

**COMMUNITY CHURCH OF DURHAM, UCC**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**March 7, 2010**

*Enter to Worship*

**Prelude** Fantasie in C minor, BWV 537

J.S. Bach

**Introit**

**Call to Worship and Opening Prayer**

Leader: God will surprise us with kindness.

**People: Our lives will be carried beyond the horizons of human mercy and enriched with overflowing love.**

Leader: Pause, turn around on the Lenten road and see a new reality.

**People: On this road we may find in faith the free gifts of God through Christ.**

Leader: Then, in celebration, we will refresh the world, with generosity beyond the commonplace.

**All: We come, open to God's invitation, desiring of God's grace, welcoming of God's call to our hearts. We come, walking in the light of God.**

\* **Opening Hymn** #526 *Siyahamb' (We are Marching in the Light of God)*  
(additional verses: gathering, learning, living, ending with "Siyahamb')

**Moment for Stewardship**

**Children's Time**

Paula Norbert, Director of

**Lord's Prayer** (*Our Father or Our Creator*) (*debts/debtors*)

Educational Ministries

**Blessing the Children On Their Way** (*Children leave for Church School*)

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (*Hymnal #82*)

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;

Waking sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

**Reading:** Isaiah 55: 1-9

Luke 13: 1-9

**Anthem** “Look Down in Mercy”

G. Verdi

**Choral Invocation of God’s Spirit** (*New Century Hymnal #238*)

**Sermon** “An Open Invitation, A Welcoming Grace”

The Rev. Dr. Mary  
E. Westfall

**Silent Reflection**

\* **Lenten Hymn** *The Summons* (see insert)

**Passing the Peace**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Hymn of Preparation:** *Return to God* ©

Refrain



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and



mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

*repeat*

**Our Church Family Prays**

**Offering**

Offertory Trio-Allegro

J.S. Bach

\* Doxology (*Hymnal #780*)

Prayer of Dedication

\* **Closing Hymn** #549 *Bless God, O My Soul*

**Benediction**

**Choral Response**

**Postlude** Fuga in C minor, BWV 537

J.S. Bach

***Depart to Serve***

(\**Congregation may stand*)

Today's altar flowers are given by Darien Lauten in loving memory of her husband, Gary.

The lay reader to today is Kristin Forselius of the Christian Education Cabinet.

Head Usher today is Katie Ellis of the Diaconate, joined by  
Maura Milner, Marion Ellis and David Ellis.

We welcome you to our worship on this Sunday.  
After worship, please join us for Fellowship Hour in Fellowship Hall.  
While there, you are encouraged to sign cards for our homebound members.

If you are a visitor and would like more information about the Church or  
would like to be put on our mailing list, please speak with an usher or Rev. Westfall.

Fellowship Hour today is hosted by Melissa Gianino  
of the Christian Education Cabinet.



**10,000 Hours of Service:** Starting last Sunday, Feb. 28th through May 31st, the Home and World Mission Board invites our church family to complete 10,000 hours of church and community service. A visual display hung in Fellowship Hall is marking our progress on this journey as a community of faith. There is an abundance of opportunities to serve, both here at church and in our wider community. More information on this service initiative and on service opportunities is in the March Chronicle. You may also speak with Cynthia Watkins, or any other member of our Mission Board to learn more. All are invited to be part of this journey! Please remember to mark your progress on the slips of paper found in baskets around the building!!!

*We have a wonderful group of caring volunteers and paid staff that tends our Sunday morning nursery. If your little one becomes restless during the worship service, we hope that you will take advantage of their loving care.*

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