



**5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday**  
*in*  
**Lent**

*Smithville United Methodist Church*

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Smithville, MO 64089

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# Celebrating Life through Divine Worship

## Fifth Sunday of Lent, Communion

10:00 am, April 10, 2011

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**The time of centering:** Now the time of reflection and stillness is upon us. Now is the season for inward searching. Close your eyes. Be still. Listen. We are entering a holy time, the time of Lent. We are journeying to the sacred center of our faith. We are entering the depths of our own hearts. At the center of our faith, in the depth of our hearts, God is waiting for us, reaching out to us, inviting us to leave ordinary time and to follow him along the journey that brought Jesus to the Cross. God is calling you. Listen.

### PRELUDE

*Worship begins as the music is played*

### ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

### INVOCATION

**God of undying love, we come to you dry and lifeless, seeking your breath of life. Lead us to the place where our hopes lie buried and call us out from the tombs of despair. Call forth our faith that, with Martha, we may know you to be the resurrection and the life, in this world and the world to come. Amen.**

### WELCOME

### \*SONGS OF PRAISE

**"He Touched Me" 367**

**"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" 349**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**LEADER:** In this season, we worship remembering Jesus' death in love for us and all people.

**PEOPLE:** **Reveal the depths of your love in the midst of our darkest night.**

**LEADER:** Show us the path of hope when all we see are dead ends.

**PEOPLE:** **Lent is a time of tears.**

**LEADER:** But out of tears, joy is born – the joy of sin forgiven, hope reborn, and life restored.

**ALL:** **We stand in awe of the God who brings joy out of tears, hope out of despair, and life out of death. Let us worship with reverence. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

## **TIME OF PRAYER**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

## **OUR DISCIPLESHIP OF GIVING**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION** *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* 185

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

**Selections from John 11**

**SERMON**

**Blessings along the Journey: Tears**

**Unison Prayer**

**O God, lead us into life in all its fullness. Help us to worship with all we are and have. Let our laughter and our tears be instruments of prayer. Make our doubts the clay from which we shape our faith. Let our fears boil within us until they emerge as shining hope. And let the light of the world be born within us until we radiate the love of Christ. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Hosanna" from Jesus Christ Superstar*  
**by the Choir**

**\*HYMN FOR GOING FORTH** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* 154

## **TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**BENEDICTION**

**May the Spirit of God bring new life to our old and tired bones. May God knit together and renew our lives this day, equipping us for service and strengthening us for the proclamation of God's amazing acts. May we be prophets of grace in the darkest valleys. Amen**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*Please stand if you are able when indicated by an asterisk**

*Please pray for:* Catherine Gregg family, Lou Petersen, Carol White, Barb Kravec, Marilyn Phopheter, Marie Allard and for all the people that are having medical or surgical worries.

The memorial book is opened in loving memory of J. Vernon Wheeler  
Altar flowers in honor of Bill and David Emery's birthdays by Sharon Fairlie

# USHERS THIS WEEK

Ushers for today, April 10th are: Mike and Amy Tjelle, David Cline and Tommy Mast.



## "JOURNEY BLESSINGS"

**Wednesday, 5:45 to 7:00 pm**

**April 13th - Tears**

**April 20th - Perseverance**

**Come enjoy a meal, fellowship and study**

**Soup providers will be:**

**April 13th - UMW & Tuesday Study Group**

**April 20th - UMM**

## **PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

Small Steps Preschool still has grocery coupon books for sale. There are 8 Big V Country Mart books. Please see Ron Mast or Roberta Sanderson if you wish to purchase one. The money will go towards new playground equipment.



SUMC YOUTH will be showing "Jesus Christ Super Star" Sunday night April 10th 5:30-7:30 pm. Please join us during this Lenten season and enjoy viewing this timeless musical of Jesus final days before his "Resurrection". Invite your family, friends, and neighbors. Please bring your own snacks. Help us come together as a church family and fellowship. Any questions please contact Debbie Shoaf at [debbieshoaf@yahoo.com](mailto:debbieshoaf@yahoo.com).

## **Small Steps Preschool Open House**

Open House for Small Steps Preschool for registration and information will be Thursday, April 14th from 5 pm to 8 pm. You may register before that night in the church office or call 532-3200.

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

There are two sign-up sheets for Easter flowers on the "Opportunities to Serve" bulletin board. You can either choose Easter Lilies or a mix of tulip/daffodils. Sign-up soon because there have only been 12 lilies and 12 mix flowers ordered. The cost is \$10.00 for lilies and \$13.00 for the mixed. Please make your check out to SUMC, put Easter flowers in the memo and either put your check in the collection or in the office the day you sign-up. Please remember to put who the flowers are in honor of or in memory of.

## **EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST**

The United Methodist Men will be serving a continental breakfast on Easter morning at 8:30 am. They would like to know how many of you will be attending. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the great room for you to sign.

**MINISTRY  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 10**

11:30 am Trustees Meeting  
3:30 pm Boy Scouts  
5:30 pm Family Movie Night

**Monday, April 11**

5:30 pm Preschool Steering Meeting

**Tuesday, April 12**

9:00 am Coffee w/"Walt & Wayne"  
9:00 am Study Group  
3:30 pm Den #8  
5:30 pm SPRC Meeting  
7:00 pm Scout Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, April 13**

10:00 am Art Class  
5:00 pm Den #4  
5:45 pm Lenten Bible Study  
7:00 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, April 14**

9:00 am Crochet/Knit  
1:00 pm UMW Meeting  
5-8 pm Preschool Open House

**Friday, April 15**

NOON Greeter Deadline  
1:00 pm Quilting

**Sunday, April 17**

Palm Sunday  
11:30 am Breakfast Fundraiser  
3:30 pm Boy Scouts  
4:00 pm Finance Meeting  
4:00 pm Youth Council Meeting  
5:30 pm Youth Group



**General Fund - \$3,489.21  
Debt Reduction - \$660.00  
Attendance - 90**



**Sunday, April 24th  
9:00 am - during  
Sunday School**

**EMAIL ADDRESSES,  
HOME ADDRESSES OR  
PHONE NUMBER  
CHANGES**

If you have an email address or a change of email address, change of home address or phone number change and the office does not have it will you please leave it in the office. We will be doing a lot more communication by email. Thanks for your cooperation.



**Office Hours: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm  
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Custodian: Leo Gaffey  
Preschool Teachers: Jessica Johnson.  
Kim Frick & Amy Simonick  
Altar Flowers: Lu Darr**