

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

March 15th, 2009

3rd Sunday in Lent

•Those who are able may stand

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude** "The Old Rugged Cross"

Sara Ann and JoAnn

**Greetings and Announcements** (Please sign the friendship register)

**Gathering Song** "Only Believe"

**Call to Worship** (Matthew 11:28-30)

Leader: Jesus said, "Come unto Me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me

**People: For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Children's Sermon**

•**Hymn 260** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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•**Prayer of Confession** (Psalm 69:1-3)

"Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. I sink deep in the mire, where there is no standing; I have come into the deep waters, where the floods overflow me. I am weary with my crying; My throat is dry; My eyes fail while I wait for my God."

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (Romans 5:8-9)

Leader: But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**People: Much more than, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.**

•**Responding to God's Forgiveness - The Gloria Patri #579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading:** Jeremiah 8:18-22

**Anthem** "Beneath The Cross of Jesus"

Adult Choir

**New Testament Reading:** Matthew 23:37-39

**Sermon** "The Balm of Gilead"

Rev. Joel Thornton

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)

•**Hymn 394** "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

BALM IN GILEAD

**GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

**Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes**

**Offertory** "There Is A Green Hill"

Sara Ann and JoAnn

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD**

•**Hymn 540** "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

RANDOLPH

•**The Charge and Blessing**

•**The Congregational Response** #438 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds

Our hearts in Christian love:

The fellowship of kindred minds

Is like to that above.

**Postlude**

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**WELCOME TO BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We hope you will find a home for your heart and an opportunity to serve.