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March 6, 2016
4th Sunday in Lent
8:45 am

God's Call and Our Commitment

To be an authentic, accessible and inclusive community in Christ, celebrating and extending God's love into the world.

Thought for the day

"What is the blessing of your life?"

***Gathering Songs**

"Shout to the Lord" FWS 2074

"Great Is the Lord" FWS 2022

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Rev. Frank Hallock

Children dismissed to Sunday School

They will return to the sanctuary following the sermon to receive communion with you as a family.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Out of the depths of our struggles, we cry to you, O Lord.

People: Come now here, Lord God, and renew us.

Leader: Out of the depths of our sins and failures, we cry to you, O Lord.

People: Come now here, Lord God, and redeem us.

Leader: Out of the depths of our pains and hurts, we cry to you, O Lord.

People: Come now here, Lord God, and forgive us.

All: Here together we have come to worship and give God praise and thanks!

***Song of Joy**

"My Life Flows On" FWS 2212

Scripture

Psalm 32 in the New Testament

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Praise be to God.

Call to Confession

Like the prodigal son, we have each left our Father and pursued our own way. Let us, also like the prodigal, return to God and confess our sin.



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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you love us with a profound, outrageous love, and you generously give to us all that you have. Yet we fail to appreciate you or to respond in gratitude to your love. Like the younger brother, we stubbornly choose our selfish ambition rather than receive your wise counsel. We pursue the pleasures of this world, believing that they will make us happy, only to discover that we're left with poverty of both soul and spirit. Or, like the elder brother, we hold ourselves aloof and apart, judging others and withholding compassion and mercy. Neither of these brothers understood that their truest treasure lay in their relationship with the Father — and that is our sin as well. We ask for your forgiveness and your grace, merciful God, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Yet while we are still far off, the Father sees us and is filled with compassion. He runs toward us to put his arms around us and give us the kiss of welcome and grace. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

***Song Before Prayer**

"Come and Find the Quiet Center" FWS 2128

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Special Music

Praise Band

Scripture

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 in the New Testament

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Praise be to God.

Message

"Evening: Of Gratitude and Praise"

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Offering our Gifts

Song of Blessing (Doxology)

"Be Present at Our Table, Lord" UMH 621

Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored; thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in paradise with thee.

Offertory Prayer

Giver of life, we present these offerings to you that through their use people near and far will be touched by your Spirit of compassion, your Spirit of justice and your Spirit of hope. In the name of Jesus, who gave himself that all might have abundant life. Amen.



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Song before Communion

“Here Is Bread” FWS 2266

Holy Communion with the Great Thanksgiving UMH 15-16

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. We receive communion by coming forward, taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. If you are not able to come forward, please indicate that to your usher, and communion will be brought to you. We use unfermented juice so all people may receive.

Song of Sending

“Go Now In Peace”

Benediction

At this time, you may join hands for the Benediction



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Next Sunday...

Video Tech: Billy Stempson
Sound Tech: Trent Hamlin
Liturgist: Tracy Lyons
Acolyte(s): Christian and Kendall

This Sunday...

*Today's Liturgist is Martha Treutle and Acolytes are Michael and Indiana. Video Tech is Billy Stempson and Sound Tech is Lynda Mounts. *Unless otherwise noted, scripture is from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Flowers are given by:

***Jan Ahrens in honor of
her son Jim's birthday on March 13th.***