

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2009**

GATHERING WITH JOY

Prelude “What Wondrous Love Is This” arr. Eggert

Welcome & call to worship

***Opening hymn #475:1,2,4**
“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”
(Ushers available for seating)

***God's greeting and greeting each other**

***Litany**
Leader: God of all times and places, in Jesus
Christ, lifted up on the cross, you opened
for us the path to eternal life.

**People: We praise and adore you for this gift
of salvation in Jesus, whose death
brings forgiveness and new life in
Christ!**

***Hymn #373:1,5 “Lift High the Cross”**

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

Time of confession:

Call to confession: I John 1:8-10

Prayer of confession

Anthem “King of the Wounds” Courtney

King of the wounds, Lord of the tree, Prince of the
nails dying for me. Prince of all sorrow, Lord of all
grief, King of the wounds, come and heal me. I am
the suffering, the nails in Your feet, the pierce of the
thorns, the shame of the tree. I am the sorrow,
I am the grief, I am the wounds, come and heal me.

Words of assurance:
I Timothy 1:15; I Peter 2:24
Hymn #267:4 “And Can It Be”

Pastoral Blessing
*(Children Pre-K – 2nd grade may be escorted
to Children in Worship)*

Morning prayer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Drama
Scripture: Matthew 3:4-12 (page 881)
Message: *Embracing the New Tree*

RESPONDING IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***Hymn of response #419:1,3-5**
“Spirit of God, Who Dwells within My Heart”

Our gifts to the Lord: Ministries of Brookside
and Faith Promise Missions
Offertory “How I Love You, Lord My God” arr. Childs

***God's blessing**

***Closing song #568:3**
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Postlude “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”
arr. Smith

* - stand, if you are able

Preaching: Pastor Brian Ochsner
Organist: Bev Becksvort
Pianists: Judy Zwart, Mary Douma
Ministry of music: Senior Choir
Reader: Tom Bouwman