

**Order of Worship**  
**LEETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**March 14, 2010**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**One Great Hour of Sharing**

*With joyful hearts we sincerely welcome you to this service of worship. Let us approach the throne of grace with openness and love that we may all realize God's presence and power.*

*\* The congregations stands, if able, to praise God!*

**PRELUDE**

As the acolyte brings in the Light of the World, please be in an attitude of prayer and worship.

**INTROIT: "What a Mighty God We Serve" (1<sup>st</sup> verse) #2021**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Leader:** Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**People:** **For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

**Leader:** Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**People:** **We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

**Leader:** Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

**People:** **AMEN!**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #140**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. **AMEN.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Joshua 5: 9-12**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pastor Joanna Marceron**

**EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32**

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: #348**

*"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"*



trials and circumstances. Because God raised his Son from the dead, Christians are assured of immortality in Christ. Eternal life is ours, thanks to the empty tomb.

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