

Hillcrest CRC
February 28, 2010 – Morning Worship
Second Sunday of Lent

*“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”
Matthew 5:4*

We Gather For Praise

Prelude: Partita on "Lift High the Cross" (PH 373) - Bates

Welcome

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" (PH 373:1,4,6-7)

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

*Song: "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" (PH 487:1-3)

God Renews Us In Grace

Call to Confession: Lenten Reading

(Silence for personal prayer of confession)

Song of Response: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (PH 262:1-2)

Assurance of Pardon:

In Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Anthem: "The Power of the Cross" – Getty and Townend

(Congregation to join on the refrain of verse 3 and to continue with verse 4)

1. *Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.*

REFRAIN: This is the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

2. *Oh, to see the pain written on your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow. (REFRAIN)*
3. *Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Finished!" the victory cry.*

REFRAIN: This is the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

4. *Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through your selfless love!*

This the power of the cross: Son of God slain for us.

What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

The Blessing of the Children (8:30)

Scripture: Isaiah 43:2-3

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

Offertory Prayer

Offering

(The morning offerings are being received for Hillcrest General Fund and for Faith Promise Missions. Please pass the Friendship Folders at this time.)

Mission Report

God Speaks to Us from His Word

*Song of Preparation: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (PH 488:1-3)

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

*Scripture: Matthew 5:1-4 (p. 1501)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message: "Blessed Are Those Who Mourn"

Pastoral Prayer

*Song of Response: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (PH 501:1,3-5,7)

We Go Out to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: "Postlude in G Major" - Handel

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

Participants:

Organist: Norma Malefyt

Liturgist and Preaching: Pastor Brian Bosscher

Ministry of Music: Lori Bremer

Mission Report: Tim and Angie Sliedrecht

All Worshipers

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're delighted by your presence on this second Sunday in Lent. Our aim is to help you worship and grow in your spiritual life. Please join heartily in worship and fellowship.

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.

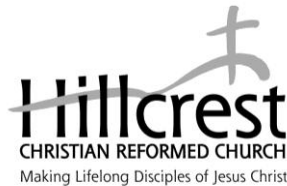
Order forms for tapes and CDs of our worship services can be found at the literature rack on the west end of the narthex. The forms can be filled out and placed on the left side of the same bin.

Tonight's sermon is: "Blessed Are the Meek"; Scripture from: Matthew 5:1-5; Pastor Brian Bosscher, 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** – 5th – 12th 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

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