

Hillcrest CRC
March 7, 2010 – Morning Worship
Third Sunday of Lent

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they will be filled.”
Matthew 5:6

We Gather For Praise

Prelude: Partita on "Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy" (PH 534) - Linker
*[Come, you sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.]*

Welcome

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" (PH 479:1-3)

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

God Renews Us In Grace

*Song: "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended" (PH 386:1-4)

Call to Confession: Lenten Reading

(Silence for personal prayer of confession)

Hymn: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" (PH 264:2-4)

Assurance of Pardon:

The Lord God said:

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;

I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes."

Hear the good news: Through Christ,

Our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

(based on Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20, reprinted by permission from *The Worship Sourcebook*, ©2004, CRC Publications)

Song of Response: "The Power of the Cross" (vs. 1,2,4)

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 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)

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.

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We Bring Our Gifts and Our Prayers

Pastoral Prayer and Offertory Prayer

Offering and Offertory: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (PH 568) - Callahan
(The morning offerings are being received for Hillcrest General Fund and for the Hillcrest Youth Mission Trip. Please pass the Friendship Folders at this time.)

God Speaks to Us from His Word

*Song of Preparation: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (PH 568:1-3)
(Children are dismissed for 3's)

*Scripture: Matthew 5:1-6 (p. 1501)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message: "Hunger and Thirst"

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" (vs. 1-3)

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;

Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?

Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;

You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way.

Oh, we've hopelessly lost our way.

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.

You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,

Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;

Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,

Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

(Chorus)

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We Go Out to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: "Choral Song" - Wesley

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

Participants:

Organist: Norma Malefyt

Liturgist and Preaching: Pastor Brian Bosscher

Readers: Judy Bosscher, Tim Montsma

All Worshipers

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the third Sunday in Lent. May we worship as did the psalmist, who wrote: "So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you" (Psalm 63:2-3, nrsv). Warm greetings to every worshiper!

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: "The Blessing of Fear"; Scripture from: Psalm 128; 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 – do NOT meet today (March 7)**
- **Church School – 5th – 12th graders – do NOT meet today (March 7)**

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

**“Hunger and Thirst”
Matthew 5:1-6 (p. 1501)**