

AVON LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER – Announcements, Joys & Concerns

PRELUDE *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* Young

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Praise God, you servants of the Lord! Honor God, you descendants of Jacob!

P: **Worship God, you people of Israel!**

L: God does not neglect the poor or ignore their suffering;

P: **God does not turn away from them, but answers when they call for help**

ALL: In the full assembly, O God, we praise you for what you have done.

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

*HYMN OF PRAISE "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" No. 84

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LENTEN RENEWAL

All: Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, warfare, and greed. O God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. By the cross and passion of our Savior, bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

All: Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison)

**O Love, how gracious is Thy way! All fear before Thy presence flies;
Care, anguish, sorrow melt away, Where-e'er Thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, Nothing desire, or seek, but Thee.**

ANTHEM *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* Lindh
(Chancel Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 17, 18) Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERVICE OF STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Arietta* Haydn

*DOXOLOGY No. 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Children and Youth leave for Sunday School)

*HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 101

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 1195) Mark 8:31-38

L: ..the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Struggling in Good Company** Dr. Bill Lindeman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 420

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Jesus, Lover of My Soul Young

*All who are able may stand

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