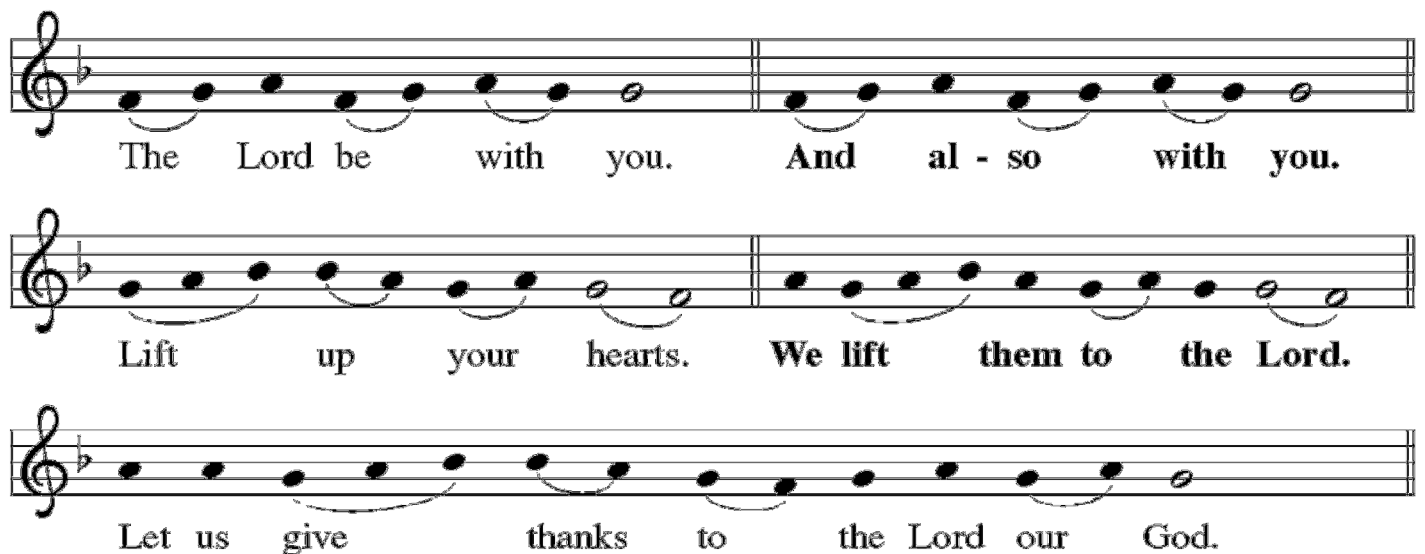
*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† We Celebrate the Lord's Supper †

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***THE PREFACE:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....
 We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

***THE SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

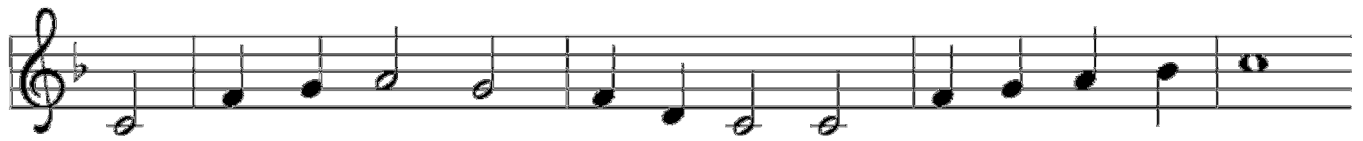
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

*TRADITIONAL 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

All Baptized Christians Are Invited To Receive Holy Communion. We Ask Parents to Bring Their Non-communing Children with Them to the Communion Rail. Pick up an empty cup in the chancel. After Receiving Communion, Exit By Way Of The Side Door. If You Cannot

**Come To the Altar, the Pastor Will Come To You, Please
Notify An Usher.**

During Communion

Hymn 328: *“Restore in Us, O God”* (Choir)

Hymn 333: *“Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land”*

Hymn 322: *“Oh, Love, How Deep”*

Hymn 616: *“Jesus, Remember Me”* (sing 3 times)

*Post Communion Blessing

*Post Communion Cantic

Bless-ed be God, who chose you in Christ.

Live in love as Christ loved us.

*Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

† WE LEAVE TO SERVE †

***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING WITH SUNG "AMENS"**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

***SENDING SONG:**

Hymn #886: *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

***CLOSING PRAYER**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with joy.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Improvisation on “Azmon”
Tune of Last Hymn

– P. Manz



Acolyte: Owen Weaver

Communion Assistants: Tess Freeman & Vicar Tina
Toburen

Scripture Reader: Cammy Brian

Nursery: Vicki Klopp

Greeters: Jay & Linda Weaver

Ushers: Dave Haldeman (Head), Kristi Leonhard, Dick Raffauf,
Ryan Brubaker and Ron Gehr (alt.)



***The Altar Flowers and Bulletins** Are Dedicated
to the Glory of God by Dave & Dawn Henry in Honor
of Their Anniversary.

***Welcome to all!** If you have come as a visitor, we hope that you'll
leave as a friend who's been blessed by worshiping in this house of God.
We encourage you to join us again.

***Hearing Assistance Units Are Available** for anyone who has
difficulty hearing. Prior to worship, please contact an usher if you wish
to use one of the units during worship.

***Worship Bags For Children** are available on the first pew in the
back of the church. Please take one during worship. Just return the bag,
crayons, and storybook – the rest can be kept. Thank you!

***Bulletin Announcements** should be turned in by Monday at Noon
for the upcoming announcement bulletin. Any announcements turned in
after this deadline will be announced but may not be printed until the
next week's announcement bulletin.

****Newsletter Articles** should be turned in by the second Sunday of the month for the upcoming month (ex. May newsletter articles should be turned in by April 10). Articles should be clearly written or typed as you would like them to appear in the newsletter. Any article turned in incomplete or late may not appear in the monthly newsletter but may be placed in the weekly announcements or announced during the service.*

****Check out** our website at www.mellingers.org for the most updated information pertaining to the church. The calendar, bulletin and newsletter are all posted on our website now. Since the schedule at the church changes rapidly, this is the best source for up-to-the-date and last minute information.*

****The Meet Me Line** is available for those needing to listen to the service from home. No special equipment is required for usage and is at no cost to the caller as long as Mellingers is not a long distance call for you. Instructions for use are as follows:*

- 1. A few minutes before the church service starts, dial 336-4191.*
- 2. If the phone rings more than four times, the system at the church is not yet turned on. Please hang up and try again in a few minutes.*
- 3. If you get a busy signal, this means the system is full with other callers.*
- 4. If the system answers, please listen quietly and do not hang up for at least ten minutes. This is because if the first person listens for only a few minutes and then hangs up before others call in, the system will shut down and no one else will be able to call in for that service.*
- 5. Please be aware that others who call in using this service can hear you speak. You can talk to other people on the line but no one at Mellingers can hear you.*
- 6. You may listen as long as you like. Just hang up when you are finished.*