## Sending Forth

*Hymn 365 ……....“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Congregational Response: Hymn 473……...“Lead Me, Lord”

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.**
**For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.**

*Postlude ……..“At the Name of Jesus”
-arr. David Cherwien

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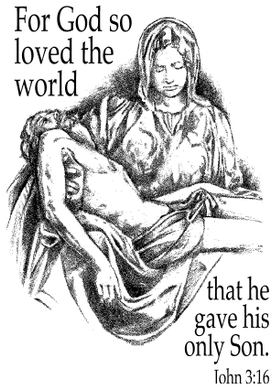
# Welcome to Central United Methodist Church Morning Worship




**4th Sunday in Lent**
**March 18, 2012 10:45 a.m.**
Rev. Dr. Stephanie M. Sault, Pastor

## The Entrance

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude ……...“Wondrous Love”
*-arr. Kenneth T. Kosche*

*Greeting……*Isaiah 1:18*

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;
**though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool**.

*Hymn 98 ……“To God Be the Glory”

*Opening Prayer ……*Joseph Newton, USA 20th Cent.*

**O merciful Father, in compassion for your sinful children**
**You sent your son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world.**
**Grant us grace to feel and to lament our share of the evil**
**that made it necessary for Him to suffer and to die for our salvation.**
**Help us by self-denial, prayer, and meditation**
**to prepare our hearts for deeper penitence and a better life.**
**And give us a true longing to be set free from sin,**
**through the deliverance won by Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Children's Focus

## *Proclamation*

Prayer for Illumination

(*After the reading of the Scripture Lesson the reader will say:*

*"This is the Word of the Lord." The congregation responds: "**Thanks be to God**"*)

First Reading……Numbers 21:4-9 (Pew Bible, Page 122)

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22……Insert

Second Reading……..Ephesians 2:1-10 (Pew Bible, Page 949)

Musical Offering ……."God So Loved"
*-arr. Chuck Bridwell*

*Gospel Reading ……John 3:14-21 (Pew Bible, Page 864)

Sermon ……..Rev. Dr. Stephanie M. Sault

## *Response to the Word*

*Hymn 287 …… "O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done"

Pastoral Prayers and Prayer of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**



The Peace The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer (Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.)

Offertory……..."Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"
*-arr. Don Hustad*

*Congregational Response……Hymn 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Affirmation of Faith ……..882

## *Thanksgiving and Holy Communion*

Invitation

Words of Pardon

Leader to the People: Hear the good news; Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People to the leader: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven**.
Leader and people: **Glory to God. Amen**.

The Great Thanksgiving The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord**.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebration of Holy Communion……Pages 15-16

## Opportunities this Week at

**Sunday (03/18)**
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Children's S.S.
10:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:45 a.m. Worship
Luncheon Following Worship

**Monday (03/19)**
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:00 p.m. Weight Watchers

**Tuesday (03/20)**
9:00 a.m. Child's Play
7:00 p.m. Worship Meeting

**Wednesday (03/21)**
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry
12:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Women's NA
7:00 p.m. Hand-bell Choir
8:00 p.m. Dual Recovery Group

