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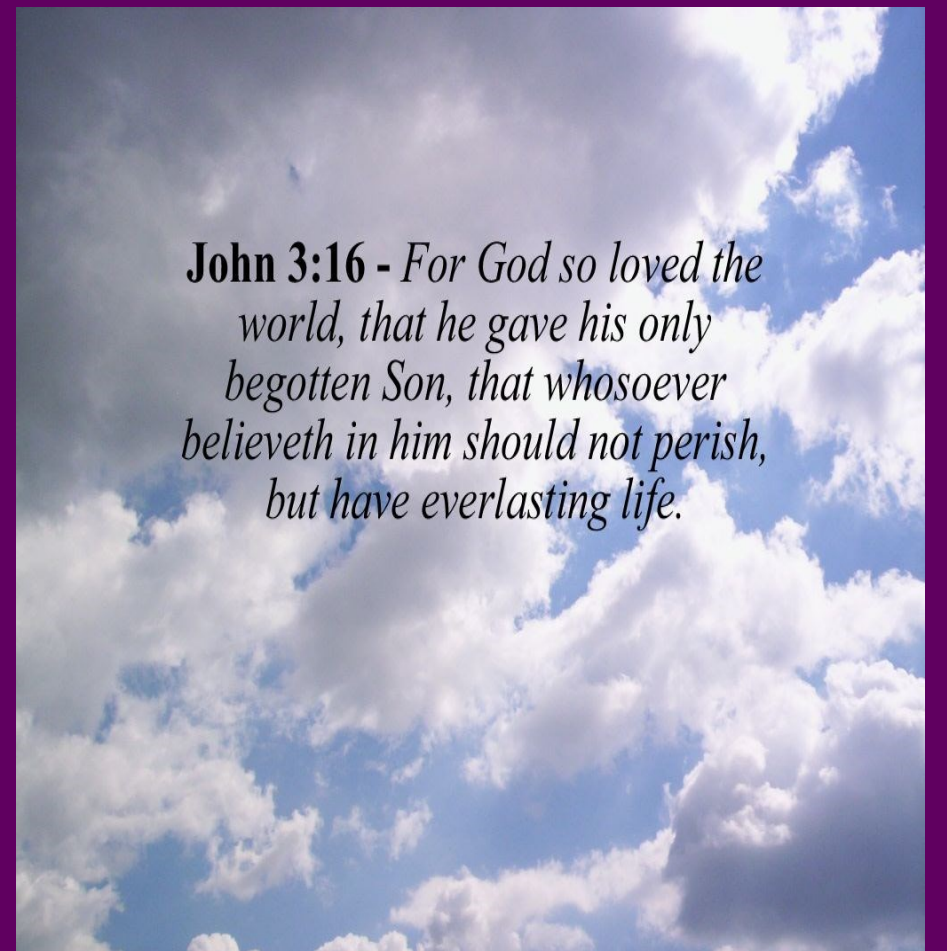
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March 15, 2015 — 8:30 AM Worship Service

Music by The Lord's Crew

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Welcome and News of the Church Pastor David

Handbell Introit Chanson (arr. Kenneth Lowenberg) Grande Ringers

✠ Scripture Reading Philippians 3:20-21; 4:4-7 Pastor David

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

✠ Opening Prayer Pastor David

Handbell Anthem King of Kings (arr. Martha Lynn Thompson) Grande Ringers

Praise Thy Word Offering Jesus Be The Center

Prayer of Adoration Susan Coho

We Worship in Giving Offertory Song What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Sharing In God's Peace (greeting one another) ✠ Join in singing "Amazing Grace" as you return to your seat.

Joys and Concerns—Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading John 3:14-21

