



THE OLIN T. BINKLEY  
MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH  
WORSHIP

MARCH 14, 2010  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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BECOMING AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Please silence electronic devices.

*"We have all known the long loneliness  
and we have learned that the only solution is love  
and that love comes with community."*

— Dorothy Day (from *The Long Loneliness*)

CHIMES

PRELUDE

**Adagio from Sonata III**

Alexander Guilmant

Acolytes

Colby Rabalais and Ruby Pardington

INTROIT

**Walk Along Beside Me, O My Lord**

Don Besig  
Youth Choir

PRAISING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Peter J.B. Carman

One: We gather in a circle around this table.

**Many: We gather in a circle around the table of yearning.**

One: We yearn for fulfillment; we yearn for a taste of love.

**Many: We yearn deeply for our God.**

One: We gather around a table invited to a feast of justice and peace.

**Many: We pray and work for a world healed of violence and  
unfairness.**

One: We gather around a table of unpredictable grace and blessing.

**Many: Move among us, Sacred Spirit; gather us as you will.**

\*GATHERING HYMN

**Gather Us In**

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\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our sins) W. Dale Osborne

#MUSIC INTERLUDE

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE Anne Winfield

*Please exchange the Peace of Christ with your neighbor.*

## CENTERING

**(in silence)**

*In the course of busy lives we are found by grace  
in unpredictable ways.*

*Pausing, we look back, look forward  
and to the present moment  
for traces of mercy still unclaimed,  
the promise of hope still unfelt,  
the hand of divine friendship  
yet to be accepted.*

*We look to our neighbor and listen within  
for evidence of Christ,  
turning the whole world upside down.*

## LISTENING

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joshua 5:9-12

ANTHEM **Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley** Glenn H. Finney

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 15: 1-3; 11b-32 Leandra Merea Strope  
James Jernigan

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION **A Place at the Table** see insert

*After the conclusion of the hymn, children may depart for worship. Please follow  
the acolytes. Congregation, please remain standing while the children exit.  
Children ages 4-1st grade will meet in Room 16. Children ages 2nd-5th will meet  
in Room 18. Children giving an offering may place it in the box on the baptistry.*

SERMON **Come to the Table: An Unpredictable Feast** Peter J.B. Carman

## RESPONDING

*UNISON RESPONSE	<b>Prayer of St. Francis</b>	468
PRESENTING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES IN SERVICE		
Offertory	<b>What Wondrous Love</b>	Dale Wood
*Sung Response	<b>Santo, Santo, Santo</b>	111
*Prayer of Dedication		

## MOVING FROM WORSHIP TO WORLD

WORD FROM THE WORLD	<b>CROP Walk</b>	Sarah and Emily Fulcher
SHARING THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
INVITATION		
*HYMN OF INVITATION	<b>Lead On, O Cloud of Presence</b>	633
<i>If you wish to become a member of this congregation of the Body of Christ today, you are invited to come forward during the first verse of this hymn to be welcomed and received.</i>		
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	<b>Guide My Feet</b>	African-American Spiritual harm. Wendell Whalum
POSTLUDE	<b>Gothic Toccata</b>	Dennis Eliot

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

#Those arriving after the Prelude may be seated at these times.

Persons wishing for assistance with hearing during the worship service are encouraged to check out an FM receiver in the Narthex just before service begins.

**The flowers on the communion table today** are given in celebration of and gratitude for Pasha Lynwen Merea Stroe on her first birthday, March 12, from Wayne and Caryl Price.

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