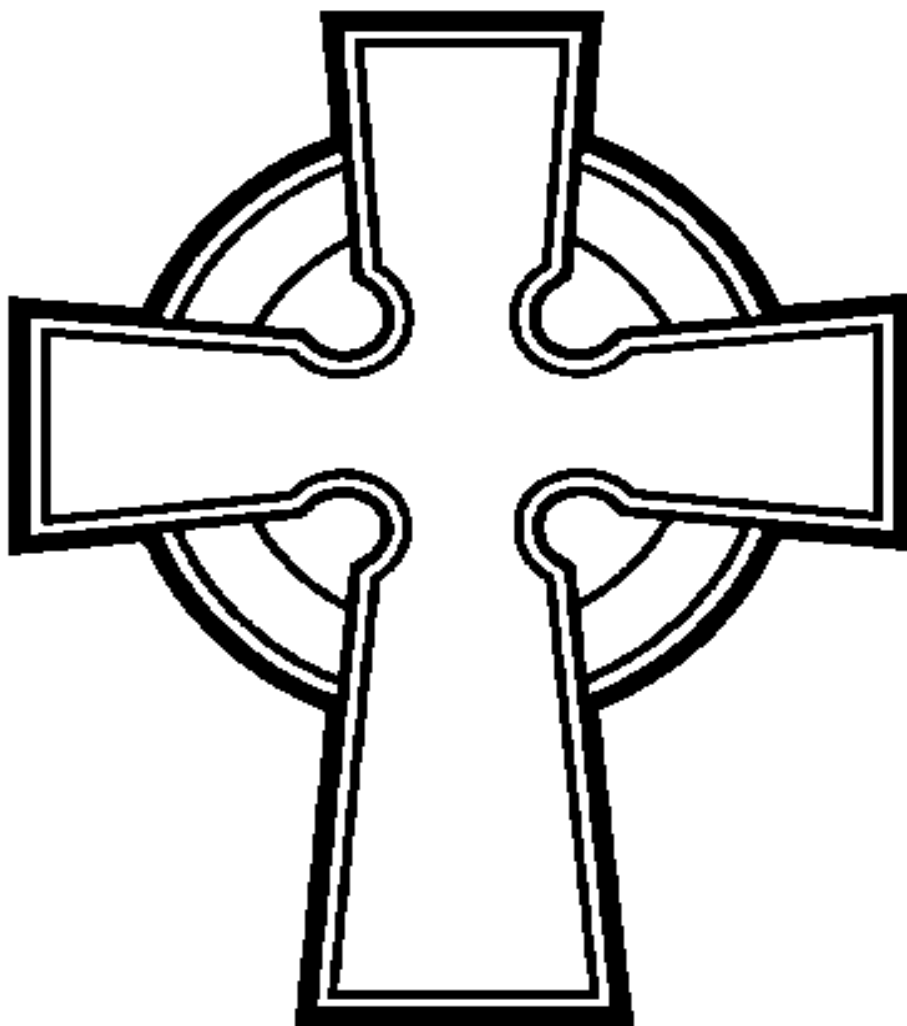




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March 7, 2010
3rd Sunday in Lent

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

In Heavenly Love Abiding

(arr. by G. Martin)

INTROIT

Holy Holy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn and he will heal us; he has struck down and he will bind up.

Leader: I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, says the Lord, and your sins like a mist.

People: Return to me, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.

*HYMN

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

#285

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Unison: Gracious God, whose mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin: Receive again your bewildered and broken people. Forgive our folly and our excess, our coldness to human sorrow, our passion for things of the moment, Change our hearts and turn all our desires to your way, that we may love what you love and do what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**To honor God with soul and body, let all who are able please stand.*

***THE READING OF THE LAW**

Leader: As God's children, we are saved by grace and set free to serve God, how then shall we live? Thus says the Lord:

Men: I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me.

Women: You shall not make for yourself an idol.

Men: You shall not misuse of the name of the Lord your God.

Women: Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Men: Honor your father and your mother.

Women: You shall not murder.

Men: You shall not commit adultery.

Women: You shall not steal.

Men: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Women: You shall not covet.

Leader: May our good works be a thankful offering to the God who saves us by grace alone.

***RESPONSE**

1) Father, I adore you,
Lay my life before you,
How I love you.

2) Jesus, I adore you...

3) Spirit I adore you...

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalms 46

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16 - 21

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Mary Sue Dickman

SONG OF BLESSING

Jesus Loves Me

(Ushers will pick up prayer request cards from each pew as the children leave)

****HELP FOR THE HEARING and SIGHT IMPAIRED. Ask an usher for a sound enhancement receiver or for a large-print bulletin.**

SERMON

An Odd Thing

ANTHEM

Where Are the Shepards Now? (by Stevens/Williams)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INTERCESSIONS

Joys Leader: O God, for this blessing,
 People: **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Concerns Leader: O God, in your mercy
 People: **Hear our prayer.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Unison: Gracious God, receive the burdens we bear, the struggles we endure, the blessings we share, and the intercessions we raise for one another. We ask this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

MINUTE FOR MISSION

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *My Shepard Will Supply My Need* (by G. Martin)

***DOXOLOGY** #592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE INVITATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**THE LORD'S PRAYER
THE SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP
THE PEACE**

WE SCATTER TO SERVE

***HYMN**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

#92

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL DISMISSAL**

Siyahamba

(Judith Church/Zulu)

See-ya-ham-ba, koo-kahn - yen- kwen- kos

POSTLUDE

Engelberg

(arr. by A. Moore)

SPECIAL THANKS

Many thanks to the Rev. Dr. Al Davies and those who are sharing their gifts with us: Liturgist Jodie McCalla, Acolyte and Hayley Huge, Ushers Bill Bretz, Judy Clore, Flora Popenoe and Deb Norem and Mary Sue Dickman for her assistance with the Children's sermon. Fellowship refreshments today are provided by Nancy Lackman.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

The flower arrangement today is given to the glory of God by Barb Weber in honor of her mother.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Mike will be on vacation March 7 - 12, 2010. If you are in need of pastoral care, please feel free to call upon one of your Deacons or Elders for assistance.