Sermon John 3:16 Pastor David

Communion Liturgy

Communion Song Jehovah

Benediction Song The Lord Bless Thee

Recessional When Role Is Called Up Yonder

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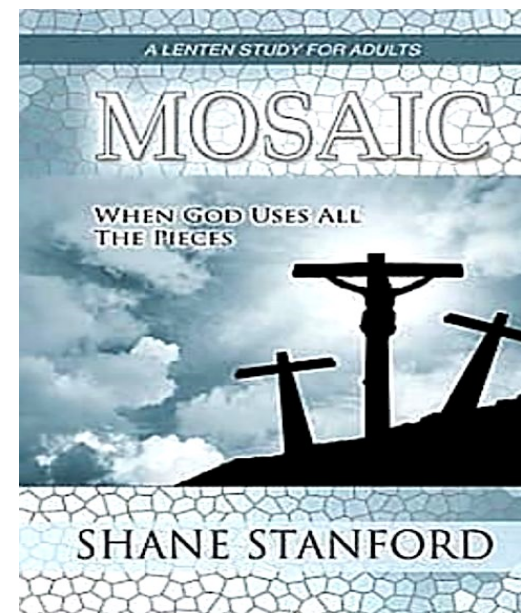
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Christian Education announces

An Egg Brunch and BACKWARDS Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, 2015

10 AM Complimentary Brunch
11 AM Backwards Egg Hunt and Activities

Please join us!

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| Handbell Introit | <i>Chanson</i> (arr. Kenneth Lowenberg) Grande Ringers |
| Call To Worship | Pastor David |
| * Please rise as you are able in body and/or spirit for our Call to Worship | |
| <u>One:</u> | Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? |
| Many: | The Lord, our God. He is the maker of heaven and earth. |
| <u>One:</u> | He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. |
| Many: | We praise you, O Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. |
| <u>One:</u> | Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. |
| All: | We worship you, Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. |

—Adapted from Isaiah 40:26-28

* Please remain standing for our opening hymn.

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| † Hymn No. 139 | <i>Praise to the Lord, The Almighty</i> |
| Handbell Anthem | <i>King of Kings</i> (arr. Martha Lynn Thompson) Grande Ringers |
| Children's Moment | Leonard Lutz |

Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time to room 211. Junior & Senior high will meet in church.

Prayer of Confession Pastor David

Pastor: The Lord is a good and faithful God, yet we doubt and question God's plans and intentions toward us. Let us confess our sins, that we might be reconciled to Christ and one another. Let us pray.

All: **Merciful Savior, we confess that what we say we believe and the beliefs our lives profess frequently aren't the same. We say that you are good, yet we're quick to blame you when discomfort, turmoil or distress arises. We say that you love us, but we act as if your will for our lives cannot be trusted. We proclaim that we are forgiven, yet we continue to carry the burdensome baggage**

Prayer of Confession (continued)

All: of our past. We profess that you are a faithful God, yet we're riddled with anxiety, fear and impatience. Forgive us, Lord. Give us the courage to look honestly at the disparity between what we say we believe and the truth that our actions and attitudes tell. We pray for the grace to close the gap between the two. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Friends, the mercy of Jesus Christ covers all your sin and is from everlasting to everlasting. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

Choral Anthem *The River Is Here* Chancel Choir

Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns and Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Lead Me, Lord*
(Samuel Wesley)

✠ **Doxology**
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer For Illumination Cyndee Rohla

One: Please join me in our prayer for illumination:

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come, to quicken our minds and open our hearts that we might receive your Word as it is read and proclaimed. Encourage or convict, comfort or confront as you know we need. Feed us and teach us, empowering us to respond in obedient faithfulness. Amen.

Scripture John 3:14-21 Cyndee Rohla

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *John 3:16*
Rev. David M. Burgeson

✠ **Hymn No. 111** *How Can We Name A Love*

✠ **Benediction and Choral Response**

Postlude *As The Deer / Fairest Lord Jesus*
(Nystrom / Volkslieder)



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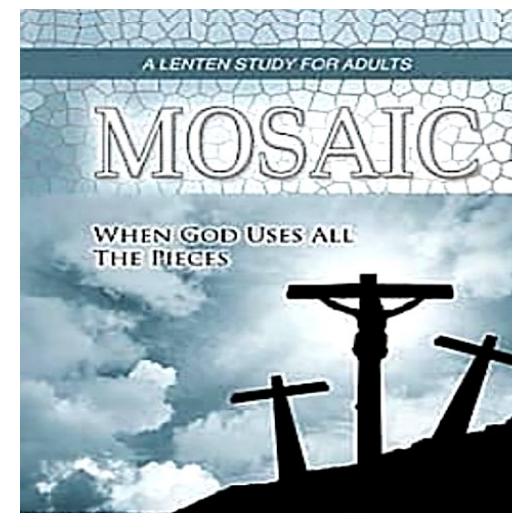
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