



Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2010

9:00 AM

Williamsville United Methodist Church
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Welcome to Worship

March 7, 2010

9:00 AM

Gathering Music

"Glory Be to You Jesus Christ"
Crosswinds

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing the Light

*The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation:
In God I trust, in God I trust.
(Repeat)*
(Come forward to light the sanctuary candles.)

Song of Praise

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia
Glory to God, glory to God
Glory in the highest
Glory to God, glory to God
Alleluia, alleluia*

Time of Prayer

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
You alone are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia. (Repeat)*

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-9

Silence

+Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Silence

The Message

“Listen, and Live”

The Rev. Rich Neal

The Offering of Our Gifts to God

“Seek Ye First”

By: Karen Lafferty

Crosswinds

The Lord’s Supper

(See insert)

+Closing

Let your servant now go in peace, oh Lord

Now go in peace according to your word

(repeat)

The Blessing

Postlude

“Nothing Can Trouble”

Crosswinds

+ Indicates: please stand as you are able.

FWS hymns are found in the black spiral-bound books.

Hymnal numbers are found in the blue hardcover books.

Acolytes: Nathan and Spencer Roberts

Altar Guild: Sondra Scott

Head Usher: Robert Wood

March Usher Team: James Leopold, Raymond Rebmann,

Eric Gerken, James Steimer

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The Rev. Richard Neal at 984-3541

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Pastor

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Pastoral Office Hours:

Rich Neal: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or by appointment

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Pastoral Team: The Rev. Richard Neal, Pastor Nicholas Perry, Associate Pastor

Directors of Music: Judith Stafford and Wendy Amuso

Pastoral Assistant for Nurture and Visitation: Barbara Saltarella

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WHY SPEND MONEY ON WHAT IS NOT BREAD, AND YOUR LABOR ON WHAT DOES NOT SATISFY?



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Prelude "Psalm of the Savior" P. Choplin
 The Chancel Choir
 Rocky Amuso, flute and Paul Ferington, clavinova

Welcome and Announcements

+Gathering Litany adapted from Isa. 55:1-9 *The Message*
 Hey there! All who are thirsty, come to the water.
 No money? Come anyway – come, buy, and eat!
Why spend ourselves for things that won't satisfy?
God offers real satisfaction of our hungers.
 Return to God, who is full of love and mercy.
 Seek God while there's time, while God is close at hand.
Your face, O God, do I seek!

+Hymn "Seek the Lord" Hymnal 124

+Gathering Prayer
 O God: In you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
Give to our thirsting souls the refreshment of life, and restore to our darkened minds the light from heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-9 Old Testament p. 803

+The Gospel Luke 13:1-9 New Testament p. 102

Concerns and Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Time Nick Perry
 As the children gather, please join in singing:
 "Where Children Belong" FWS 2233
After the children's time, children aged four through seven may leave for the Christian education extended session with their teachers.

Sermon "Listen, and Live" The Rev. Rich Neal

+Hymn "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Hymnal 340

Invitation to the Lord's Table

All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive the bread and the cup. We do not refuse any who desire to receive.

Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

We serve grape juice instead of wine at the Lord's table.

Gluten-free elements are available at the center station.

Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory Music "God's Everlasting Love" S. Calloway
Lori Pacer and Dave Reichard, duet

+The Presentation tune: Hymnal 296
**Unto God be praise and glory; to the Father and the Son,
to th'eternal Spirit honor now and evermore be done;
praise and glory in the highest, while unending ages run.**

+The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal, pp. 15-16
Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

O God: You have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.

Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Hymnal 127

+Benediction

Return to God, who is full of love and mercy.
Seek God while there's time, while God is close at hand.

**In returning a rest is our salvation.
In quietness and trust is our strength.**

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

Postlude "God of Our Fathers" G.W. Warren, 1894

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