

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, March 17th 

Confirmation, 8:30am

Sunday School (*All Ages*), 8:45am

Sunday School (*Youth*), 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am

Monday, March 18th

Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 19th

Church Office Hours, 2-6:00pm

Wednesday, March 20th

Soup & Snacks, 6:00pm

Lenten Devotion, 6:30pm

Youth Group, 7:00pm

Choir Practice, 7:00pm

Thursday, March 21st

Church Office Hours, 8am-Noon

Prayer Shawl Group Gathering at Vicki Cole's Home, 6:30pm

Sunday, March 24th - Palm Sunday

Confirmation, 8:30am

Sunday School (*All Ages*), 8:45am

Sunday School (*Youth*), 9:30am

Worship, 10:00am

ASTA Care Service, 1:30pm (Elder, Mike Goudy)

*Lord, We ask thanksgiving, comfort, healing
and faith for these friends and family members*

Ivan Andreae, Mike-Active 101st Airborne, 

Janet Goudy, Alan Turner,

Jeff & Barb Legener, and Marcella Woodworth

Homebound or in Nursing Homes

Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

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For the month of March, please bring *juice, cereal & peanut butter*  
for the Food Pantry.

*As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.*

## March

Birthdays & Anniversaries

4<sup>th</sup> - Delores Turner

6<sup>th</sup> - Shannon Satterlee

10<sup>th</sup> - Alex Goudy

12<sup>th</sup> - Mike Goudy

13<sup>th</sup> - Alan Turner

18<sup>th</sup> - Jim & Robin Niewold Ann.

23<sup>rd</sup> - Greg Anderson

26<sup>th</sup> - Susan Satterlee

27<sup>th</sup> - Victor Johnson

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Organist - Priscilla Andreae

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

*"I am thirsty"*



The Federated Church of Paxton  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service



# Welcome to our guests!

Please take a minute to sign our guest book located at the back of the sanctuary.

## Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

## Silent Prayers

### \*Prelude

### \*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

### \*Opening Hymn

*Herzlich Tut Mich Verlangen*

With words that last forever you speak in richest grace,  
Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior, upon your cross disgraced.

With open ears I listen, with open mind believe,  
With open heart embrace you: I, Lord, your words receive.

“Forgiveness” granted sinners, and “Paradise, today!”

“Behold your son, your mother!” to family you say.

The air is split with anguish in your “Forsaken” cry,  
As “Thirsty,” work “Accomplished,” in “Father’s hands” you die.

Pray, sanctify the silence with which I contemplate  
Your boundless love for sinners, your sacrifice so great,  
Till at the tomb I waken to your new word for me:  
These words, not last, but lasting, shall ring eternally!

### \*Approaching the Word *(responsively)*

**One:** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

**All: Jesus said, “I thirst.”**

One: The word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but  
to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

**All: Jesus said, “I thirst.”**

One: The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will  
stand forever.

**All: Jesus said, “I thirst.”**

One: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from  
the mouth of God.

**All: Jesus said, “I thirst.”**

One: “The word that goes forth from my mouth shall not return to me  
empty,” says the Lord. “It shall accomplish that which I purpose, and  
succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

**All: Jesus said, “I thirst.”**

## Offering

**Anthem**     *“How Beautiful”*

**First Lesson**     Isaiah 55:1-11

## Responsive Psalmody

Psalm 42

One: As a deer longs for a stream of cool water, so I long for you, O God.

**All: I thirst for you, the living God.**

One: When can I go and worship in your presence?

**All: Day and night I cry, and tears are my only food.**

One: My heart breaks when I remember the past, when I went with the  
crowds to the house of God and led them as they walked along, a happy  
crowd, singing and shouting praise to God.

**All: Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? I will put my hope in  
God, and once again I will praise him, my savior and my God.**

One: May the Lord show his constant love during the day, so that I may  
have a song at night, a prayer to the God of my life.

**All: To God, my defender, I say, “Why have you forgotten me? Why  
must I go on suffering from the cruelty of my enemies?”**

One: I am crushed by their insults, as they keep on asking me, “Where is  
your God?”

**All: Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? I will put my hope in  
God, and once again I will praise him, my savior and my God.**

**Second Lesson**     Revelation 21:6;22:1-2

## Theme Hymn

*Southwell*

Our Savior speaks in love,  
From deepest agony.  
Oh, hear the message from above;  
His great compassion see.

**\*Holy Gospel**     John 4:1-14

## Theme Hymn

*Southwell*

Obediently he dies;  
Sin’s pow’r has done its worst.  
Now, to fulfill God’s Word, he cries  
A simple word: “I thirst.”

**Message**     “I THIRST”

**Prayers** *(Each petition ends with this response:)*

One: Let us join in fervent prayer.

**All: Satisfy us with your overflowing grace, O God.**

## Lord’s Prayer

### A Hymn

*“Jesus, in Your Thirst and Pain”*

Jesus, in your thirst and pain,  
While your wounds your lifeblood drain,  
Thirsting more our love to gain:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

Thirst for us in mercy still;  
All your holy work fulfill;  
Satisfy your loving will:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we thirst your love to know;  
Lead us in our sin and woe  
Where the healing waters flow:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

### \*Benediction

### \*Closing Hymn

*Southwell*

Our Savior speaks; may we  
Give heed to ev’ry word,  
And grace be given faithfully  
To trust what we have heard.

\*All who are able, PLEASE STAND