

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 29th, 2009

5th Sunday in Lent

•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Jesus Paid It All"
Sara Ann and JoAnn

Greetings and Announcements
Gathering Song "Only Believe"

Call to Worship (Luke 9:23)
Leader: Jesus said, "If any want to become My followers . . ."
People: ". . . let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me."

Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

•**Hymn 78** "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" MARTYRDOM

•**Prayer of Confession**
God of compassion, You are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to You with penitent hearts. Receive us in Your loving embrace as the father received the prodigal. Forgive us, restore us, and empower us to live in the way that You have set forth for Your children. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (Romans 5:1)
Leader: Therefore, having been justified by faith . . .
People: . . . we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

•**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: I Kings 19:19-21
Anthem "Go To Dark Gethsemane" Adult Choir
New Testament Reading: Galatians 5:24
Sermon "Burn Your Plough" Rev. Joel Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)
•**Hymn 356** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes
Offertory "When I Survey the Wonderful Cross"
Sara Ann and JoAnn

•**The Prayer of Dedication**
The Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 487** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI
•**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

WELCOME TO BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
We hope you will find a home for your heart and an opportunity to serve.