

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2013

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor
Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

Carol Myers, piano

VOTUM

INTROIT

"He Has Done Great Things for Me"
Chancel Choir

Dixon

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of his people, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord; may those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #143**

"At the Name of Jesus"

***SALUTATION**

LAW OF GOD

John 13:34-35

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, you loved us with a self-giving, sacrificial love. You have commanded us to love others in the same way. We confess that we have not always done that. Many times our love is influenced by our own interests instead of what is best for the other. At times we don't love others, and occasionally even do them harm. Forgive us, dear Lord, and create us anew through the power of your Holy Spirit. In your name we pray, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Isaiah 43:1-3a

***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Sonata"
Mandy Shafer, flute

Telemann

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:4b-14

(p. 58 NT)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

***MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP**

***HYMN #303**

"Be Thou My Vision"

SERMON

"The Goal"

Our Response to God

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

(p.12 hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"I Will Bless Thee, O Lord"
Chancel Choir

Wantanabe

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN #346**

"Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve"

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

"Three Fold Amen"

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

Today's Stewards

Greeter: Barbara Araromi

Ushers: Jane & Jeff DeWitt, Walt & Lucy Paradies

Nursery: Ed & Melissa Matson

Fellowship: Luncheon

Next week's stewards (**March 24**):

Greeter: Carole Angrilla

Ushers: Carole Angrilla, Nancy Dey, Pete & Barbara Nickel

Nursery: Vicki, Renee & Natalie Sherwood

Fellowship: Walt & Lucy Paradies

We extend our thanks to **Carol Myers** for providing the music for our worship service today.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Thanks to **Heidi Wilson** for being our worship assistant this morning. There are still some choice Sundays open if you would like to be the worship assistant. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

MISSION THIS MONTH

During the month of March we will support the **NC Council of Churches** and **Mark Knetsch** in his calling to start a new church in our area. See your March newsletter for more information.

EASTER LILIES

Today is the last day to order Easter Lilies for our Easter Service. Please give the enclosed order form to Noriko Hawk or Sabra Leadbitter.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Just a reminder that this Friday, March 22, is our church's regularly scheduled day for delivery of meals. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Dey.

OPEN ART WORKSHOP

Please join us for our free Open Art Workshop which meets every Friday from 1 – 3. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and it is open to anyone, both inside and outside the church. Participants should bring any creative project in any medium and all their own supplies. Donations are optional.

FOOD PANTRY

Items requested are: cereal, sugar, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned milk, jelly, ramen noodles, beef stew, chili, and condiments like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot sauce. Also needed: laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.