Deacons

Karen Bretz
Sherry Clayton
Dick Conklin
Sally Haffner
Terry Huge
Heleen Kriek
Mary Lewis
Kathy Weimann

Elders

Jim Callaway
Gary Gindele
Tresha Lewis
Mike Pohl
Joni Sanders
Paul Templeman
Rob Young
Dan Yount
Danae Kriek
Diane McKinnon
Ana Leonard
Melody Kuba
Roy Jett
Peggy McShane

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join the Thoughtful Christian group for Learning Forgiveness: A Lenten Study on March 14th at 9:00 a.m. We will consider how to reconcile divine judgment with divine love as we explore the deeper spirit of repentance, one of the key practices of Lent. Participant handouts are available on the table in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome!
- Confirmation class will not meet today. The class will resume next Sunday, March 14th.
- The adult choir invites all who would like to sing with us to join us in preparing for Lent and Easter. If you come for the Lenten studies and dinner, you can just stay! Do come join the fun and enhance your involvement in the weekly services. We are also going to present a Lenten cantata, which we will begin to rehearse soon. Please see a choir member or speak with Marilyn if you would like to come. No previous choir experience necessary - just an enjoyment of music!
- We have a ***Prayer Chain*** at Blue Ash Presbyterian Church. The Prayer Chain is a communication tool to respond to the prayer request of members and friends. The prayer request is passed along to everyone in the group so that we can uplift the joy or concern. We have two options for the Prayer Chain. There is a phone tree or an e-mail distribution list. The phone tree members receive the request and pass it on to the next person on the phone tree. In the e-mail option, the prayer request is sent out to the group as a single e-mail. Contact information for both options of the Prayer Chain is listed below.
 - *Participate in the phone tree:* Mary Ann Schulte at 328-8420
 - *Participate on the e-mail distribution list:* sherrylclayton@hotmail.com
 - *Request a prayer chain be sent out:* contact Mary Ann by phone, Sherry via email, or Jeanita in the church office (793-1153 or bapc@fuse.net)
- Are you interested in meeting fellow members of the congregation? Volunteer to become an usher for worship and special services. Contact Deb Norem 513-674-8842 or email norem11111@yahoo.com.
- The subcommittee of the Mission Committee coordinating the Uraa Primary School Project wants you to know that we met 50% of the fundraising goal (of \$11,000) during the past couple of months. Envelopes are still available for you to contribute if you would like to make a contribution.

- The BACP Bowling group meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at Crossgate Lanes. Everyone is welcomed to attend. Contact Bill or Karen Bretz for more information at quinkell@cinci.rr.com or 733-9376.
- **NEEDS** item for the month of March is *beans of any kind*. Please place your donation in the pantry box outside the church office.
- God Squad held two fund raisers in late January & early February that were successful. The spaghetti luncheon made about \$580.00 profit and the Super Bowl subs made around \$400.00. Ten per cent of each fund raiser went to the Uraa Project.

God Squad had an unusual mission experience. On February 21st, nine youth had a contest to gather items at Wal-Mart for the Cincinnati Pet Food Pantry. The youth were divided into three groups. Each group was given \$50.00 from God Squad funds. They had to come as close to \$50.00 with at least 10 items to win the contest. All three groups did excellent. One group had \$50.00, another \$49.99, and the third \$50.45. Lynn Gottschalk and some of the youth delivered the food and other supplies to the pet food pantry the following Saturday.

March activities for the God Squad include Bible study, bowling, and later in the month helping with stuffing candy in Easter eggs for the BAPC kids Easter Egg hunt.

The planning for the summer mission trip to Denver is going well. The first of two meeting for all the trip people was held on Sunday, February 28th. Fourteen youth & adults are scheduled to go, including Pastor Mike. Thanks to all of you for your support of God Squad.

- The 93rd Season of “the St. John Passion Play” performance will be held at the Lockland Christian Church and St. Augustine Church in Covington, KY. For reservations and information call 859-392-0129.

CALENDAR EVENTS AT BAPC

TODAY

- Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
- Worship 10:30 a.m.
- God Squad meeting 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY

- Deacons meeting 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Bulletin deadline 9:00 a.m.
- BAPC bowling group (Crossgate) 10:00 a.m.
- Lent bible study and dinner 6:00 p.m.
- Choir practice 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Martha Circle 12:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY

- Men's Group breakfast 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
- Worship 10:30 a.m.
- God Squad bowling (Crossgate) 2:30 p.m.

COMING UP:

- Esther Circle March 15
- Session March 15
- Lent bible study and dinner March 17
- T. W. O. March 24

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