

**Hillcrest CRC**  
**February 21, 2010 – Morning Worship**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3*

**We Gather For Praise**

Prelude: "Commune with Me" – Dearman, arr. Wyrzten  
"Go, My Children" – Arr. Shackley

Welcome

\*Mutual Greeting

\*Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn: "Come to the Water" (vs. 1,4)

1. **O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:  
Without money, without price.  
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?**
  
4. **And let all the poor, let them come to the water.  
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them to all to the Lord:  
Bring the children without might.  
Easy the load and light: come to the Lord!**

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\*God's Greeting (*Congregation responds with "Amen!"*)

\*Song: "Christ, the Life of All the Living" (PH 371:1-3)

**God Renews Us In Grace**

Call to Confession: Lenten Reading

*(Silence for personal prayer of confession)*

Song of Response: "Lord Have Mercy" (*Sung twice*)

*(Children are dismissed for 3's at the 10:45 service)*

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on me.  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on me.**

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Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 2:24

The Blessing of the Children (8:30)

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:7-8

**Congregation: Go and drink from the Living Water.**

Children: May you be filled with the Living Water here.

**Congregation: Go in peace.**

*(Children are dismissed for Worship Centers and 3's at the 8:30 service.)*

## We Bring Our Gifts and Our Prayers

Pastoral Prayer and Offertory Prayer

Offering and Offertory: Anthem: "Blest Are They" – Haas

*(The morning offerings are being received for Hillcrest General Fund and for Adoption Associates.  
Please pass the Friendship Folders at this time.)*

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.*

*Rejoice! And be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you,  
Rejoice! And be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!*

*Blest are they, the lowly ones, they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.*

*Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God!*

*Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.*

*Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.*

## God Speaks to Us from His Word

\*Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 1501)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Message: "Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit"

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (PH 287:1,4)

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

We Share the Bread

Anthem: "How Beautiful" – Paris, arr. Harlan

*How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.  
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty road and the hill to the cross.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.*

*How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.  
How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.*

*See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King.  
How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.*

## We Share the Cup

Anthem: "To the Poor a Lasting Treasure" – O'Brien

*To the poor a lasting treasure, to the frail a guiding hand;  
There is wealth beyond all measure pouring forth at God's command.  
To the outcast and rejected a love that knows no end,  
To the ones who least expect it a Savior comes as friend.*

*To the heart that walks in sorrow, to the heart that's sick with grief,  
To the heart that fears tomorrow there is comfort and release.  
For the heart of Christ, once broken and hung upon a tree,  
Is the heart of love that's spoken to all who search for peace.*

*We shall sing a song of gladness to the God who, from our birth,  
Has embraced our joys and sadness, given dignity and worth.  
We, as pilgrims bound together, claim Christ as light and guide.  
In a bond that none may sever we know the crucified.*

*We shall welcome all as pilgrims, none will leave our homes unblest.  
We will gather all God's children, giving life and love and rest.  
Then, with grateful voices raising, before our God we'll stand,  
As we all will go rejoicing into the promised land.*

Song of Response: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (vs. 1,3,4)

- 1. Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**
  
- 3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**
  
- 4. I, the Lord, will bless and keep you, and give you peace.  
I, the Lord, will smile upon you, and give you peace.  
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, my children. I will keep you, and give you peace.**

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## **We Go Out to Serve**

- \*God's Parting Blessing
- \*Moment of Meditation
- \*Postlude

*\*Please rise in body and/or in spirit*

## **Participants:**

Pianist: Elizabeth Plaisier

Liturgist and Preaching: Pastor Mark Minegar

Readers: Keith Johnson

Sara Billin

Ministry of Music: Hillcrest Choir

Director: Lori Plaisier

Accompanist: Chris Brinks

Violinist: Courtney Vander Hulst

All Worshipers

## **TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dear Lord, on this first Sunday in Lent,** stir up within us the desire to be more Christlike. Purify our spirits and lead us daily in all our thoughts and actions. Amen.

**Nursery** is available on the lower level below the Fellowship Hall (NE end of church).

**Large Print** orders of worship are available at the Information Booth.

**Prayer Items** (Koinonia Clippings) can be found in the bulletin.

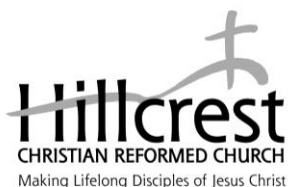
**Order forms for tapes and CDs** of our worship services can be found at the literature rack on the west end of the narthex. The forms can be filled out and placed on the left side of the same bin.

**Tonight's sermon is:** "How to Work"; Scripture from: Psalm 127; Pastor Mark Minegar, preaching. Please join us!

### **Education Opportunities:**

- **3's** – three-year-olds leave the morning church service when noted in the order of worship and go to the Fellowship Hall (past the mailboxes) for a Bible story and response time. 3's meets until the church service is done and the children will wait for parents to pick them up.
- **Worship Centers** - meet in "Shalomville", which is downstairs in the west end of the building. Worship Centers start at 8:45 AM and children are dismissed during the 8:30 service to attend.
- **Church School** – 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders have church school from 9:45 AM – 10:35 AM in various rooms throughout the church.

**Guests:** Bulletins and a weekly event listing can be found at the Information Booth. If you are looking for more information about Hillcrest's ministries, check the bottom row of the church mailboxes located in the hallway between the Narthex and Fellowship Room. Each week the information about our ministries that is given to members will also be put in "Visitor" mailboxes. Children's bulletins are available in the back of the narthex.



Worship Times  
8:30 AM & 10:45 AM  
5:30 PM

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## **SERMON NOTES**

**“Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit”**  
**Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 1501)**