

The words of God which you receive by your ear, hold fast in your heart.  
 For the word of God is the food of the soul.  
 — Pope St. Gregory I



## We Gather to Praise God

\* indicates those who are able may stand



WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS



OPENING EXAMEN (silently reflect on the words below)

God, my Creator and Redeemer, I am totally dependent on you.  
 Everything is a gift from you. I give you thanks and praise for the  
 gifts of this day. Give me also an increased awareness of how you  
 are guiding and shaping my life, and of the obstacles I put in your  
 way.

ORGAN PRELUDE *Christ, the Lamb of God* J. S. Bach

\* INTROIT *sung by everyone* (Tune #417) James Gertmenian

**The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,  
 who found in weakness greater power,  
 embraces us, though lost and flawed,  
 and leads us to his Rising Hour.**



\* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively* Beth Johnston

Leader: I invite you to continue the journey of Lent.  
**People: What do we need to experience on this journey?**



Leader: We need to experience  
 that it is only in weakness we can find true power.

**People: That makes no sense at all!**

Leader: It makes sense to those who have come to know the One  
 who walked the road to crucifixion  
 and was granted New Life!

**People: Let us walk that hard road as we seek God's will  
 of true power coming from weakness.**



\* OPENING HYMN (see insert) *Holy is the Lord*

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER *please stand and greet those around you!*

\* RESPONSE *sung by everyone*

Marjorie Thompson

**Companions, we are companions on the journey of life.  
 We are companions by the Spirit in one holy bond of peace.  
 We are companions in Christ.**

SILENT PRAYER EXAMEN *seated in silence*

Companions in Christ

Give thanks for your week: Thank God for each part of your week,  
 for your life, for the lives of others who were part of your week,  
 and for God's presence in your week.



Celebrate the particular gifts you received in the expected and  
 unexpected occurrences that enriched your week.

Confess your sin: Acknowledge your faults in thought, word, and  
 deed toward God, neighbor, creation, and yourself.

Name the times when you feel you may have ignored subtle  
 promptings or warnings of the Spirit.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *spoken by the pastor* Glen E. Rainsley, *ali*

Though there are hindrances to a full understanding of God's  
 presence in our lives, the light of divine love cannot be extinguished  
 It will reach us and illumine us, bearing witness to the Creator's  
 mercy and power. We are forgiven and restored. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins")



## We Listen for God's Word

ANTHEM (see lyrics on insert) *Indescribable* Chris Tomlin

LENTEN SYMBOLS & CHILDREN'S TIME



Hymn #195 verse 1 *seated*

John 13:2-5, 12-14 — Towel and Basin — Prayer



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Hymn #195 verse 4 *seated*

\* HYMN (see insert) *Trading My Sorrows*



Children depart for classes during the singing of this hymn.

SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING *Philippians 2:1-13*

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SERMON "Feeding on the Word"

## We Respond to God's Word

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

\* DOXOLOGY (Tune #382)

**These Lenten gifts we bring, our living faith express.  
We offer them most lovingly, and thus our hearts are blessed.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *by the pastor*

\* CLOSING HYMN #323 *Wonderful Words of Life*

\* BENEDICTION *by the pastor*

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune #231 (last system)  
*sung together while holding hands* Heidi Koschzeck

**Bless your people as we journey,  
Living every day for You.**

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE

## We Depart to Serve God

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments  
hosted by the Choir*

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*Where Neighbors Meet*



# Season of Lent

All are Welcome!

