

MORNING WORSHIP



Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2010

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME:

"Not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another"

Please turn off all cell phones/pagers at this time.

*Gathering Song: *There Is A Redeemer*

Welcome and Announcements of Church Life

Minute for Ministry

Bonnie Nodine, ARPC Vision Task Force

Chiming of the Bells

Prelude: *Trust and Obey*

arr. R. Bohman

Silent Prayer and Prayer of Invocation

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE:

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise!"

Introit: *Humble Yourselves*

Hopson

*Call to Worship:

Celebrant: All around the world,

People: **People rise to greet the morning and sing praise to the Creator.**

Celebrant: All over the earth,

People: **People hold hands around a table and offer thanks.**

Celebrant: All around the globe,

People: **Some cry for food, some are filled with laughter, all search for truth.**

Celebrant: All around the world,

People: **Hearts hear a sacred melody and yearn for peace.**

Celebrant: Throughout this day, across many lands,

People: **Sisters and brothers touch the bread of life and drink the cup of joy.**

Celebrant: All around the world,

All: **PEOPLE SING, AND WE JOIN THE UNENDING CHORUS OF PRAISE.**

*Hymn of Praise No. 150: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

5¢-a-Meal Offerings may be brought forward

AN ACT OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: *(In Unison)*

Righteous God, in Christ You became sin for us. You took what we are so that we might become what You are. But we confess that often we ignore our sin. We confess that we too often do not confess. We keep silent about the sin that clings to us. But our sins are too great a burden for us. Forgive us. In Christ take away our iniquity. You are our stronghold, our hiding place. May we confess our sins, that we might then rejoice and be glad in You and in the righteousness that flows over us as a mighty stream of grace. In Christ, Amen.

Silent Prayer

*Declaration of Forgiveness:

Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

*Response: *Lamb of God*

*The Peace

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION:

"Blessed are they that hear the word of the Lord."

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURES

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 147

(p. 715)

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Let us greet the Gospel of Christ as we stand to sing: *Break Thou the Bread of Life!*

*John 6:25-35

(p. 119)

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Anthem: *Worthy Is the Lamb*

Larson

Sermon: **"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"**

Dr. Ron Tippens

The Offering and Offertory: *Psalm 23*

arr. J. Martin

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:

The Invitation:

Celebrant: Friends, we have all been invited to eat supper in the Lord's house.

People: **We come hungry and thirsty.**

Celebrant: Jesus walked into the world inviting everyone to His feast--the rich and the poor, the faithful and the unfaithful, the strong and the weak, the old and the young, adults and children.

People: **We meet at the Lord's table.**

Celebrant: Come then and sit down to life with our Lord Jesus Christ, for He will wipe the tears from your eyes--He will take the burden from your shoulders and the heaviness from your hearts.

People: **We come to this table to celebrate life, to celebrate faith.**

Words of Institution

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Response of Faith:

Celebrant: We have filled our cups to overflowing; we have feasted on the Bread of Life.

People: **Help us now, O God, to be Your Good News in this world, to carry into our own situations the love and the hope we feel here.**

Celebrant: We pray that we have received the strength to believe more fully, to risk more willingly, to love more unselfishly.

People: **As we have shared a common cup and a common loaf, we pray that we may be called from our individual concerns to concerns of justice and mercy wherever they are being violated.**

Celebrant: We thank You for the renewing of our spirits and for the amazing grace with which You have blessed us. Amen.

*The Charge and The Benediction:

REMEMBER.....

You go nowhere by accident, Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there, God has a purpose in your being there.

Christ Who indwells you has something God wants to do through you where you are.

Believe this and go in God's grace and love and power to embrace and love the community of Charlotte.

