

# “ *Holding On and Letting Go* ”

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*



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*Bethesda Mennonite Church  
 March 21, 2010*

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Prelude Laura Steingard  
“When on the Cross the Savior Hung” Scheidt  
“Ah, Holy Jesus” Bach

## *Gathering*

“Deep Were His Wounds” Leland Sateren Chancel Choir  
Directed by Rod Drews; accompanied by Laura Steingard

Call to Worship Pastor Jim  
Leader: When God restored us, it was like a dream:  
**People: We laughed aloud and shouted for joy.**  
Leader: Those around us noticed the difference:  
**People: they saw what God had done.**  
*All: This is what we long for: God’s saving presence, always.*

## *Holding On*

Welcome to Dr. Sam and Sherri Evans from Davao, Philippines  
Affirmation of Membership Pastor Weldon

\* “Come, Thou Almighty King” Hymn 41  
\* children come forward during stanza 4\*

Children’s Focus Pastor Weldon  
“Ah, Holy Jesus” Craig Courtney Chancel Choir

## *Hearing God’s Word*

\* Scripture Reading John 12: 1-11  
\* “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” Hymn 324  
Sermon **“The Extravagant Love of Mary”** Pastor Weldon  
\* “My Jesus, I Love Thee” Hymn 522

## *Letting Go*

Lenten Prayer and Sung Response Pastor Jim  
*“Here before you now; see, my hands are empty.  
God, fill me now with you.”*

Offering to God –Central Plains Mennonite Conference  
*Please bring your “Penny Power” offering  
to the front during the offering.*  
Offertory “O Lamb of God” Bach  
\* Prayer of Dedication

## *Sending*

Leader: Beloved by God, a blessing to your congregation, go now as  
God’s emissaries into the world.  
**People: We are willing. Use us, Lord. Amen.**

\* “Go Ye now in Peace” Joyce Eilers Chancel Choir

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*\*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand*

**Infant rooms** are located in the back of the sanctuary.

A **nursery room**, located in the education wing, is available during worship. Supervised nursery care is offered during Sunday School.

A **Handicap restroom** is located along the north entrance hallway.

**Hearing Impaired Worshipers:** The Williams Hearing Aid is available. Contact an usher. For purchase or rental information, contact the office.

**When you are not able to attend worship**, please join us by radio at KAWL 1370 AM, York, NE.

**We Welcome all Visitors** to worship this morning. We invite you to fill out a blue visitor card from the pew rack and place it in the offering basket so we may get to know you.

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