

**Fourth Sunday In Lent**  
**March 22, 2009 10:00 a.m.**

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*Our mission is to change peoples' lives  
through a relationship with Jesus Christ.*

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**~WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE~**

**Greeting of Peace**

**Prelude**

**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

**Call to Worship**

**L:** Come from lives of unfaithfulness to encounter the God whose care is unceasing.

**P:** **What does faithfulness require of us? How can we, unworthy ones, accept God's care?**

**L:** Come from the shadows where you have hidden to rejoice in the God who brings light and hope.

**All:** **What will happen when our deeds are revealed? How will our lives be changed by God's truth?**

**Hymn** *Amazing Grace* **#378**

**Opening Prayer**

May this be a place to celebrate your presence. May we tell stories of you finding us when we are at our lowest, of you reaching us when we feel excluded, of you holding us when everyone else has let go, of you bringing us in when we feel apart, of you touching us when we feel broken, of you calling us when we feel unworthy. May this be a place to celebrate your presence, and show the world your steadfast love for all. Amen.

**A Time For The Child In All Of Us**

**Offertory** *"That's Why We Praise Him"* **Tommy Walker**

**Doxology** **#95**

**Offertory Prayer**

We bring our treasure, O God, not to build monuments to ourselves, but to send messengers of your good news to all the world. We dedicate these gifts, not so much to enhance the programs and ministries of this congregation as for the sheer joy of proclaiming your goodness among all people. May our gifts reflect the depths of love we have known, and that we want to share. Amen.

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**~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~**

**Anthem** *"Hymn Medley"*  
*"Rock of Ages; Just As I Am; Because He Lives"*

**Reading of the Word**

**Epistle** *Ephesians 2: 1-10*

**Gospel** *John 3: 14-21*

**Hymn** *"Grace Alone"* **#2162**

**The Message** *Rev. Michele Ewers*

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**~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~**

**A Time for Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

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*~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD ~*

**Hymn**                      *“Glory To God”*                      **#2033**

**Sending Forth**

**L:**     Go forth in faithfulness, knowing God will not leave or forsake you.

**P:**     **We give thanks for God’s steadfast love and the saving grace of Jesus Christ.**

**L:**     Go forth in light, seeking God’s truth in all circumstances.

**All:**   **We celebrate the gospel’s transforming power and the Brightness of God’s new day. Amen.**

**Closing Song**            *“Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)”*            **Insert**

**~Bringing the Light into the World~**

*Call to Worship, Offertory Prayer, Sending Forth  
from Whispers of God, By Lavon Bayler  
Opening Prayer from Seasons of the Spirit*

*Other Lectionary Readings for Today:  
Numbers 21: 4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*