

AVON LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER – Announcements, Joys & Concerns

PRELUDE *The Gift of Grace* Sherman
(Bell choir; Gail Carter and Julie Smith—flute)

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God, your steadfast love has sustained us in times of trial.

P: Teach us your ways, O Holy One; teach us to walk in your paths.

L: Your healing love has saved us from the sickness of sin.

P: Teach us your ways, O Holy One; teach us to walk in your paths.

All: Redeem us, we pray, O Holy One, and bring us to refuge in you.

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

*HYMN OF PRAISE "I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art" No. 457

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LENTEN RENEWAL

All: Redeeming God, you have raised us again and again from death into new life. Yet again and again we have chosen to ignore your commandments that offer us health and wholeness. Again and again we choose hate instead of love. Again and again we are judgmental when you have shown us mercy. We have been ungracious and unfaithful when you have shown us nothing but grace. Forgive us loving Lord. Breathe your Holy Spirit on us this day that your love may blossom and grow in us, among us, and through us. In Christ's name we pray, 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 hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!**

ANTHEM *There Is a Balm in Gilead* Dawson
(Chancel Choir; Carolyn Rudd—soloist)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 1268) John 3:14-21

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERVICE OF STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Allegretto* Stainer

*DOXOLOGY No. 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Children and Youth leave for Sunday School)

*HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" No. 92

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 180) Numbers 21:1-17

L: ..the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **A Perfect Likeness** Dr. Bill Lindeman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior—to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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.

*HYMN "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" No. 379

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Presto* Stainer

*All who are able may stand

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Pastor Emeritus
Director of Christian Education
Director of Music
Youth Director
Office Administrator
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Bill Lindeman
Alfred A. Hart
Carolyn Dzuro
Muriel Homer
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Cindi Dansizen
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Coffee Servers
Greeters
Hall Monitor
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Ushers

Sound Room
Worship Assistant

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Tom and Joan Metzger
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