February 28, 2010

Feeding on the Word – The Mind of Christ

## Trading My Sorrows

by Darrell Evans

I'm trading my sorrow  
I'm trading my shame  
I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness  
I'm trading my pain  
I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord

**And we say yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord  
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord  
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord Amen**

I'm pressed but not crushed persecuted not abandoned  
Struck down but not destroyed  
I'm blessed beyond the curse for his promise will endure  
And his joy's gonna be my strength

Though the sorrow may last for the night  
His joy comes with the morning

## Holy Is The Lord

by Chris Tomlin

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great, how awesome is He

And together we sing, (everyone sing)

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory**

And it's rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

(And together we sing, everyone sing)

## Indescribable

by Chris Tomlin

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.  
You are amazing God  
All powerful, untameable,  
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night  
None can fathom

Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.  
You are amazing God  
All powerful, untameable,  
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God (You are amazing God) *repeat, then below*

Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.  
You are amazing God  
Incomparable, unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same  
You are amazing God  
You are amazing God

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun., Feb. 28     9am Choir Rehearsal  
                      10am Worship  
                      10:20am Sunday School  
                      11:30am New Member Info. Meeting
- Mon., March 1    6pm Girl Scouts – PH/DN
- Tues., March 2   6pm Girl Scouts – PH  
                      6pm Cub Scouts – DN  
                      7pm Church Council
- Wed., March 3    6pm BSA – PH  
                      6pm Cub Scouts – YR  
                      7-8:15 Lenten Study – MR
- Thurs., March 4  6pm “AA” Group – MR  
                      6pm Cub Scouts - YR
- Sun., March 7    9am Choir Rehearsal  
                      10am Worship (new members received)  
                      10:20am Sunday School
- Mon., March 8   6pm Girl Scouts – PH/DN
- Tues., March 9   6pm Girl Scouts – PH  
                      6pm Cub Scouts – YR
- Wed., March 10  6pm BSA – PH  
                      6pm Cub Scouts – YR  
                      7-8:15pm Lenten Study – MR
- Thurs., March 11 6pm “AA” Group – MR  
                      6pm Cub Scouts - YR

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**BROWN BAG SUNDAY** is the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Sunday** of the month. Donations may be left in the Parish Hall. Thank you for caring!

**WORLD SERVICE ...**

Our Family's Table, the local soup kitchen serves meals every Wednesday at 5:30pm. Contact Pat Hill 485-4740 if interested in volunteering.

**FROM THE FLOWER COMMITTEE ...**

As always, donations of flowers are welcomed for our altar. Please contact Doris Rowden 485-3664 (**March**) and Robbe MacKenzie 485-7295 (**April**).

**SCHEDULE OF USHERS ...**

March 7 Don & Laurie Hill, Ken Williams and Dean Hopps  
March 14 Luke & Cindy Bonenfant and Tom & Allison Hardy  
March 21 Harold Matava, Helen Chapman, Lynn Matava and Randy Shuey  
March 28 Peter, Sharon, Eric Chase and Dean Hopps

**If you are unable to usher on your given day, please contact Dean Hopps at 485-5509.**

**A LENTEN SERIES, COMPANIONS IN CHRIST**, is being held each Wednesday evening from 7-8:15 in the Memorial Room until **March 31**.

**WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME** to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book outside the center-aisle entrance at the back of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is provided for infants and young children, and there are rocking chairs at the rear of the Sanctuary for those with a child who needs comforting. Please see an usher if you need assistance. Older children are excused for classroom work as indicated. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Kathy Cruson read the scriptures. Kurt & Jod Ehler and Floyd & Dot Smith served as ushers.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Barbara Schumacher (friend of Doris Rowden's) – medical concerns  
Karen Miller (Mary Louise Grandmason's neice) – medical concerns  
Duff Chickering – medical concerns  
Robbe MacKenzie & family – multiple issues  
Letha's mother – treatable cancer  
Lynda Putnam's father – recovering from a stroke  
Russ Putnam's mother – medical concerns  
Carissa Williams – various concerns  
Military personnel overseas & their families

**DEACONS FUND ...**

Donations toward this fund are solicited on **Communion Sunday**. This fund helps those in need in our church and community.

**A MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION MEETING** is being held again today at 11:30am – noon in the Memorial Room. Members will be received on March 7 during the regular worship service.