

**The Order of Celebration for the Worship of God
The First Sunday in Lent**

February 21, 2010

To Ponder as we Gather

“Anger is not only inevitable, but it is necessary. For in its place is indifference, the worst of human qualities.” Anon

Welcome and Greetings

Shared Announcements

Gathering Song

#2027 “Now Praise the Hidden God of Love” vs 1
(black hymnal)

The Tone Calls us to Silence

Prelude *“Prelude on ‘Abridge’” by Eric H. Thiman*

A Call to Worship (unison)

God is my constant companion. God is ever present with me. When our pain is severe, when our burdens are heavy, when our souls seemed darkened, when we feel empty and alone; God fills the aching vacuum. I trust in God’s promises. God will not let me go. We gather to worship in spirit and in truth.

(R. Mitchell, adapted)

***Singing**

#581 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”
(red hymnal)

A Time For Children

#2233 “This is Where Children Belong” (black hymnal)

The Lord’s Prayer

We Greet One Another

We Offer Our Gifts

Offertory *“Andante Tranquillo in E-flat”
by Erick H. Thiman*

One: All things come from you, O God!

Many: And of your own have we given to you!

***Song Of Praise #94 (red hymnal)**

Prayer Of Thanksgiving

Welcoming of New Members

9:00am Evelyn L. Hammond
Robert & Ruth Kennedy
Barbara A. Murray
John & Sarah Smack
10:45am Elizabeth Nye



Welcome
Our New
Members

The Community of Faith in Prayer (following the Pastoral Prayer the congregation is invited to lift up their own prayers of concern and celebration.) We close with:

One: Lord, in your mercy

Many: Hear our prayer

An Anthem

9:00am “Steal Away” arr. McKelvey
Chancel Choir

10:45am “Hymn Of Promise” by Natalie Sleeth
Joyful Hope Choir

A Contemporary Witness The Anger of Jesus

Witness from the Ancient Text John 2: 13-22

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Singing #2162 “Grace Alone” (black hymnal)

Final Blessing

The Postlude

“Postlude on ‘Redhead 46’” by Eric H. Thiman

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Unless otherwise noted, the liturgy for today was written by Rev. Brolin Parker.

Vision Statement

In Christ's name, the vision of Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church is to be a growing faith community that unconditionally welcomes, accepts and nurtures everyone wherever they are on their own spiritual journey.

Our Mission Statement

The Mission of Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church is to spread God's word as we embrace persons of any age, gender, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability as full participants in a loving community of worship, fellowship, study, and outreach.



The people of this church welcome you today. We sincerely hope that you are blessed, as we are blessed by your presence.

If you need a hearing-assist device, or a large print bulletin, speak to an usher. If you would like a Bible to use during worship or to take home, a cart of various translations is in the back of the Worship Area.

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