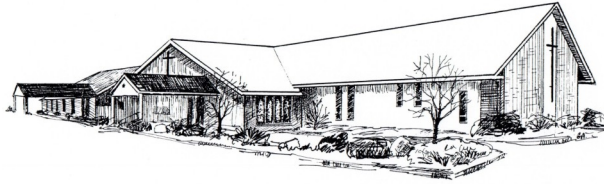


Wesley United Methodist Church



2200 16th Avenue, Sterling, IL

March 14th, Fourth Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

"The Angelus"

by J.W. Elliot/arr. John Troutman

"He Leadeth Me"

by William B. Bradbury/

arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz

INTROIT

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

Words by Isaac Watts/
Music by Hugh Wilson

† OPENING PRAYER (Ps. 32, Luke 15)

Reconciling God, you have always been our guide and guardian. When we pray to you in times of trouble and seek refuge in your strong embrace, you come to us with songs of rescue. When we need your wholeness and goodness, you remove our sin and reconcile us to yourself. Feed us again with your presence and grace and reshape us into new creations in Christ. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† OPENING HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

#298 vs 1,4

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYERS

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.

† RESPONSE

"Glory Be to the Father"

#70

HYMN OF PREPARATION

HYMN

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

#286 v1

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 27:24-26

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Sentenced: Making Decisions"

THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

OFFERTORY

† **DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O GOD, ALL THAT WE HAVE COMES FROM YOU. RECEIVE THIS OFFERING AND WITH IT THE OFFERING OF OUR LIVES, FOR WE RETURN TO YOU ONLY WHAT YOU HAVE SO GRACIOUSLY GIVEN. USE US FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST, IN WHOSE NAME WE PRAY. AMEN

SENDING FORTH

† **CLOSING HYMN**

"The Summons"

TFWS #2130 vs 1,2,5

† **BENEDICTION**

**GO INTO THE WORLD, CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE DARKNESS!
WE GO, WITH HEARTS FULL AND EYES OPEN!
RECEIVE GOD'S LOVE AND CARE, AND SHARE THAT LOVE AND CARE WITH OTHERS!
WE GO, WITH EYES REFLECTING GOD'S LIGHT AND HANDS OPEN TO SHARE IT!
MAY YOU WALK IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE!
WE WILL FOLLOW CHRIST WHEREVER HE LEADS US! AMEN!**

† **RECESSIONAL**

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus "

TFWS #2129 v 1

POSTLUDE

"I Love to Tell the Story"

by William G. Fischer

****Flowers on the altar are given by Rene Morris and Susie Cedro
in Memory of their mother, Darlene Kereven ****