

Welcome to 10:55 ALIVE!

February 24, 2013

GATHERED FOR GOD

Gathering Songs: Sing 72, 66

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Come, O people, and sing to God!

For the Lord justifies God's people through their faith.

* Hymn 379 (PH) "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession *followed by silent confession and Kyrie (Sing 53)*

***Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change.
Open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.***

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (Sing 74)

***Surely it is God who saves me! I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And God will be my Savior.***

LISTENING FOR GOD

Prayer for Understanding

First Lesson: Psalm 27 (PH 179)

A Time with Children

Musical Moment

"O Holy Jesus"

McCullough

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 2:11-21 (NT, p. 188)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 7:36-50 (NT, p. 66)

Sermon: "Women's Talk"

Dr. Buz Myers

Sermon Series: Galatians for Lent

RESPONDING TO GOD

* Hymn 101 (PH) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

* What We Believe and Want to Believe

We will be Alive to God!

We will be Alive to Each Other!

We will be Alive to the World's Pain.

We will be Alive to the Spirit's Power.

Prayers of Silence, Prayers in Voices, and the Lord's Prayer

Offering Ourselves

Special Music

"Hymn"

Wagner

* Response (Sing 215)

***Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me!***

* Prayer of Thanks

GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING

* Hymn 274 (Sing) "If You and I Believe in Christ"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Postlude" Penfield

* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal **Sing** Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

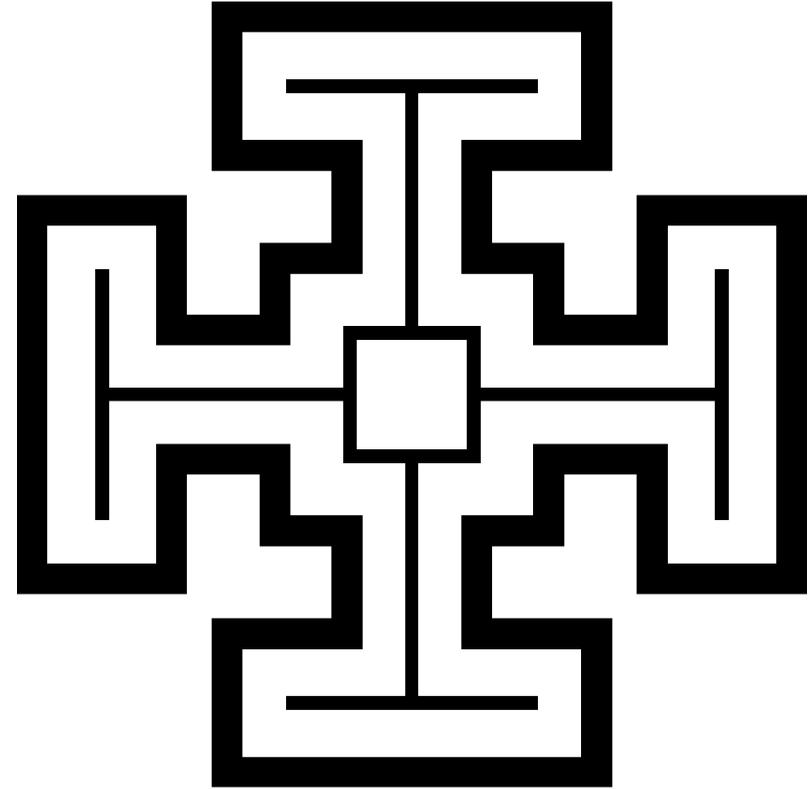
The flowers this morning have been given by Nancy and Paul Ford to the glory of God and in gratitude for our families.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Guest Preacher	Dr. Charles (Buz) Myers
Pastor	Rev. Bill Carter
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Meg Hatch
Ushers	Bill Farrell, Carol LaCoe



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.



Second Sunday in Lent

10:55 AM

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Galatians 2:11-21

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?" We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Luke 7:36-50

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet

with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."