**Thursday (03/22)**
9:00 a.m. Child's Play
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. NA

**Friday (03/23)**
10:00 a.m. Lego League
6:30 p.m. NA

**Saturday (03/24)**
9:00 a.m. UMW District Prayer Breakfast- Greenville UMC
6:30 p.m. Narcotic's Anonymous

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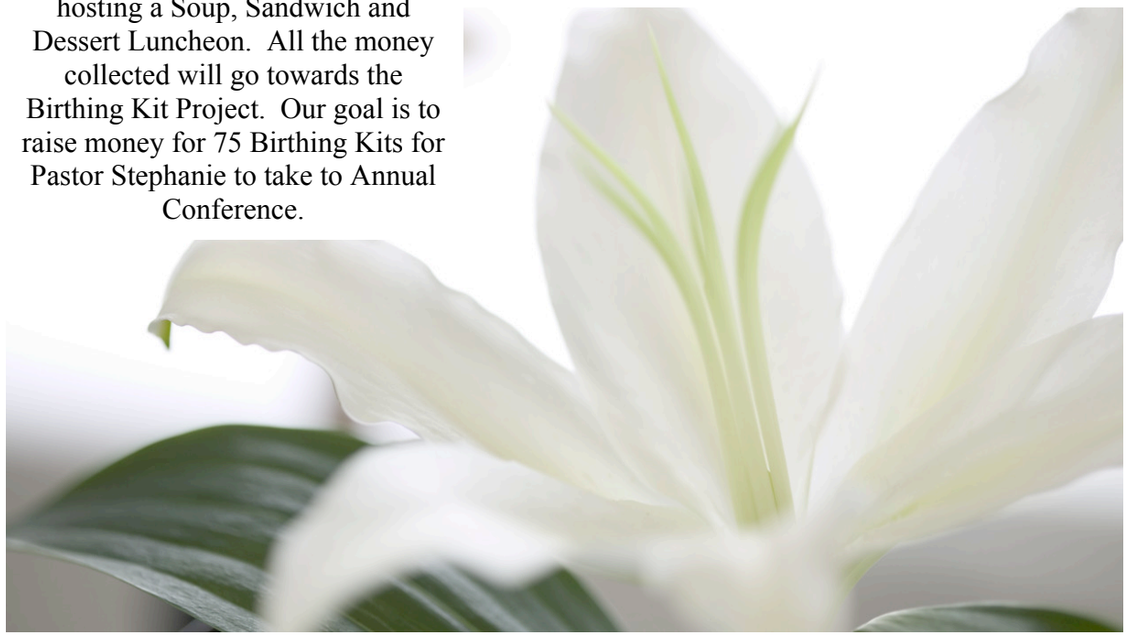
### *Benefit Luncheon*

Immediately following Worship today the UMW and Men will be hosting a Soup, Sandwich and Dessert Luncheon. All the money collected will go towards the Birthing Kit Project. Our goal is to raise money for 75 Birthing Kits for Pastor Stephanie to take to Annual Conference.

### Food Pantry Requests:

spam, vienna sausages, tuna, ramen noodles, sugar, spinach, paper towels, laundry detergent, feminine products



## Welcome

# *Announcements*

### -To Our Guests-

We are delighted to have you worship with us, and we invite you to participate in Communion and the life of the church. To become a member of this fellowship, please talk with the pastor. Following the service will be a time of light refreshments and fellowship. Please join us so that we might get better acquainted.

### -Attendance Slip/Friendship Register-

Please take a moment and sign the attendance slip in your pew and, if you are a member here, please introduce yourself to anyone who might be visiting with us today. Your warmth and hospitality will be a blessing in someone's life today.

### -Children-

Children are invited to worship with their parents in the Sanctuary. Following the Children's Focus, children under 6 years of age may go to the play room. Later, during the Doxology, they will be brought back into the Sanctuary to participate with their parents in the Great Thanksgiving and receiving of the Lord's Supper. We welcome the participation of the youngest members of the family of faith.

### -Prayer-

The Communion Rail is open for prayer at any time, but particularly during the pastoral prayer, during Communion, during the final hymn, and after the worship service. If you would like someone to pray with you please let the pastor know.

### -Flowers-

The flowers today are given by Ed & Carolyn Smith in celebration of their granddaughter Delaney's third birthday on March 14.

### -Serving Today-

**Greeters:** Emily Morgan, Suzanne Peeler **Reader:** Judi Jones

**Communion:** Susan Obaugh, Janet Nuckoles; Luz de Tablan

### -Ushers-

Bob Markley, Vince Ennis, Sam Richardson, Ken Beals, Richard Hamrick, Jim Clemmer, John Ambrogi, Ben True, Eric Stumb, Bill Bushman.

### -Our Stewardship-

(March 11, 2012) Attendance: 89 Samaritan Fund: $35.00

Income received toward budgeted expenses: $5564.92

Easter Offering: $ 75.00 Organ Fund: $50.00 Food Pantry: $ 25.00