

Hillcrest CRC
March 14, 2010 – Morning Worship
Fourth Sunday of Lent

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” Matthew 5:7

We Gather For Praise

Prelude: “Delight in the Lord” - Sewell

“All Glory Be to God on High” (PH247) - Armsdorf, Burkhardt

Welcome

*Mutual Greeting

*Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn: “Amid the Thronging Worshipers” (PH 239:1-3)

*God’s Greeting (*Congregation responds with “**Amen!**”*)

God Renews Us In Grace

*Song: “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (PH 381:1-3)

Call to Confession: Lenten Reading

(Silence for personal prayer of confession)

Song of Response: “Jesus, Remember Me” (PH 217) (*Sung twice*)

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response: “The Power of the Cross” (vs. 1-4)

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*)**
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*)**
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 33:21

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: "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" - Burkhardt

(The morning offerings are being received for the Hillcrest General Fund and for the Deacons' Benevolence Ministry. Please pass the Friendship Folders at this time.)

God Speaks to Us from His Word

*Song of Preparation: "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord"

(PH 169:1-2)

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

*Scripture: Matthew 5:1-7 (p. 1501)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Message: "Blessed Are the Merciful"

Prayer of Application: "Lord Have Mercy" (*Sung twice*)

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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Prayer

"Lord Have Mercy"

*Song of Response: "The Servant Song" (SFL 248:1-5)

We Go Out to Serve

*God's Parting Blessing

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude: "Trumpet Tune in D" - Johnson

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

Participants:

Organist: Pat Burgess

Liturgist and Preaching: Pastor Brian Bosscher

Readers: Melanie Coallier, Christa Schout, Kevin VanDyke

Piano & Violin: Lori Plaisier

Prayer: Al Hooker

All Worshipers

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

What is more pleasant than entering into the presence of the Lord? We welcome all who have come to join in the worship of God. "O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation" (Psalm 95:1, NRSV).

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.

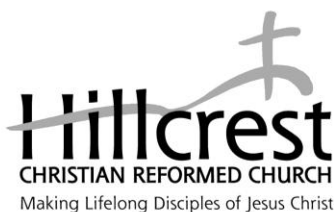
Order forms for tapes and CDs of our worship services can be found at the literature rack on the west end of the narthex. The forms can be filled out and placed on the left side of the same bin.

Tonight's sermon is: "You Are Good"; Scripture from: Psalm 16; 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

**“Blessed Are the Merciful”
Matthew 5:1-7 (p. 1501)**