

MISSION SERVICE
MARCH 27, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

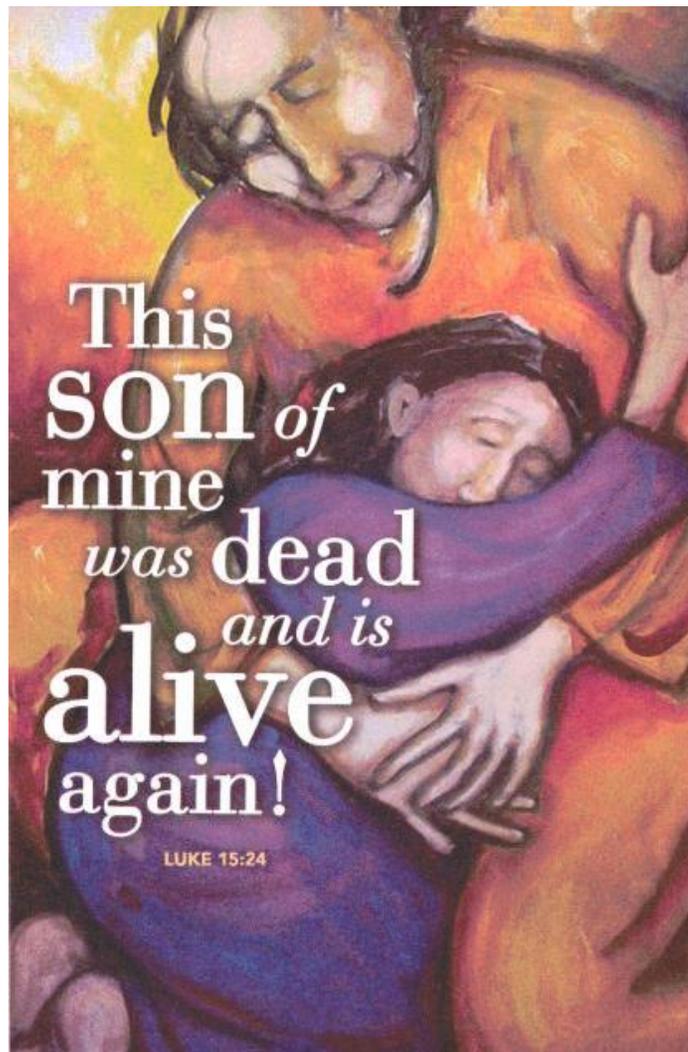
PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, find the Scripture readings in your Bible or the pew Bible, and pray.

*You may pray: **Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of Your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship You with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.***

INTRODUCTION

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away...the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!



WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Our Father We Have Wandered" (ELW # 606)

1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,

in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
 com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,

But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.

as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, b. 1929

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; arr. J.S. Bach, 1685–1750

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(= All may make the sign of the cross.)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

C: AMEN.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Merciful God,

C: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and are not worthy to be called Your children. Have mercy on us and turn us from our sinful ways. Bring us back to You as those once dead who now have life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

P: The Lord is gracious, full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love. Through the Spirit, God gives life, freedom from the power of sin, and resurrection from the dead. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Live in newness of life.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: From our God Who loves us with an everlasting love, Who brings forth a new creation in Christ, Who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Let all the peoples praise him.” (Romans 15:6,11)

KYRIE “*Lord Have Mercy*” (WOV p. 12) (Congregation sings **bold**)

A In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **A** For the
C Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the
 Lord. **A** For the peace of the whole world, the well - be - ing of the
C Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
 Lord. **A** For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their
C Lord, have mer - cy.

wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
C A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **C: God of compassion, You welcome the wayward, and You embrace us all with Your mercy. By Your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 32 *(congregation: indented)*

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to You
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"
—and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to You
while You may be found;

**surely when the mighty waters rise,
they will not reach him.**

You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you and watch over you.

Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding
**but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you."**

Many are the woes of the wicked,
**but the LORD'S unfailing love
surrounds the man who trusts in Him.**

Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

HYMN OF PRAISE *(Please sit.)*

“Lord, with Glowing Heart” (SBH # 403 2nd tune - favorite)

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LOWELL MASON, 1792-1872

SECOND TUNE

Slowly, with breadth

1. Lord, with glow - ing heart I'd praise thee For the bliss thy love be - stows,
2. Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee, Wretch-ed wan-derer, far a - stray;

For the par-doning grace that saves me, And the peace that from it flows.
Found thee lost, and kind - ly brought thee From the paths of death a - way.

Help, O God, my weak en - deav - or; This dull soul to rap-ture raise;
Praise, with love's de - vout - est feel - ing, Him who saw thy guilt-born fear,

Thou must light the flame, or nev - er Can my love be warmed to praise.
And, the light of hope re-veal - ing, Bade the blood-stained Cross ap-pear. A-men.

3 Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling
Vainly would my lips express;
Low before thy footstool kneeling,
Deign thy suppliant's prayer to bless;

Let thy grace, my soul's chief treasure,
Love's pure flame within me raise;
And, since words can never measure,
Let my life show forth thy praise.

Amen.

Francis Scott Key, 1779-1843

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

CHILDREN'S CHAT (8:30) Ruthann Kistler

FIRST READINGJoshua 5:8-12.....pg. 337

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING....2 Corinthians 5:16-21.....pg. 1799

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please rise.*) (WOV p 17)

Re - turn to the Lord, your
God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful, slow to
an - ger, and a - bound-ing in stead-fast love.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL ...Luke 15:1-2, 11-32.....pg. 1623

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON (*Please sit.*)

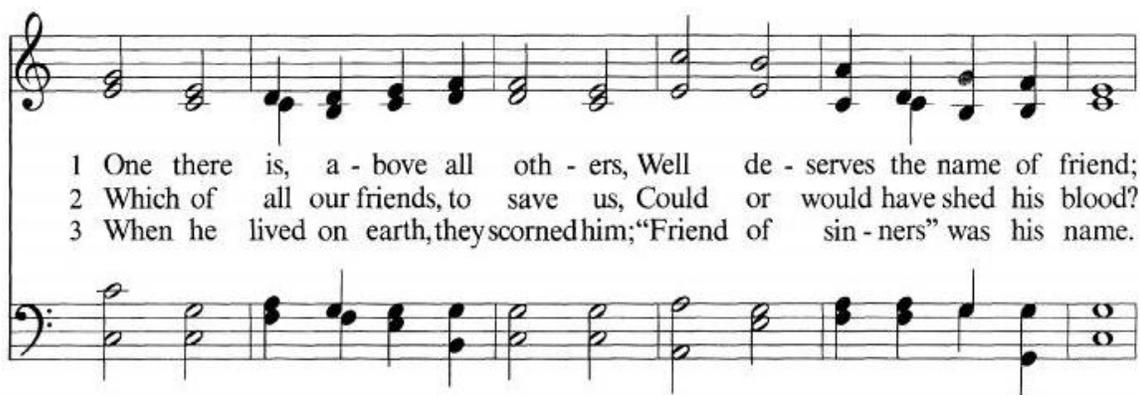
“Hope for Anxious Times - Part IV: God Forgives”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

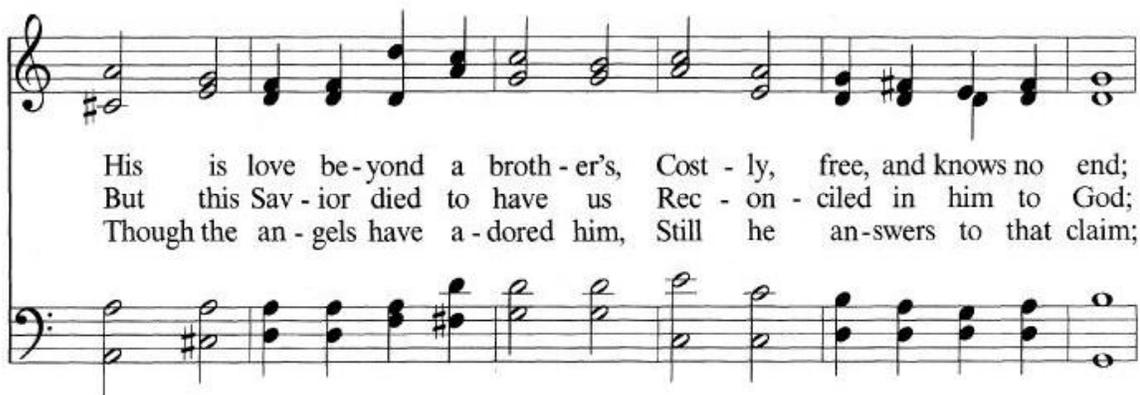
*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)*

