

**Memory Verse for March 14, 2010**  
**Romans 8:1-20**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. **3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **5** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. **6** For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. **7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. **8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

**9** You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. **10** But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **11** If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

**12** So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. **15** For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" **16** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

**18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. **20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope....

**The Lord's Day**  
**March 7, 2010**  
**Morning Worship, 8:30 a.m.**



The prelude signals the congregation to prepare quietly for worship.  
Please disable electronic devices to prevent disruption.  
Assisted listening devices are available from the sound booth attendant.

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Silent Prayer**

*Knowing you more deeply, O God, does not come out of skill in being able to evaluate my experiences. Instead, it must come from seeing you revealed as a Father of all love in the self-giving of your Son. Help me, Father in heaven, to get to that place, and in that place to see my experiences in a new light. Reveal yourself this day, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

—Adapted from a letter by C. John Miller (1928 - 1996)

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 98:1-4

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"O Worship the King"

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### †Confession of Sin

*You, O Lord, have promised that if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just and will forgive us. Humbly we come, seeking Your forgiveness, that we may know the joy of Your presence, the light of Your face. You alone know our hearts, how often we have offended You, how often we have offended others. Forgive us, Lord, for every unkind thought, every false word, every wrong act. Forgive us, for we have lived not for You, but for ourselves. Forgive us for failing to give You thanks, for our neglect of prayer, our ignorance of Your word, our loss of purpose. Heavenly Father, have mercy on us. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, by the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

### \*Hymn of Faith in Christ

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea.  
A great high Priest whose Name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in Heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
King of glory and of grace,  
One with Himself I cannot die.  
My soul is purchased by His blood,  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

—Charitie Lees Bancroft / Vikki Cook

### Tithes and Offerings

#### \*Hymn of Thanksgiving

O Lord of heaven, and earth, and sea,  
To thee all praise and glory be;  
How shall we show our love to thee, Giver of all?

For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven,  
For means of grace and hopes of heaven,  
Father, what can to thee be given, Who givest all?

We lose what on ourselves we spend,  
We have as treasure without end  
Whatever, Lord, to thee we lend, Who givest all.

To thee, from whom we all derive  
Our life, our gifts, our power to give:  
O may we ever with thee live, Giver of all! Amen.

Tune: *St. Joseph*



