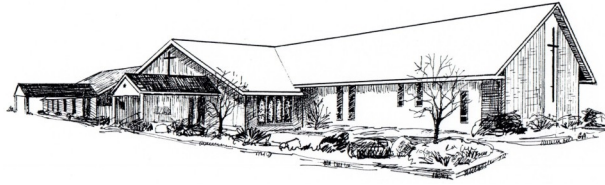# Wesley United Methodist Church

2200 16th Avenue, Sterling, IL

March 21st, Fifth Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE   "Were You There?"   Based on the Spiritual/arr. Lani Smith

INTROIT   "Walk with Me"   by John S. Rice

† OPENING PRAYER (Is. 43, Ps. 126)

Lead us, Lord, in this time of worship. Make our paths straight and your presence clear. Guide us with renewed hope, that we may perceive the signs of life that spring forth from your creative love. With joy-filled trust, we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† OPENING HYMN   "The Old Rugged Cross"   #504 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 v. 3

SCRIPTURE READING   Mark 15:15-20

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON   "The King Tortured and Humiliated"

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**

You have restored our fortunes and given us joy. Bless this portion of our good fortune, which we return to you now. With these gifts, and with our very lives, bring forth new hope, new beginnings, and new life for your people everywhere. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

† **CLOSING HYMN**   "He Touched Me"   #367 vs. 1,2

† **BENEDICTION**   God leads us into a new day on a new path.

   We look ahead and see a new way.

   Christ travels this road with us.

   We go on this journey with Christ.

   God is doing great things for us.

   We go forth, rejoicing with hope.

† **RECESSIONAL**   "He Touched Me"   #367 (refrain only)

POSTLUDE   "Through It All"   by Andrae Crouch