HYMN OF THE DAY (*Please rise.*)

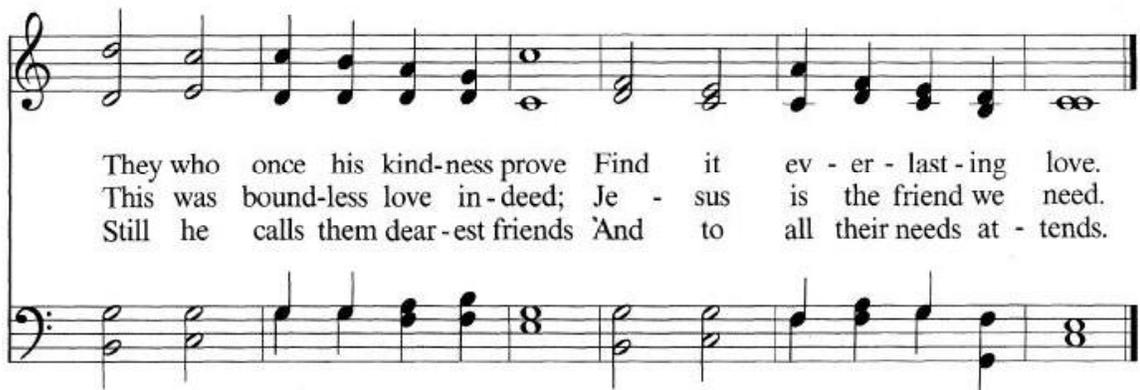
“One There Is, Above All Others” (LBW # 298)



1 One there is, a - bove all oth - ers, Well de - serves the name of friend;
2 Which of all our friends, to save us, Could or would have shed his blood?
3 When he lived on earth, they scorned him; “Friend of sin - ners” was his name.



His is love be - yond a broth - er's, Cost - ly, free, and knows no end;
But this Sav - ior died to have us Rec - on - ciled in him to God;
Though the an - gels have a - dored him, Still he an - swers to that claim;



They who once his kind - ness prove Find it ev - er - last - ing love.
This was bound - less love in - deed; Je - sus is the friend we need.
Still he calls them dear - est friends And to all their needs at - tends.

*Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.
Tune: Andreas P. Berggren, 1801-1880*

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

MISSION MOMENT (10:45) *(Please sit.)*

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Merciful God, C: Hear our 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 and ever. AMEN.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

P: Jesus took the form of a servant and was obedient to death, even death on a cross. May you follow His example and share in the resurrection. Almighty God, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you always.

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"There is a Wideness in Gods Mercy" (MAJ # 362 - favorite)

Frederick W. Faber WELLESLEY
Lizzie S. Tourjeé

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner And more grac-es for the good;
3 For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ure of man's mind;
4 If our love were but more sim-ple We should take Him at His word,

1 There's a kind-ness in His jus-tice Which is more than lib-er-ty.
2 There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; There is heal-ing in His blood.
3 And the heart of the E-ter-nal Is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
4 And our lives would be all sun-shine In the sweet-ness of our Lord. A-men.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the first four verses of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four verses. The music is in 4/4 time and G major.

MISSION MOMENT (8:30) *(Please sit.)*

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (10:45)

BLESSING OF CONGREGATIONAL DINNER (10:45)

PASSING THE PEACE

P: As we leave to serve the risen Lord in the power of His Spirit,
let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we
have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

ALTAR GUILD: Jan Stryker and Sharon Branigan

PHONETREE: *Volunteer Needed*

SOUND SYSTEM: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Jim Steiner

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

LITURGIST: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

LECTOR: 8:30-Lauri Barlow / 10:45- Marianne Sands

CHILDREN'S CHAT: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 and 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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