

# The Order of Worship

March 15, 2009  
3rd Sunday of Lent

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Minister: Rev. James Adams	Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink
Lay Leader: Dr. Gary Brown	Nursery: Phyllis Shepherd
Music/Worship Director: Rebecca Haywood	Secretary: Vickie Ellis

**Bold Print** indicates a congregational response      \* Indicates to stand, if able

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## Gathering Before God

Prelude Debbie Mink

### \*Welcome and Call to Worship

This is the third step on our Lenten Journey.

**It is on this journey that we will face our greed and our earthly preoccupations.**

It is on this journey that God will confront us.

**Our hearts are ready to receive God.**

Come, then, and let us move forward toward the Cross.

**Let us faithfully and confidently follow Jesus. AMEN.**

\* Hymn *God is Here* (vss. 1,2,4) No. 660  
Tune: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

### \* Opening Prayer

\* Song or Chorus of Praise *This is the Day* No. 657

### \* A Time of Personal Greetings

## Hearing God's Word

Children's Message Debbie Walker  
*(Children will be dismissed for Children's Church at this time)*

Chorus of Preparation *Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet* (Chorus twice)

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Becky Derossett

Gospel Lesson John 2:13-22  
*(after the Scripture is read, the following response)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music Greta Gilbert

Today's Message Getting God's House In Order Rev. Adams

## Responding to God

\* Hymn of Response *Where He Leads Me* No. 338

\* An Affirmation of Faith No. 887

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

**Patient Lord, we have cluttered the "temples" of our lives with so much unnecessary things that they have blocked out your healing words of hope and mercy. Forgive us when we have been so preoccupied with these things that we have not listened to your words and followed your ways.**

**Clear away our fears and frustrations. Give us clean hearts and spirits. Help us to be confident in your mercy and transformational love. These things we offer in the name of Jesus, the Christ. AMEN.**

Silent Meditation - Pastoral Prayer – Lord's Prayer

*At the beginning of the prayer time, as the accompanist plays, you are invited to come to the altar and pray—alone or with the pastor. If you would like for the pastor to pray with you, simply turn your palms up.*

Offertory Debbie Mink

\* Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94

## Serving God in the World

\* Benediction and Sending Forth

\* Final Song *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*

Tune: *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

**Today:**

10:55 Morning Worship

6:00 Youth, Chasing Daylight Class

**Monday, March 16**

6:00 Financial Peace University

**Tuesday, March 17**

7:00 Worship Committee

**Wednesday, March 18**

6:00 Bible Study

7:00 Choir

**Thursday, March 19**

10:00 Sewing Circle

6:00 United Methodist Men

6:30 Girl Scout Leaders

**Saturday, March 21**

8:30 Boundaries/Safe Sanctuaries Training (Clergy only)

**Nursery Volunteer for Today, March 15 – Julie Paxton**

**Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, March 22 – Pam Herrick**

**Children's Church for Today, March 15 – Brad & Jenny Burchett**

**Children's Church for Sunday, March 22 – Erin Burchett**

**Acolytes for Today, March 15 – Lilly Smith, Nicholas Garrett**

**Acolytes for Sunday, March 22 – Tate Greene, Beth Burchett**

**Ushers for March – Eddy Clark, Charlie Miller, Josh Turner, Neil Turner**

**Greeters for Today, Mar. 15 – The Garrett Family**

**Greeters for Sunday, Mar. 22– The Turner Family**

**Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, Mar. 8 Morning Worship-123, Sunday**

*School-37 General Fund-\$4626.00, Building -FLC-\$95.00, Total Givings - \$4966.00; Needed weekly- \$5260. Year to Date: Givings-\$51,934.11; Budget- \$56,354.00.*

*The United Methodist Women would like to thank everyone that participated in last Sunday's luncheon. Our joint efforts raised \$1,136.00 dollars, which will go towards a donation to our Family Life Center, as well as our local spouse abuse center. Many thanks again to our church family for your eagerness and support to these worthy causes. When we work together anything is possible.*

**Attention Moms!** Do you worry about your children? Come experience how you can replace your anxiety and fear with peace and hope by praying with other moms. Moms In Touch International gathers moms together to pray specifically and scripturally for our children and school. Won't you join with us in prayer for this next generation? Please contact Amy Burchett, 886-3325 or [amyburchett@gmail.com](mailto:amyburchett@gmail.com), for more information about our local group. For more information about Moms In Touch International, visit [www.MomsInTouch.org](http://www.MomsInTouch.org).