

# Celebration of Worship

March 5, 2006 First Sunday of Lent 8:15 and 9:45 am

**Prelude** "Agnus Dei" – Frank Martin Organist

**\*The Call to Worship** Liturgist

One: Come along with me as a sojourner in faith. Bring along a sense of expectancy, a vision of high hopes, a glimpse of future possibility, and a vivid imagination for God's creation is not done.

**All: We are called to pioneer a future renewed with God. As we venture forward during these Lenten days, we leave behind our desires for an easy life, worldly accumulations, and wealth.**

One: Let us travel light in the spirit of faith and expectation toward the God of our hopes and dreams.

**All: Come along together on this Lenten journey, as sojourners in faith, knowing that God goes with us and God is here now!**

**\*The Opening Hymn** "Come, Thou Almighty King" #61

**Celebrating Our Community – Welcome!** Rev. Rula Colvin

Welcome! We are glad you are here today with us as we sing God's praises, hear God's word, and find God's presence in our lives. Please sign the attendance pad, passing it to others in your pew; and fill out a prayer card (found in the pew rack) if you have a prayer request you'd like to share. Please join us after worship for a time of fellowship in the Activity Center where we can all become better friends.

**The Greeting** Rev. Rula Colvin

**The Anthem** (9:45) "Jesus, So Lowly" Chancel Choir

Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth;  
Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.  
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad;  
Teach me that only love maketh glad.  
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale;  
Beth is the token love will not fail.  
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free  
Teach me how glorious death is to be.

**The Children's Time** Rev. Rula Colvin

**The Call to Prayer** Rev. Rula Colvin  
We come here today to celebrate our new life that grows out of the old. God has brought us to this place and time of worship. God has given us the world to live in. God gives us the word to live by. God gives us each other to love.

**A Time of Silence (for personal prayer)**

**Community Prayer** Liturgist

**All: In these forty days you lead us into the desert to repentance that in this pilgrimage of prayer we might learn to obey your people once more. In fasting and service you bring us back to your heart. You open our eyes to your presence in the world and you free our hands to lead others to the radiant splendor of your mercy. Bewith us in these journey days, for without you we are lost and will perish. To you all glory, forever and ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray; Our father.....**

**The Lord's Prayer (#895)** Liturgist

**The Anthem** (8:15) "Jesus, So Lowly" Chancel Choir

**The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** Liturgist

**The Offertory** "Sarabande" - Gerald Near Organist

**\*Doxology** #95

**\*The Prayer of Dedication** Liturgist

**The New Testament Reading** Mark 1:9-15 Liturgist

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Sermon** "A Sojourner in Faith" Rev. Gary Kennedy

**Holy Communion** Wesleyan Bells  
"Were You There" – H. T. Burleigh James. H. Gentry, Solo  
Wesleyan Bells

**\*The Hymn of Closing** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" #269

**\*The Benediction** Rev. Gary Kennedy

**\*The Postlude** "Apparition de l'Eglise Eternelle" – Oliver Messiaen Organist

\*Congregation standing, as you are comfortable. Nursery care available during services.  
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