

Pikeville United Methodist Church

"Committed to Christ, Dedicated to Serve"

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Sunday, March 9, 2008
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Worship Leader

The Lenten Candles

***Hymn of Praise "How Firm a Foundation" UMH529**

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

If you have completed a prayer request card, please bring it forward during the opening hymn.

Passing the Peace

Receiving Prayer Requests

Prayer Team

Call to Prayer "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, (wonderful face), and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

Morning Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory "Prelude in C Major" BWV 846 (J.S. Bach) Virginia Whitt, Piano

***Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Moments Mostly for Children

Kathy Nall

Scripture

John 15:1-8

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Anthem

Alas And Did My Savior Bleed (Martin)

Chancel Choir

Message

"Growing or Declining?"

Rev. Mark Dickinson

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples...You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last." John 15:8+16

Four Conditions for Fruitfulness

1. **If you want to be fruitful, you must _____.**

"Blessed is the person who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when the heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8

"The righteous cannot be uprooted." Proverbs 12:3

2. **If you want to be fruitful, you must _____.**

"The seed is the word of God...The seeds that fall among weeds stand for those who hear, but the worries and riches and pleasures of this life crowd in and choke them and their fruit never ripens." Luke 8:11+14

3. **If you want to be fruitful, you must _____.**

"I am the true Vine and my Father is the Gardener. He lops off every branch that doesn't produce. And he prunes those branches that bear fruit for even larger crops." John 15:1-2

"God is glorified when we bear much fruit." John 15:8

"No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful." Hebrews 12:11

4. **If you want to be fruitful, you must _____.**

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." John 12:24

*Response to the Word

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH593

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

*Benediction

Postlude

*If you are able, please stand.

Worship Notes

The flowers on the altar are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Rebekah Bailey's birthday by her mom, dad, and Rachel.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Haley Compton's fifteenth birthday by her grandmother, Sabra Wood.

Volunteers Assisting with Worship

Worship Leader _____ Jerry Bishop
 Greeters _____ Royce & Susan Mayo
 Sound _____ Don Hall
 Acolytes _____ Members of the Soul Patrol Sunday School Class

Opportunities of the Week

Sunday, March 9, 2008	
8:45 a.m.	Early Encounter
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
3:00 p.m.	Safe Sanctuaries Training
4:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Easter Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Ringers
6:30 p.m.	Youth Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2008	
8:30 a.m.	Genesis Kids Preschool
Tuesday, March 11, 2008	
8:30 a.m.	Genesis Kids Preschool
Wednesday, March 12, 2008	
8:30 a.m.	Genesis Kids Preschool
6:00 p.m.	Made to Praise Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	GROW Classes for all ages
7:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, March 13, 2008	
8:30 a.m.	Genesis Kids Preschool
7:00 p.m.	Friendship Circle
8:00 p.m.	NA

Sunday School Classes

Age/Grade	Location	Teacher(s)
Crib Nursery	Room 25	Barb Williamson
15 Months-2 years	Rooms 26A and B	Judy Warrix
2 and 3 year olds Little FISH (Faithful In Serving Him.)	Room 28	Georgia Anderson Angela Lockhart
4 and 5 year olds Sonshine Kids	Room 16	Stacey Jones Karena Copley Karin Jackson Dana Ratliff
Grades 1 and 2 "Jam" (Jesus And Me)	Room 15	Jamie Robinson
Grades 3 and 4 "FBI Christ" (Firm Believers In Christ)	Room 14	Julie Clark
Grades 5 and 6 "Soul Patrol" (Seeking Out U, Lord)	Room 12	Kim Lockhart
Grades 7 - 12 "The Breakfast Club"	Kitchen Main Building	Misty and Reed Potter

Safe Sanctuaries Training
 Today, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
 Fellowship Hall

This training is a necessity for anyone who works with children or youth in any of our church activities

Class	Location	Teacher(s)
Pathfinders	Power Building	Frank Nall
Wesley Seekers	Power Building	Marrs Allen May Richard Walker Richard Green
Searchers	Power Building (Second Floor)	David Hall
Adventurers	Fellowship Hall	Jim Pruitt David Stratton
Prayer Group	Power Building	Prayer Team
20-Somethings	Small Break Room Power Building	Steve Harris

G.R.O.W. DINNERS

We will no longer be serving dinner on Wednesday evenings before the G.R.O.W. Classes. You are invited to bring a "bag" dinner (stop at your favorite fast food restaurant on your way to church and grab dinner) and eat in Fellowship Hall with friends. Classes for all ages will begin at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Volunteers Needed for Spring Cleaning

Saturday, March 15, 2008

10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon

We're going to "spruce up" the church inside and out in preparation for Holy Week.



The Worship Team will be decorating for Palm Sunday on Saturday, March 15th at 10:00 a.m. We will meet in the Sanctuary and then divide up in teams. If you enjoy decorating, come and join us.

Sunday Rehearsal Schedule

TODAY

5:00 p.m. – The Weeping Tree

6:00 p.m. – Sanctuary Ringers

Friendship Circle

Meeting on Thursday, March 12,

7:00 p.m., home of Connie Maddox, 219
Scott Ave. Come and bring a friend!!



Children's Easter Celebration

Saturday, March 22, 2008, 11:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Kid-Friendly Brunch, Egg Hunt, and lots of fun activities

PUMC Fellowship Hall

If you would like to volunteer or need additional information, please contact
Mary Moore, 437-7315.

We need volunteers!

If you would like to help by providing food for the lunch on Good Friday, March 21, following the Holy Week Service, please contact Kathy Nall or call the church office (437-7315). We need salads (which will serve 10), desserts (which will serve 10), and sandwiches (which need to be individually wrapped).