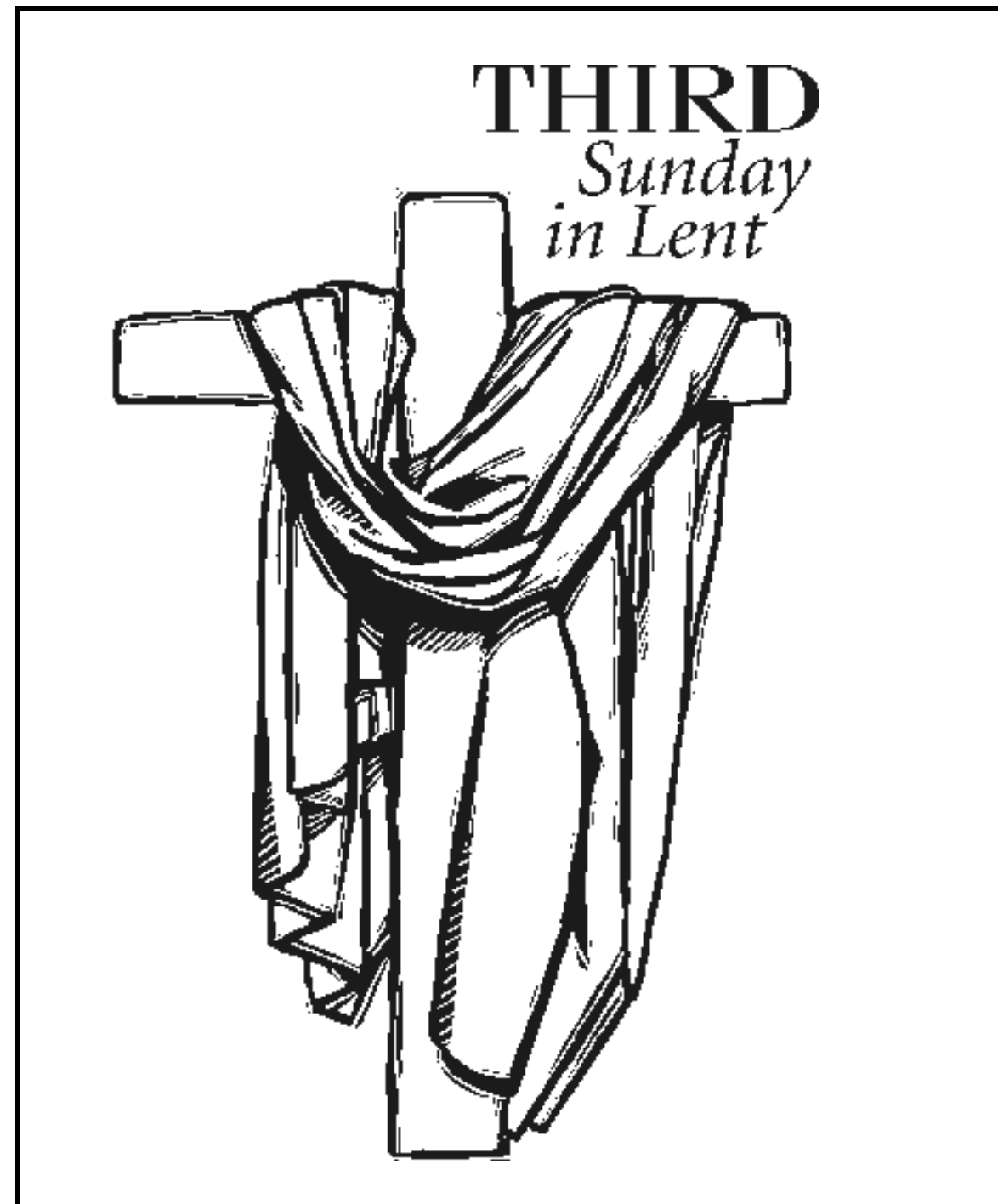
*Hymn of Dedication: *Glorify Thy Name*

*Postlude: *Fugue in a minor*

J.S. Bach

*Please stand if able

***Latecomers may be seated by ushers



NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

Welcome to Albemarle Road Church on this beautiful Lord's Day!

Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or longtime worshipers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we are all family, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Welcome to all of you today!

Guests are encouraged to complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate. **Everyone** is asked to sign the Friendship Register found on each pew and pass to all those on the pew.

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God by Ray & Marilyn Michue in honor of Addison Lynn's second birthday today!

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Troy & Nichole Dissler, Katy & Joe Leischner
Scheduled for Sunday, March 14: Jenks Mackay, Jeni Carder, Erik & Maggie Blackwelder

Final day to order Easter Lilies! If you would like to order lilies in honor or memory of loved ones, please complete the form included in today's bulletin and place in the offering plate along with your check for \$9.50 per lily. Extra forms, if needed, are available in the narthex. A list of memorial and honor gifts will be placed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, and lilies may be taken home after the Easter 10:30 service.

Our Lenten Soup/Sandwich/Study continues today, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Calvin Hall. Bring a sandwich and dessert to share. The Lenten study is on the book 24 Hours that Changed the World. Join your church family for this time of fellowship and study as we remember Jesus' passion and resurrection.

Saints Alive! will meet Wednesday, March 10, 10 a.m. in Calvin Hall.

The ARPC Annual Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, March 27th, at 10:30 a.m. This is for children through fifth grade. Please meet in the Education Building. We hope to see you there!

An Inquirer's Class for prospective members will be held soon. This five-week class will meet on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour. If interested, please contact the pastor or church office.

At ARPC we believe in the power of prayer. That is why the Presbyterian Women established a Prayer Chain. When someone makes a request for prayer, that person can be assured that many people are lifting up their concerns to God. We are currently asking for names of anyone interested in being added to the Prayer Chain. Participants may serve by telephone or by being on the e-mail list. If you are interested, or want more information, please contact Jane Killough before March 21st. Anyone wishing to make a prayer request should call Jane Killough (704-545-9546) or Sallie Henry (704-537-3610).

Presbyterian Women are seeking nominations for the PW Honorary Life Membership award. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please submit their name to Susan Culbreth or Ginger Blackwelder, along with a description of why you feel they are deserving.

Greeters: Hank Denton, Ed Schweiger

March Elder: Annette Mayne

Head Ushers: Bob & Pam Saye

Recent Illness: Bill McGuirt, Wirt Neale, Tommy Robinson

2010 EASTER LILY ORDERS:

Each year at ARPC the Flower Committee offers the opportunity to members and friends to place a lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday in honor or in memory of a loved one. These lilies enhance the beauty of the Easter Service. Lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 4, and may be taken home after the service. A printed list of contributors will be in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

If you wish to participate in this project, the cost per lily is \$9.50. **Orders must be received in the church office by Sunday, March 7.** Please fill out the form below and drop in the offering plate or return to the church office with your check. Make checks payable to ARPC marked for "Easter Lily."

Easter Lily Order Form

I will give _____ Lilies at \$9.50 each.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____



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