

St. Paul United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

March 14, 2010

GATHERING: *"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Attendance Pad and pass to your neighbor in the pew.
Visitors, please fill out a Visitor card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

INTROIT: *"I Can Tell You the Time"*

Worship Ensemble

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Randy Isbell, Liturgist

Leader: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

People: For all those times when we have fallen short of what
God would have us be, we have been forgiven.

Leader: God makes us new in God's Spirit!

People: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life
which God offers to us.

Leader: Come, let us worship and be thankful.

People: Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God.
AMEN.

*HYMN: *"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"*

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and love, forgive us when we wander away from your promises; forgive us when we withhold from others the forgiveness we seek for ourselves. Welcome us into your loving embrace. Warm us with your grace, that we may reach out with loving hearts to a world in need of your compassion, a world in need of your grace and love. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Liturgist

*THE PEACE

*HYMN: *"Grace Greater than Our Sin"*

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CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYERS

Pastor/People

Morning Prayer

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liturgist

OFFERTORY: *"He Knows My Name"*

Worship Ensemble

* PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Number 95 / Old 100th Tune

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.

*SCRIPTURE READING: *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

Pastor

SERMON

Rev. Dana Overton-Garrett

*HYMN: *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: We who were lost have been found.

People: We who were dead have been given new life.

Pastor: Go into the world, rejoicing that God has welcomed us home.

All: Amen.

*GOING FORTH

Serving Today

Dana Overton-Garrett, Pastor

Randy Isbell, Liturgist

Becky Peterson, Choir

Butch May, Ruth Gmyrek, Audio/Visual

Robin Mastley, Valerie Smith, Nursery

Doug Conley, Open/Close Church

Ann Loe, Peggy Pool, Carole Simmons, Greeters/Ushers

Ruth Castellaw, Bob Baker, Monday Counters